

LESSON NOTES

Basic Japanese S1 #5

Basic Japanese #5: Japanese Manners (2)

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KANJI

1. いただきます。
2. ごちそうさま。
3. ごちそうさまでした。
4. おいしい!

KANA

1. いただきます。
2. ごちそうさま。
3. ごちそうさまでした。
4. おいしい!

ROMANIZATION

1. Itadakimasu.
2. Go-chisō-sama.
3. Go-chisō-sama deshita.
4. Oishii!

ENGLISH

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1. (literally) I'll start eating.
2. Thank you for delicious meal.(casual)
3. Thank you for delicious meal.(polite)
4. It's delicious!

VOCABULARY

Kanji	Kana	Romaji	English
いただきます。	いただきます。	Itadakimasu.	I will start eating. (lit: I will receive.)
ごちそうさま	ごちそうさま	Go-chisō-sama	Thank you for delicious meal. (casual)
ごちそうさまでした	ごちそうさまでした	Go-chisō-sama deshita.	Thank you for delicious meal. (polite)
かんぱい	かんぱい	kanpai	cheers
おいしい	おいしい	oishii	delicious, tasty; Adj (i)

SAMPLE SENTENCES

<p>いただきます！ <i>Itadakimasu!</i></p> <p>(Phrase said before eating a meal)</p>	<p>これはとてもおいしいです。 <i>Kore wa totemo oishii desu.</i></p> <p>This is very tasty.</p>
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GRAMMAR

The focus of this lesson is Manners when you eat

いただきます。 : Let's eat.

ごちそうさま。 : Thank you for the delicious meal.(casual)

ごちそうさまでした。 : Thank you for the delicious meal.(polite)

おいしい! : It's delicious!

いただきます

Itadakimasu (いただきます) is a phrase used before you eat. It comes from the verb *itadaku* (いただく), which means "to get" or "to take" something from someone of a higher status than you. This phrase can express your gratitude for receiving the food.

ごちそうさま / ごちそうさまでした

Go-chisō-sama (ごちそうさま) is a phrase said after you finish eating. *Chisō* (ちそう) refers to a great and delicious meal especially for a special occasion (like a feast), and *go* (ご) is a polite prefix. But *chisō* (ちそう) is not often used on its own any more. *Sama* (さま) is the polite suffix.

Go-chisō-sama deshita (ごちそうさまでした) is the polite way of saying *go-chisō-sama* (ごちそうさま).

おいしい

Oishii (おいしい) means "delicious." It's considered polite to say how you like the food while you are eating. If it's good, you can say *oishii* (おいしい), which means "it's delicious."

Language Tip

Before drinking at a party, you can say *kanpai!* (かんぱい), which means "cheers!"