LESSON 9 これは何(なん)ですか

Kore wa nan desu ka

What is this?

Today's Skit

海斗(かいと) Kaito	：ここが「デパ地下(ちか)」だよ。 Koko ga depa-chika da yo.	This is the the department store's basement deli.
マイク Mike	：いろんな食(た)べ物(もの)があって、いいよね。 Ironna tabemo⌝no ga a⌝tte, i⌝i yo ne.	They have all kinds of food. It's great.
タム Tam	：わあ、すごい。 Waa, sugo⌝i.	Wow, this is amazing.
	これは何(なん)ですか。 Kore wa na⌝n de⌝su ka.	What is this?
海斗(かいと) Kaito	：大根(だいこん)の漬物(つけもの)だよ。 Daikon no tsukemono da yo.	A pickled daikon radish.
マイク Mike	：食(た)べてみる? Ta⌝bete mi⌝ru?	Do you want to try it?
タム Tam	：いただきます。 Itadakima⌝su.	Yes, thank you.
	おいしいです。 Oishi⌝i de⌝su.	It's good.
海斗(かいと) Kaito	：これも食(た)べてみる? Kore mo ta⌝bete mi⌝ru?	Do you want to try this one too?

Vocabulary

ここ here koko	デパ地下(ちか) basement deli depa-chika	食べ物(たべもの) food tabemo⌝no
これ this kore	何(なん) what na⌝n	漬物(つけもの) pickled vegetable tsukemono

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Key Phrase

Can-do! Asking the names of things you don't know

これは何(なん)ですか。

Kore wa naꜜn deꜜsu ka.

What is this?

To ask the name of something you don't know, point to the thing and ask **"Kore/Sore/Are wa nan desu ka."** For something close to you, use **"kore."** For something close to the person you're talking to, use **"sore."** If the thing is far from you and the person you're speaking to, use **"are."** **"Nan"** is an interrogative meaning "what."

Use It!

すみません。これは何(なん)ですか。

Sumimaseꜜn. Kore wa naꜜn deꜜsu ka.

お茶(ちゃ)です。

Ocha deꜜsu.

Excuse me. What is this?
It's tea.

Try It Out!

これ／それ／あれ　は何(なん)ですか。　**What is this/that/that over there?**

Kore/Sore/Are wa naꜜn deꜜsu ka.

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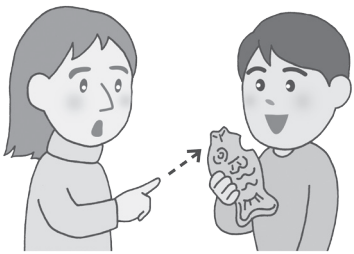

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Bonus Phrase

おいしいです。

Oishiꜜi deꜜsu.

It's delicious.

Someone who treats you will be happy if you use this phrase. You can also simply say **"Oishii!"**

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Kaito Is Your Food Guide!

“Depa-chika”: Treasure Troves of Food

“Depa-chika,” department store basement delis, sell a wide variety of food including ready-made dishes, bento box lunches, desserts, and bread. Sometimes, free samples are available. **“Depa-chika”** are convenient because you can buy your favorite dishes and then eat them at home or in your hotel room.

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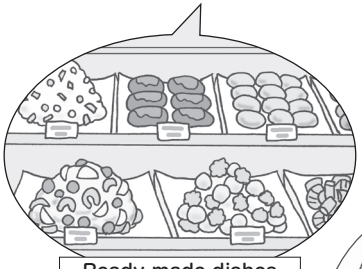
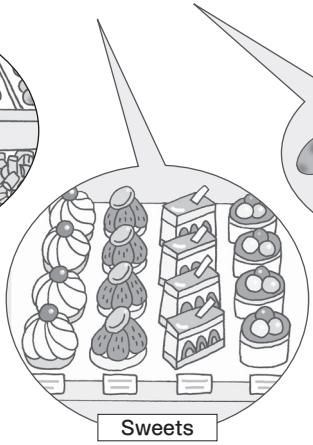
Pickled vegetables



Ready-made dishes



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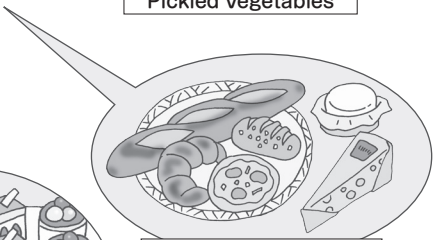

Bread and cheese

Answer ① それは何(なん)ですか。
(これ？たい焼(や)きです。)

Sore wa na͡n de͡su ka.
(Kore？ Taiyaki de͡su.)

② あれは何(なん)ですか。
(あれはたこ焼(や)きです。)

Are wa na͡n de͡su ka.
(Are wa takoyaki de͡su.)

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