

LESSON NOTES

Learn Japanese Grammar Video - Absolute Beginner S1 #9 Saying You Like (or Don't Like) Something in Japanese

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KANJI

1. 私は犬が好きです。
2. 私は肉がきらいです。

KANA

1. わたしはいぬがすきです。
2. わたしはにくがきらいです。

ROMANIZATION

1. Watashi wa inu ga suki desu.
2. Watashi wa niku ga kirai desu.

ENGLISH

1. I like dogs.
2. I dislike meat.

VOCABULARY

Kanji	Kana	Romaji	English
嫌い	きらい	kirai	to hate, dislike; Adj (na)

大嫌い (な)	だいきらい (な)	daikirai(na)	very dislikeable, hate, hatred; na-adj
好き	すき	suki	to like, likable; Adj (na)
犬	いぬ	inu	dog
大好き	だいですき	daisuki	love, really like; Adj (na)
猫	ねこ	neko	cat

SAMPLE SENTENCES

<p>嫌いな日本の食べ物はありません。 <i>Kirai na nihon no tabemono wa arimasen.</i></p> <p>There isn't any Japanese food that I hate.</p>	<p>みんなゴキブリが大嫌いです。 <i>Minna gokiburi ga daikirai desu.</i></p> <p>Everyone hates cockroaches.</p>
<p>この店が好きです。 <i>Kono mise ga suki desu.</i></p> <p>I like this store.</p>	<p>私はオードリー・ヘップバーンが好きです。 <i>Watashi wa Ōdorī Heppubān ga suki desu.</i></p> <p>I like Audrey Hepburn.</p>
<p>柴犬という犬は、常に日本人に人気のある日本犬です。 <i>Shibaken to iu inu wa, tsune ni Nihon-jin ni ninki no aru Nihonken desu.</i></p> <p>The "shibaken" is a Japanese breed of dog which has always been one of the most popular with Japanese people.</p>	<p>私の犬です。 <i>Watashi no inu desu.</i></p> <p>It's my dog.</p>
<p>私はスポーツが大好きです。 <i>Watashi wa supōtsu ga dai-suki desu.</i></p> <p>I love sports.</p>	<p>日本には、客が自由に猫と遊んでくつろげる「ネコカフェ」と呼ばれるカフェがたくさんあります。 <i>Nihon ni wa, kyaku ga neko to asonde kutsurogeru "neko kafe" to yobareru kafe ga takusan arimasu.</i></p> <p>There are many cafes in Japan called "Cat Cafes" where customers can have a relaxing time playing with the cats there.</p>

テーブルの下にねこがいます。

Tēburu no shita ni neko ga imasu.

There is a cat under the table.

GRAMMAR

The Focus of This Lesson Is Saying That You Like (or Don't Like) Something in Japanese

Saying That You Like Something

First, let's go over how to say you like something.

Sentence Patterns:

[A] ga [suki] desu / "I like [A]"

To say that you LOVE something, you can use the word *daisuki* instead of *suki*.

[A] ga daisuki desu / "I love [A]"

For Example:

1. *Keki ga suki desu.*
ケーキがすきです。
"I love cake."
2. *Supotsu ga daisuki desu.*
スポーツがだいすきです。
"I love sports."

Saying That You Dislike Something

First, let's go over how to say you like something.

Next, let's go over how to say you don't like something.

Sentence Patterns:

[A] ga kirai desu / "I don't like [A]"

To say that you HATE something, you can use the word *daikirai* instead of *kirai*.

[A] *ga daikirai desu* / "I hate [A]"

For Example:

1. *Neko ga kirai desu.*
ねこがきらいです。
"I don't like cats."
2. *Tomato ga daikirai desu.*
トマトがだいきらいです。
"I hate tomatoes."