

LESSON TRANSCRIPT

Japanese for Everyday Life Lower Intermediate S1 #12 Getting Medicine at a Drugstore

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INTRODUCTION

Becky: Hi everyone! Welcome back to JapanesePod101.com. This is Japanese for Everyday Life Lower Intermediate Series, Lesson 12 - Getting Medicine at a Drugstore

Kaori: こんにちは！古橋香織です！Hi everyone, Kaori Furuhashi here!

Becky: I'm Becky. In this lesson, you'll learn a useful skill for when you're in a drugstore - How to buy drugs at a drugstore.

Kaori: 前回のレッスンでは、調剤薬局 ("dispensing pharmacy") での会話を勉強しましたが、今回は、ドラッグストアで薬を買う時の会話を勉強しましょう。

Becky: That'll be useful, because you might need to buy common drugs at a drugstore without any prescription from a doctor.

Kaori: はい。肩こり ("stiff shoulder") とか、筋肉痛 ("muscle ache") とか、頭痛 ("headache") などの薬は、お医者さんからの処方箋なしに、ドラッグストアで買うことができますからね。

Becky: Yeah, I sometimes buy medicine for stiff shoulders at the drugstore. Usually I buy the same medicine, but I wonder if they have a better one.

Kaori: そういう時は、「肩こりがひどいんですが、何かいい薬はありますか。」と聞いてみましょう。

Becky: "I have a bad stiff shoulder. Do you have a good medicine for this?"

Kaori: はい。「肩こりがひどいんですが、何かいい薬はありますか。」

MODEL DIALOG

Becky: Listen to the dialogue and participate when prompted by speaking aloud in Japanese. Use the patterns of Japanese you studied in the Beginner-level lessons. After you speak, you'll hear a model line of dialogue. Your answer doesn't need to be exactly the same, but do compare your response to the model line.

In this lesson, you'll play the role of a customer at a drugstore. Your goal is to describe your symptom to get medicine at a drugstore.

Becky: (You enter a drugstore.)

Pharmacist: いらっしゃいませ。

Becky: (Say, "I have a bad stiff shoulder. Do you have a good medicine for this?")
(pause)

Person A: 肩こりがひどいんですが、何かいい薬はありますか。

Pharmacist: 貼り薬と塗り薬、飲み薬がありますが、どれがいいですか。

Becky: (The Pharmacist told you that they have skin plasters, ointment, and oral medicine, and asked which one you want. Ask "which do you recommend?")
(pause)

Person A:

お勧めはどれですか。

Pharmacist: そうですね。こちらは、新製品でよく効くと思います。

Becky:(He recommended one because it's a new medicine and it works well. Say, "this skin plaster, please.")

(pause)

Person A: じゃ、この貼り薬をください。

VOCABULARY AND PHRASES RELATED TO THIS TASK

Becky: You learned various phrases to describe your symptoms in lesson 10, but here are some more useful words and phrases for a drugstore. The first word is,

Kaori: 肩こり、

Becky: "stiff shoulder"

Kaori: 肩こり (slow), 肩こり

Becky: If you have a bad stiff shoulder, you say

Kaori: 肩こりがひどい

Kaori: ひどい

Becky: "bad"

Kaori: 「~がひどい」という表現は、他にも、「筋肉痛」や「頭痛」にも使います。

Kaori: 筋肉痛

Becky: "muscle ache"

Kaori: 筋肉痛、筋肉痛

Kaori: 筋肉痛がひどい

Becky: "muscle ache is bad," or naturally "have a bad muscle ache"

Kaori: 頭痛

Becky: "headache"

Kaori: 頭痛, 頭痛

Kaori: 「頭痛がひどい」

Becky: "headache is bad," or naturally, "have a bad headache."

Kaori: それから、日本では花粉症 ("Hay fever") になる人が多いです。花粉症の症状としては、まず、「目がかゆい」

Becky: "have itchy eyes"

Kaori: 目がかゆい、目がかゆい

Kaori: 鼻水が出る

Becky: "have a runny nose"

Kaori: 鼻水が出る、鼻水が出る

Kaori: 鼻が詰まる

Becky: "nose is

stuffy"

Kaori:鼻がつまる、鼻がつまる

Becky:Here are some words for various types of medicine. The first one is,

Kaori:貼り薬

Becky:"skin plaster"

Kaori:貼り薬, 貼り薬

Kaori:塗り薬

Becky:"ointment"

Kaori:塗り薬, 塗り薬

Kaori:飲み薬

Becky:"oral medicine"

Kaori:飲み薬、飲み薬

Kaori:スプレー

Becky:"spray"

Kaori:スプレー, スプレー

LESSON FOCUS

Becky:A key expression for this task is, "I have a bad stiff shoulder. Do you have a good medicine for this?"

Kaori:肩こりがひどいんですが、何かいい薬はありますか。

Becky:The first part of this sentence is the clause meaning "I have a bad stiff shoulder"

Kaori:肩こりがひどい

Becky:This is followed by a sentence-ending phrase to explain the situation,

Kaori:んですが

Kaori:肩こりがひどいんですが、

Becky:It's explaining your situation or symptom.

Becky:After that, you ask the pharmacist for his help by saying, "Do you have any good medicine for this?"

Kaori:何かいい薬はありますか。

Kaori:何か

Becky:...means "anything" or "any" in a question sentence. You don't have to include...

Kaori:何か

Becky:...and just say...

Kaori:いい薬はありますか。

Becky:But, you can add an implication that you have no idea, and you express your uncertainty if you say...

Kaori:何かいい薬はありますか。

Becky:So, the sentence, "I have a bad stiff shoulder. Do you have a good medicine?"

is,

Kaori:肩こりがひどいんですが、何かいい薬はありますか。

Becky:The sentence structure is,

Becky:[describing your symptom] +

Kaori:(んですが) + (何かいい薬はありますか。)

Becky:Let's practice. You have a bad muscle ache, and ask if they have any good medicine.

(Pause)

Kaori:筋肉痛がひどいんですが、何かいい薬はありますか。

Becky:You have a runny nose, and ask if they have any good medicine.

(Pause)

Kaori:鼻水が出るんですが、何かいい薬はありますか。

TIP

Becky:Here's another expression to ask if they have any good medicine for your symptom. If you have a stiff shoulder, you can say,

Kaori:肩こりに効く薬はありますか。

Becky:The first part is the phrase meaning "a medicine good for a stiff shoulder"

Kaori:肩こりに効く薬

Becky:The verb meaning "work" or "take effect" is

Kaori:効く

Becky:You add a particle indicating an object of an action

Kaori:に

Becky:to get the verb phrase meaning "work for" or "take effect on"

Kaori:に効く

Becky:A medicine good for some symptom is, [symptom] +

Kaori:(に効く) + (くすり)

Becky:"a medicine good for headache"

Kaori:頭痛に効く薬

Becky:"a medicine good for muscle ache"

Kaori:筋肉痛に効く薬

PRACTICE OF DIALOG

Becky:Now try to participate in the dialogue using some alternative words you learned in this lesson. This time you'll play the role of a person who wants a medicine for a stuffy nose. Use as many of the expressions you learned in this lesson as possible. Let's get

started!

Becky:(You enter a drugstore.)

Pharmacist: いらっしゃいませ。

Becky:(Say, "My nose is stuffy. Do you have a good medicine?")

(pause)

Person A: 鼻が詰まるんですが、何かいい薬はありますか。

Pharmacist: 飲み薬とスプレーがありますが、どちらがいいですか。

Becky:(The Pharmacist told you that they have oral medicine and spray and asked which one you want. Ask "which do you recommend?")

(pause)

Person A: お勧めはどちらですか。

Pharmacist: そうですね。こちらは、新製品でよく効くと思います。

Becky:(He recommended one because it's a new medicine and it works well. Say, "this oral medicine, please.")

(pause)

Person A: じゃ、この飲み薬をください。

Becky:How did you do? There are in fact a large number of variations you can use in this situation. Make sure to look for them in the lesson notes.

OUTRO

Becky:Okay, That's all for this lesson.

Kaori:ドラッグストアでどんな薬を買ったことがありますか。教えてくださいね。

Becky:In the next lesson, you'll learn conversations for when you're in a fitting room at a shop.

Kaori:それではまた！

Becky:See you all next time!