

LESSON NOTES

Learn Japanese Grammar Video - Absolute Beginner S1 #18 Negative Forms of Class 1 Japanese Verbs

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KANJI

1. 「ケント、学食行く？」 「行かない。」

KANA

1. 「ケント、がくしょくいく？」 「いかない。」

ROMANIZATION

1. "Kento, gakushoku iku?" "Ikanai."

ENGLISH

1. "Are you going to the school cafeteria, Kent?" "I'm not going."

VOCABULARY

Kanji	Kana	Romaji	English
学食	がくしょく	gakushoku	school cafeteria
買う	かう	kau	to buy ; V1
コンピューター	コンピューター	konpyūtā	computer
学校	がっこう	gakkō	school
ビール	ビール	bīru	beer

SAMPLE SENTENCES

<p>毎日、学食で昼ごはんを食べる。 <i>Mainichi, gakushoku de hirugohan o taberu.</i></p> <p>I eat lunch at the school cafeteria everyday.</p>	<p>ビスケットを九個買います。 <i>Bisuketto o kyū-ko kaimasu.</i></p> <p>I'll buy nine biscuits.</p>
<p>コンピューターのメーカーは何ですか。 <i>Konpūtā no mēkā wa nan desu ka.</i></p> <p>What is the manufacturer of the computer?</p>	<p>学校は家から、ちょっと遠いです。 <i>Gakkō wa ie kara, chotto tōi desu.</i></p> <p>The school is a bit far from my home.</p>
<p>枝豆はビールにあう。 <i>Edamame wa bīru ni au.</i></p> <p>Green soybeans go well with beer.</p>	

GRAMMAR

The Focus of This Lesson Is the Negative Forms of Class One Japanese Verbs

In this lesson, you'll learn how to create the negative form of Class One verbs, which means you'll be able to say things like "I'm not going to [verb]" or "I don't [verb]" in informal Japanese.

Negative Forms of Class One Verbs

Let's take a look at how to create the negative form of Class One verbs in Japanese.

Here are the two steps:

- 1) Drop the final *-u* sound
- 2) Add *-anai*

For Example:

Affirmative	"English"		Negative	"English"
<i>iku</i> (いく)	"to go"	⇒	<i>ikanai</i> (いかない)	"don't go" "doesn't go"
<i>nomu</i> (のむ)	"to drink"	⇒	<i>nomanai</i> (のまない)	"don't drink" "doesn't drink"

<i>tsukau</i> (つかう)*	"to use"	⇒	<i>tsukawanai</i> (つかわない)	"don't use" "doesn't use"
<i>kau</i> (かう)*	"to buy"	⇒	<i>kawanai</i> (かわない)	"don't buy" "doesn't buy"

*Note that for verbs that end in *-u*, you add *-wanai* when forming the negative.

When you use the negative verb in a sentence, it can either mean that you are not going to do something (in the future) or that you do not do something (as a general rule). You can often figure out which nuance the speaker intends from the context.

Sample Sentences

1. ビールを飲まない。
Biiru o nomanai.
"I don't drink beer."
2. 今日は学校に行かない。
Kyō wa gakkō ni ikanai.
"I'm not going to school today."
3. コンピューターを使わない。
Konpyūtā o tsukawanai.
"I don't use computers."