

LESSON
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はるさんハウスはどこですか

Haru-san-Hausu wa doko desu ka

Where is Haru-san House?



Today's Skit

タム : すみません。

Tam Sumimaseⁿ.

Excuse me.

はるさんハウスはどこですか。

Haru-san-Ha^usu wa do^ko de^su ka.

Where is Haru-san House?

かいと : はるさんハウス?

Kaito Haru-san-Ha^usu?

Haru-san House?

あれ? ぼくたちのうちだよ。

Are? Bo^kutachi no uchiⁱ da yo ne.

Oh? That's where we live.

ミーヤ: すぐ近くです。

Mi Ya Su^gu chi^kaku de^su.

It's close by.

一緒に行きましょう。

Issho ni ikimasho^o.

We can go together.

かいと : こっちだよ。

Kaito Kocchiⁱ da yo.

This way.

タム : はい。ありがとうございます。

Tam Haⁱ. Ari^gatoo gozaima^su.

OK.

Thank you very much.

Vocabulary

すみません excuse me
sumimaseⁿ

どこ where
do^ko

ぼくたち we
bo^kutachi

うち home
uchi

すぐ近く very near
su^gu chi^kaku

一緒 together
issho ni

行く go
iku

こっち this way
kocchiⁱ

はい OK
haⁱ

Key Phrase

はるさんハウスはどこですか。

Haru-san-Ha¹usu wa do¹ko de¹su ka.

Where is Haru-san House?

To ask for directions, say “[place] wa doko desu ka.” “Wa” is a topic-marker particle that comes after a noun. It's written as “は(ha)” in Hiragana but is pronounced as “wa.” Adding “desu ka” after the interrogative “doko” or “where” and raising your intonation makes a question.

Use It!

すみません。トイレはどこですか。

Sumimase¹n. To¹ire wa do¹ko de¹su ka.

あそこです。

Asoko de¹su.

Excuse me. Where is the toilet?
It's over there.



Try It Out!

すみません。～はどこですか。

Sumimase¹n. ~wa do¹ko de¹su ka.

Excuse me. Where is XXX?

① 駅

e¹ki

station



② コンビニ

konbini

convenience store



Bonus Phrase

ありがとうございます。

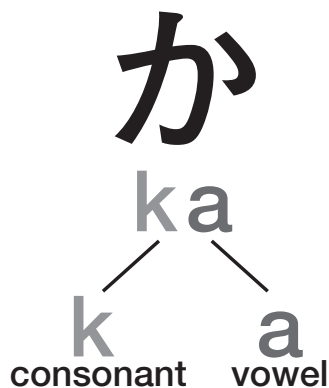
Ari¹gattoo gozaima¹su.

Thank you very much.

This expresses gratitude. If you're thanking someone close to you, like a friend or a family member, you can use the short version “arigatoo.”

The Sound of Japanese

Most syllables in Japanese are made up of one consonant and one vowel.



The Japanese accent comes from the pitch, not strong or weak sounds. Each word has a set accent pattern. Some have a flat pitch; others have a set place where the pitch goes down, which is represented by the ˦ mark.

a˦me

rain



a˦me

candy



A˦me ga furima˦shita

It rained.

A˦me ga furima˦shita

Candy dropped.

Answer ① すみません。駅はどこですか。

Sumimase˦n. Eki wa do˦ko de˦su ka.

② すみません。コンビニはどこですか。

Sumimase˦n. Konbini wa do˦ko de˦su ka.