

LESSON
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だいがく にほんご べんきょう
大学で日本語を勉強します

Daigaku de Nihongo o
benkyoo-shimasu

I'm going to study Japanese
at a university.



Today's Skit

タム : これ、どこですか。

Where is this?

Tam Kore, do¹ko de¹su ka.

ミーヤ: ^{おきなわ} 沖縄です。

It's Okinawa.

Mi Ya Okinawa de¹su.

タム : へえ。

Wow!

Tam Hee.

ミーヤ: これは^{きょうと}京都です。

This is Kyoto.

Mi Ya Kore wa Kyo¹oto de¹su.

^{きょうと} 京都はとてもきれいですよ。

Kyoto is very beautiful.

Kyo¹oto wa totemo ki¹ree de¹su yo.

タム : そうですね。

I think so too.

Tam So¹o de¹su ne.

ミーヤ: タムさんは^{にほん なに}日本で何をしますか。

Tam-san, what are you
going to do in Japan?

Mi Ya Ta¹mu-san wa Niho¹n de na¹ni o shima¹su ka.

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Tam Daigaku de Nihongo o benkyoo-shima¹su.

ミーヤ: いいですね。

That's great.

Mi Ya I¹i de¹su ne.

タム : はい、^{たの}楽しみです。

Yes,
I'm looking forward to it.

Tam Ha¹i, tanoshi¹mi de¹su.

Vocabulary

^{だいがく} 大学 university

^{にほんご} 日本語 Japanese language

^{べんきょう} 勉強する study

daigaku

Nihongo

benkyoo-suru

Key Phrase

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Daigaku de Nihongo o benkyoo-shima¹su.

I'm going to study Japanese at a university.

To express what you're going to do, use the verb's MASU-form (that ends with "masu") such as "benkyoo-shimasu" or "I will study." This form is used when speaking politely. "De" is a particle indicating a place, and "o" is a particle expressing the object. The verb comes at the end of the sentence.

Use It!

にほんご なに
 日本で何をしますか。

Nihoⁿ de naⁿⁱ o shima¹su ka.

か もの
 買い物をします。

Kaimono o shima¹su.

What are you going to do in Japan?
 I'm going to go shopping.



Try It Out!

[object]を~ます。 I'm going to XXX [object].

[object]o~ma¹su.

① 天ぷら

tempura
tempura

② 食べます (食べる)

tabema¹su (tabe¹ru)
going to eat

③ 歌舞伎

kabuki
kabuki

④ 見ます (見る)

mima¹su (mi¹ru)
going to see



Bonus Phrase

たの
楽しみです。

Tanoshi¹mi desu.

I'm looking forward to it.

This is a phrase to express something you're happily expecting.



Beauty of Various Places

Around Japan

You can enjoy the scenery of four distinct seasons around the country. For example, spring is the season for cherry blossoms. Kyoto is a prime place for seeing them. In summer, lots of people enjoy mountain climbing and going to the beach. In autumn, the coloring of the leaves is beautiful. Winter brings pure white snow. You can enjoy skiing and other winter sports.

Kyoto



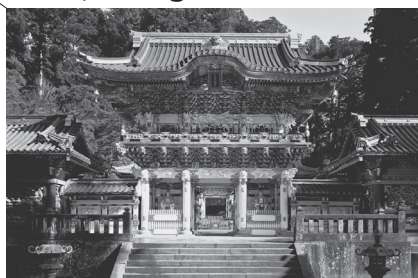
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- Answer ① てんぱら た を 食べ ます。 Tenpura o tabema'su.
 ② かぶき を 見 ます。 Kabuki o mima'su.