

LESSON NOTES

Learn Japanese Grammar Video - Absolute Beginner S1 #25 Asking Someone Not to Do Something in Japanese

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KANJI

1. 行かないでください。

KANA

1. いかないでください。

ROMANIZATION

1. Ikanaide kudasai.

ENGLISH

1. Please don't go.

VOCABULARY

Kanji	Kana	Romaji	English
心配する	しんぱいする	shinpai suru	to worry; V3
入る	はいる	hairu	to get into, to enter, to join ; V1
走る	はしる	hashiru	to run; V1
荷物	にもつ	nimotsu	luggage, baggage
遠慮する	えんりよする	enryo suru	to hesitate, to be humble; V3
部屋	へや	heya	room

SAMPLE SENTENCES

心配しないで。 <i>Shinpai shinaide.</i> Don't worry.	先週、この会社に入りました。 <i>Senshū kono kaisha ni hairimashita.</i> I joined this company last week.
走らないでください。 <i>Hashiranaide kudasai.</i> Please don't run.	荷物は、ここに置いてください。 <i>Nimotsu wa koko ni oite kudasai.</i> Please put your luggage here.
遠慮しないで。 <i>Enryo shinaide.</i> Don't hesitate.	部屋はどこですか。 <i>Heya wa doko desu ka.</i> Where is the room?

GRAMMAR

The Focus of This Lesson is Asking Someone Not to Do Something in Japanese

Now that we know how to use the te-form of a verb to ask something to do something, we can change the te-form into the negative form to ask someone not to do something.

Telling Someone Not to Do Something

To tell someone not to do something, we put the verb into the informal negative form and then add *de kudasai* (ください). Let's quickly review how to make this negative form:

Class 1 verbs (-u verbs)

1. Drop the final -u sound
2. Add -a nai

English	Dictionary Form	Plain Negative Form
"to run"	走る <i>hashiru</i>	走らない <i>hashiranai</i>

"to go"	行く <i>iku</i>	行かない <i>ikanai</i>
"to speak"	話す <i>hanasu</i>	話さない <i>hanasanai</i>
"to buy"	買う <i>kau</i>	買わない <i>kawanai *</i>

* For the class 1 verbs that have dictionary forms ending in *hiragana u* (う), we add *-wanai* (わらない) instead of *anai* (あない).

Class 2 verbs (-ru verbs)

1. Drop the final *ru* sound
2. Add *nai*

English	Dictionary Form	Plain Negative Form
"to eat"	食べる <i>taberu</i>	食べない <i>tabenai</i>
"to see"	見る <i>miru</i>	見ない <i>minai</i>

Class 3 verbs (Irregular verbs)

Remember that the two irregular verbs don't follow any pattern and so their different forms must be memorized.

English	Dictionary Form	Plain Negative Form
"to do"	する <i>suru</i>	しない <i>shinai</i>
"to come"	来る <i>kuru</i>	来ない <i>konai</i>

Adding *de*

(で) to the negative form of the verb creates an informal command.

[informal negative form of verb] + de = "Do not [verb]"

Adding *-de kudasai* (てください) to the negative form of the verb creates a formal command:

[informal negative form of verb] + de kudasai = "Please do not [verb]"

Dictionary Form	Informal Negative	+ de (kudasai)	Translation
行く [iku] "to go"	行かない ikanai	行かないで(くださ い) ikanai de (kudasai)	"(Please) do not go"
見る [miru] "to see"	見ない minai	見ないで(くださ い) minai de (kudasai)	"(Please) do not look"
遠慮する [enryo suru] "to hesitate"	遠慮しない enryo shinai	遠慮しないで(くだ さい) enryo shinai de kudasai	"(Please) do not hesitate"

Some Examples:

1. 光岡 (父) :さあ、入って、荷物を置いて。遠慮しないでくださいね。
Mitsuoka (chichi): Sā, haitte, nimotsu o oite. Enryo shinai de kudasai ne.
Mr. Mitsuoka: "Come in and put your stuff down. Please don't hesitate."
2. アシュリー:心配しないでください。
Ashurī: Shinpai shinai de kudasai.
Ashley: "Please don't worry about me."
3. 走らないでください。
Hashiranai de kudasai.
"Please don't run."
4. あの部屋に入らないでください。
Ano heya ni hairanaide kudasai.
"Please don't go into that room."