

LESSON
7

はな
ゆっくり話してください

Yukkuri hanashite kudasai

Please speak slowly.



Today's Skit

あやか：隣、いい？

Ayaka Tonari, ii?

May I sit next to you?

タム：え？ はい。

Tam E? Ha'i.

Oh. Yes.

あやか：ありがとう。留学生なの？

Ayaka Ari'gattoo. Ryuugaku'see na no?

Thank you.

Are you a foreign student?

タム：すみません。よくわかりません。

Tam Sumimase'n. Yo'ku wakarimase'n.

I'm sorry.

I don't quite understand.

ゆっくり話してください。

Yukku'ri hana'shite kudasai.

Please speak slowly.

あやか：あ、ごめん、ごめん。

Ayaka A, gomen, gomen.

Oh, sorry, sorry.

あなたはりゅうがくせいですか。

Ana'ta wa ryuugaku'see de'su ka.

Are you a foreign student?

わたしはあやかです。

Watashi wa A-YA-KA de'su.

I'm Ayaka.

よろしくね。

Yoroshiku ne.

Nice to meet you.

タム：はい。私はタムです。

Tam Ha'i. Watashi wa Ta'mu de'su.

Yes.

I'm Tam.

よろしくお願ひします。

Yoroshiku onegai-shima'su.

Nice to meet you too.

Vocabulary

ゆっくり slowly

yukku'ri

はな
話す speak

hana'su

わたし
私 I

watashi


Key Phrase

Can-do!

Asking someone
to speak more slowlyゆっくり^{はな}話してください。Yukku^{ri} hana^{shite} kudasaⁱ.

Please speak slowly.

To make a request, use “[the TE-form of a verb] + kudasai.” The TE-form is a conjugated verb that ends with “te” or “de.” “Hanashite” is the TE-form of “hanasu” or “speak.” Japanese verbs are categorized into three groups. Conjugation of the TE-form varies by group. (See pp. 150-151)

Use It!

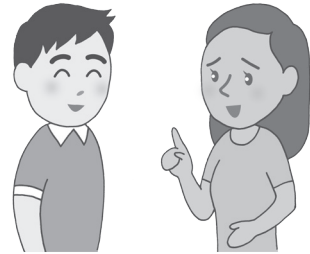
すみません。もう一度^{いちどい}言ってください。Sumimaseⁿ. Moo ichi-do itte kudasaⁱ.

あ、はい。

A, haⁱ.

I'm sorry. Please say it again.

Oh, OK.



Try It Out!

すみません。～てください。

Sumimaseⁿ. ~te kudasaⁱ.

I'm sorry. Please XXX.

① 英語^{えいご}で言う (→ 言って)

Eego de iu (→ itte)

speak in English

② ローマ字^{ろまじ}で書く (→ 書いて)Roomaji de ka^{ku} (→ ka^{ite})

write in the alphabets



Bonus Phrase

すみません。よくわかりません。

Sumimaseⁿ. Yo^{ku} wakarimaseⁿ.

I'm sorry. I don't quite understand.

Use this when you can't understand what the speaker said to you. Putting “yoku” before “wakarimasen” or “don't understand” makes it more polite.



Kaito Is Your Food Guide!

Japanese Dishes

Popular Japanese dishes include nigirizushi, slices of raw fish on top of vinegared rice, and sukiyaki seasoned with soy sauce and sugar.

Nigirizushi



Sukiyaki



M. Nakamura/S. Ebisu

Rice is the staple food in Japan. People usually eat steamed rice with fish, meat, and vegetables. Miso soup or some other kind of soup often comes with the meal. Western dishes such as spaghetti and stew can be found everywhere.

Everyday meals



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Answer ① すみません。英語で言ってください。

Sumimaseⁿ. Eego de itte kudasaⁱ.

② すみません。ローマ字で書いてください。

Sumimaseⁿ. Roomaji de ka'ite kudasaⁱ.