

ラジオで勉強しました

Rajio de benkyoo-shimashita

I studied by listening to the radio.



Today's Skit

はる : タムさん、今日から学校ですね。
Haru : Ta'mu-san, kyo'o kara gakkoo de'su ne. Tam-san, your school starts today, doesn't it?

タム : はい。
Tam : Ha'i. Yes.

はる : あらまあ! どうしたんですか。
Haru : A'ra ma'a! Do'o shitan de'su ka. Oh! What's wrong?

タム : 日本語が心配です。
Tam : Nihongo ga shinpai de'su. I'm nervous about my Japanese.

はる : タムさんは日本語、お上手ですよ。
Haru : Ta'mu-san wa Nihongo, ojoozu' de'su yo. Tam-san, your Japanese is fine.

タム : いいえ、まだまだです。
Tam : Iie, ma'da ma'da de'su. No, it's not good enough.

はる : ベトナムで勉強したんでしょう?
Haru : Betonamu de benkyoo-shita'n deshoo? You studied it in Vietnam, right?

タム : はい、ラジオで勉強しました。
Tam : Ha'i, rajio de benkyoo-shima'shita. Yes, I studied by listening to the radio.

はる : それなら、大丈夫ですよ。
Haru : Sore na'ra, daijo'obu de'su yo. Then, you'll be OK.

Vocabulary

今日 today
kyo'o

はい yes
ha'i

心配(な) anxious
shinpai (na)

上手(な) skillful
joozu' (na)

ラジオ radio
ra'jio

大丈夫(な) OK
daijo'obu (na)

Key Phrase

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Ra'jio de benkyoo-shima'shita.

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To express something you did in the past, change the end of the verb's MASU-form from "masu" to "mashita." "De" in "rajiyo de" indicates the means. The subject "watashi wa" or "I am" and the object "Nihongo o" or "Japanese" have been omitted because they're clear from the context.

Use It!

あ、日本語! どうやって勉強しましたか。

A, Nihongo! Do'oyatte benkyoo-shima'shita ka.

インターネットで勉強しました。

Intaane'tto de benkyoo-shima'shita.

Oh, Japanese! How did you study?
I studied online.



Try It Out!

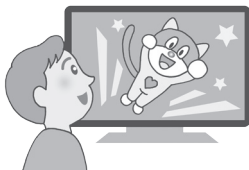
～で勉強しました。

I studied with/at XXX.

~de benkyoo-shima'shita.

① アニメ

anime
anime



② 学校

gakkoo
school



Bonus Phrase

いいえ、まだまだです。

lie, ma'da ma'da de'su.

No, it's not good enough.

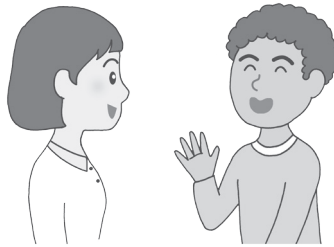
This humble expression can be used when someone praises you. "lie" means "no" and "mada mada desu" means "not enough."



Expressions of Humility

If someone compliments you, saying “Your Japanese is good,” how would you answer?

- 1) Thank you very much.
- 2) No, it's not good enough.
- 3) Yes, I studied at the university.



Most Japanese people would answer in a humble way and say it's not good enough as in 2) “**lie, madamada desu.**” Japanese has lots of other humble expressions. For example, even when someone has prepared a table full of delicacies for a guest, a common way to present the food would be “We have nothing but this.”



Answer ① アニメで勉強べんきょうしました。
② 学校がっこうで勉強べんきょうしました。

Anime de benkyoo-shima'shita.

Gakkoo de benkyoo-shima'shita.