

LESSON NOTES

Beginner #142

A Favor

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KANJI

1. よし: 信じられない！よくもだましたな。
2. たけ: ごめん。なんで芸能人って言わなかったの！俺はびっくりしたよ。
3. よし: 俺だって！俺もびっくりした。
4. たけ: ところで、今夜車を貸してもらえる？
5. よし: それは無理だ。貸してあげられないけど、渋谷まで送ってあげる。
6. たけ: 悪いね。ありがとう。

KANA

1. よし: しんじられない！よくもだましたな。
2. たけ: ごめん。なんでげいのうじんっていわなかったの！おれはびっくりしたよ。
3. よし: おれだって！おれもびっくりした。
4. たけ: ところで、こんやくるまをかしてもらえる？
5. よし: それはむりだ。かしてあげられないけど、しづやまでおくってあげる。
6. たけ: わるいね。ありがとう。

ROMANIZATION

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1. YOSHI: Shinjirarenai! Yokumo damashita na.
2. TAKE: Gomen. Nande gēnōjin tte iwanakatta no! Ore wa bikkuri shita yo.
3. YOSHI: Ore datte! Ore mo bikkuri shita.
4. TAKE: Tokorode, konya kuruma o kashite moraeru?
5. YOSHI: Sore wa muri da. Kashite agerarenai kedo, Shibuya made okutte ageru.
6. TAKE: Warui ne. Arigatō.

ENGLISH

1. YOSHI: I can't believe it! You fooled me.
2. TAKE: Sorry. Why didn't you tell me she was a celebrity? I was shocked.
3. YOSHI: Me, too! I was also surprised.
4. TAKE: By the way, can you lend me your car tonight?
5. YOSHI: That's not gonna happen. I can't lend it to you, but I can give you a lift to Shibuya.
6. TAKE: I feel bad. Thanks.

VOCABULARY

Kanji	Kana	Romaji	English
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だます	だます	damasu	to fool to lie, to trick, to deceive, to cheat; V1
芸能人	げいのうじん	geinōjin	performer
信じる	しんじる	shinjiru	to believe
無理	むり	muri	impossible
貸す	かす	kasu	to lend
渋谷	しぶや	Shibuya	Shibuya
送る	おくる	okuru	to send;V1

SAMPLE SENTENCES

神様を信じますか。 <i>Kami-sama o shinjimasu ka.</i> Do you believe in God?	写真をメールで送ってください。 <i>Shashin o mēru de okutte kudasai.</i> Please send the photo by e-mail.
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GRAMMAR

Today's grammar point is "-te moraeru," "to be able to have someone do something for [me]". This construction is similar to "-te morau," where "morau" acts as an auxiliary meaning "someone will do something for [me]"; however, in today's construction, "morau" is in its potential form "-moraeru*." This construction is used when asking if someone can do something for you.

The more polite version of this construction is "-te itadakeru," which uses the potential form of the verb "itadaku" - humble language for "morau."

"*Morau" is a class one verb used to express that the speaker, or someone in the speaker's "group" receives something from someone who has a lower status than the receiver. As "morau" is a class one verb, the potential is formed by replacing the "u" syllable with the "e" syllable and appending "ru." The potential form, "moraeru," is then a class two verb.

[Receiver] wa [Giver] ni verb.te-form moraeru

この1000円札を崩してもらえますか。
Kono sen-yen satsu o kuzushite moraemasu ka?

Can you break this 1000 yen bill for me?

5分遅れますが、待ってもらえますか。

Go-fun okuremasu ga, matte moraemasu ka?

I'll be 5 minutes late. Can you wait for me?