

LESSON  
10

# このドライヤーはいくらですか

Kono doraiyaa wa ikura desu ka

How much is this hair dryer?



## Today's Skit

タム : たくさんありますね!

Tam Takusan arima<sup>1</sup>su ne!

So many hair dryers!

あやか : すごいでしょ?

Ayaka Sugo<sup>1</sup>i deshoo?

Amazing, don't you think?

これはサラサラヘア。

Kore wa sarasara he<sup>1</sup>a.

This one makes your hair silky smooth.

これはツヤが出るタイプ。

Kore wa tsuya ga de<sup>1</sup>ru ta<sup>1</sup>ipu.

And this one makes your hair shine.

タム : へえ、いくらですか。

Tam Hee, i<sup>1</sup>kura de<sup>1</sup>su ka.

Hmm.

How much is it?

あやか : セールって書いてある。きいてみよう。

Ayaka Se<sup>1</sup>eru tte ka<sup>1</sup>ite a<sup>1</sup>ru. Kiite miyo<sup>1</sup>o.

The sign says it's on sale.

Let's ask the clerk.

タム : すみません。

Tam Sumimase<sup>1</sup>n.

Excuse me.

このドライヤーはいくらですか。

Kono doraiyaa wa i<sup>1</sup>kura de<sup>1</sup>su ka.

How much is this hair dryer?

店員 : 9,900円です。

Clerk Kyuu-se<sup>1</sup>n-kyuu-hyaku<sup>1</sup>-en de<sup>1</sup>su.

9,900 yen.

タム : え! 高すぎます。

Tam E! Takasugima<sup>1</sup>su.

Oh my!

That's too expensive for me.

### Vocabulary

いくら how much

i<sup>1</sup>kura

書く write

ka<sup>1</sup>ku

ドライヤー hair dryer

doraiyaa

# このドライヤーはいくらですか。

Kono doraiyaa wa i'kura de'su ka.

How much is this hair dryer?

When asking how much something costs, say “ikura desu ka” or “how much is it?” When you mention the name of the thing, ask “Kono/Sono/Ano [thing] wa ikura desu ka.” “Ikura” is an interrogative meaning “how much?”

Use It!

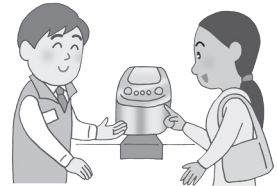
すみません。この炊飯器はいくらですか。

Sumimase'n. Kono suiha'n-ki wa i'kura de'su ka.

8,700円です。

Hasse'n-nanahyaku<sup>1</sup>-en de'su.

Excuse me. How much is this rice cooker?  
8,700 yen.



Try It Out!

すみません。この／その／あの～はいくらですか。

Sumimase'n. Kono/Sono/Ano ~ wa i'kura de'su ka.

Excuse me. How much is (are) this/that/that over there XXX?

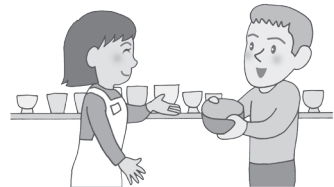
① イヤホン

i'yahon  
earphones



② 茶碗

chawan  
rice bowl



## Larger Numbers



Step-up

	1	2	3	6	8
10	ju'u	ni'juu	sa'njuu	rokuju'u	hachiju'u
100	hyaku <sup>1</sup>	nihyaku <sup>1</sup>	sa'nbyaku	roppyaku <sup>1</sup>	happyaku <sup>1</sup>
1000	se'n	nise'n	sanze'n	rokuse'n	hasse'n

※1,234 se'n-nihyaku-sa'njuu-yo'n

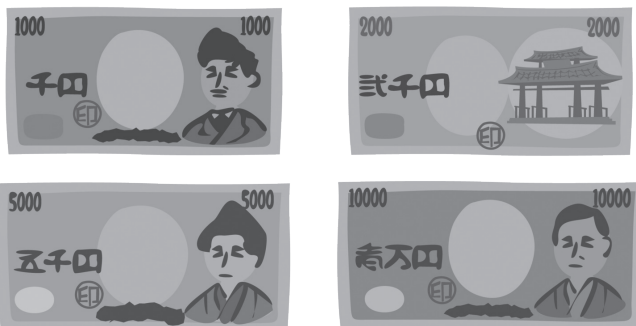


Haru-san's Bagful of Advice

## Japanese Bills and Coins

Japan has four kinds of paper money: 1,000-, 2,000-, 5,000-, and 10,000-yen bills. But you rarely see 2,000-yen bills around.

### Japanese bills



As for coins, there are 6 types: one yen, five, ten, 50, 100, and 500. People have plenty of opportunity to use them, with vending machines on almost every corner. But the machines don't take one-yen or five-yen coins. So, they stay in your pocket until you shop at a store.

### Japanese coins



The proper etiquette when giving cash gifts for marriages and other celebrations is to insert new bills in envelopes specifically used for that occasion.



Answer ① すみません。あのイヤホンはいくらですか。  
② すみません。この茶碗ちawanはいくらですか。

Sumimase'n. Ano iyahon wa ikura de'su ka.  
Sumimase'n. Kono chawan wa ikura de'su ka.