

## LESSON NOTES

# Learn Japanese Grammar Video - Absolute Beginner S1 #1 Introducing Yourself in Japanese

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## KANJI

1. はじめまして。
2. 私はかおりです。

## KANA

1. はじめまして。
2. わたしはかおりです。

## ROMANIZATION

1. Hajimemashite.
2. Watashi wa Kaori desu.

## ENGLISH

1. Nice to meet you.
2. I'm Kaori.

## VOCABULARY

Kanji	Kana	Romaji	English
は	は	wa	topic marking particle

はじめまして。	はじめまして。	Hajimemashite.	Nice to meet you.
です	です	desu	roughly means 'to be'

## SAMPLE SENTENCES

<p>今日はクリスマスです。 <i>Kyō wa Kurisumasu desu.</i></p> <p>Today is Christmas.</p>	<p>こんにちは。はじめまして。 <i>Kon'nichiwa. Hajimemashite.</i></p> <p>Hello. Nice to meet you.</p>
<p>私はジョン・スミスです。 <i>Watashi wa Jon Sumisu desu.</i></p> <p>I am John Smith.</p>	

## GRAMMAR

**The focus of this lesson is Introducing Yourself in Japanese**

**The phrase *hajimemashite***

*Hajimemashite* means "nice to meet you," and you can use it with anyone you are meeting for the first time.

Japanese	Romaji	"English"
はじめまして。	<i>Hajimemashite.</i>	"Nice to meet you!"

**For Example:**

- A: *Hajimemashite, Maki desu.*  
A: はじめまして、まきです。  
A: "Nice to meet you! I'm Maki."  
B: *Hajimemashite, Merissa desu.*  
B: はじめまして、メリッサです。  
B: "Nice to meet you! I'm Melissa."

## Saying What Something Is ("A is B")

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Let's take a look at the sentence pattern for saying what something is:

### Sentence Pattern:

**[A] wa [B] desu/**"[A] is [B]"

In this pattern,

**A** = the item being talked about ("me," "you," "he," "the dog," "an apple," etc.)

**B** = what you are identifying it as ("Jennifer," "Raul," "a souvenir," "water," etc.)

Now, let's make some sentences using this pattern:

**A / wa / B / desu / "English"**

1. *Watashi ("I") wa Jenifā desu.*  
"I'm Jennifer."
2. *Boku ("I") wa Rauru desu.*  
"I'm Raul."
3. *Watashi wa pairotto ("pilot") desu.*  
"I'm a pilot."
4. *Boku wa shefu ("chef") desu.*  
"I'm a chef."
5. *Kore ("this") wa omiyage ("souvenir") desu.*  
"This is a souvenir."
6. *Kore wa mizu ("water") desu.*  
"This is water."

See how the *wa* and *desu* never change? To use this pattern, simply change parts A and B!

### For Example:

1. *Kore wa sushi desu.*  
これはすしです。  
"This is sushi."
2. *Watashi wa Tōmasu Ejison desu.*  
わたしは、トーマスエジソンです。  
"I'm Thomas Edison."