

LESSON NOTES

Basic Japanese S1 #3

Basic Japanese #3: Basic Greetings 2

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KANJI

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2. おはようございます
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- 4.こんばんは
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KANA

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ROMANIZATION

1. Ohayō
2. Ohayō gozaimasu
3. Konnichi wa

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4. Konban wa
5. Oyasuminasai

ENGLISH

1. Good morning
2. Good morning(polite)
3. Good afternoon, Hello, Hi
4. Good evening
5. Good night

VOCABULARY

Kanji	Kana	Romaji	English
おはよう	おはよう	Ohayō	Good morning! (informal)
おはようございます	おはようございます	Ohayō gozaimasu	Good morning (formal)
こんにちは	こんにちは	Kon'nichiwa	hello, good day (daytime greeting)
こんばんは。	こんばんは。	Konban wa.	Good evening.
おやすみ	おやすみ	oyasumi	'Night!; Good night (informal)

SAMPLE SENTENCES

まさる君、おはよう！ <i>Masaru-kun, ohayō!</i> Good morning, Masaru!	菊川社長おはようございます。 <i>Kikukawa-shachō ohayō gozaimasu.</i> Good morning, President Kikukawa.
皆さん、こんにちは。 <i>Mina-san, kon'nichiwa.</i> Hello, everybody.	こんばんは！ <i>Konban wa.</i> Good evening!
おやすみ、ママ！ <i>Oyasumi, mama!</i> 'Night, Mum!	

GRAMMAR

The focus of this lesson is Greetings for the day.

おはよう。/おはようございます。⇒ Good morning.

こんにちは。⇒ Good afternoon, Hello, Hi

こんばんは。⇒ Good evening.

おやすみなさい。⇒ Good night.

おはようございます

Ohayō (おはよう) is the greeting that means "good morning." *Ohayō gozaimasu* (おはようございます) is a more polite greeting, because *gozaimasu* (ございます) increases the politeness level of the phrase.

こんにちは

Konnichi wa (こんにちは) is the general greeting that means "hi" or "hello." It can also mean "good day".

こんばんは

Konban wa (こんばんは) is the greeting that means "good evening." It comes from the

short form of a sentence "*Konban wa yoi ban desu ne.*(*今晚はよい晩ですね。*)" which means "it's a good evening tonight."

おやすみなさい

Oyasumi nasai (おやすみなさい) is a phrase which is usually used before going to bed. This comes from the verb, *yasumu* (休む) which means "to take a rest" or "to go to bed." O- (お) is the prefix to add the politeness of a phrase. So, it literally means "please go to bed" in a polite way.

Language Tip

When you say *Oyasuminasai* (おやすみなさい) to your family or close friend, you can say just *Oyasumi* (おやすみ) in a casual way.