

Nihon e itte mitai desu

I want to go to Japan someday.



Today's Skit

タム : こんにちは。私はタムです。 Hello.
Tam : Konnichiwa. Watashi wa Ta¹mu de¹su. I'm Tam.

悠輝 : あ、ぼく、悠輝です。 Oh, I'm Yuuki.
Yuuki : A, bo¹ku, Yu¹uki de¹su.

タムさん、日本語ができるんですね! Tam-san,
Ta¹mu-san, Nihongo ga deki¹run de¹su ne! you can speak Japanese!

タム : 少しだけです。 Only a little.
Tam : Sukoshi dake¹ de¹su.

ラジオで勉強しました。 I studied by listening
Ra¹jio de benkyoo-shima¹shita. to the radio.

悠輝 : へえ。すごいですね。 Oh.
Yuuki : Hee. Sugo¹i de¹su ne. That's impressive.

タム : 日本へ行ってみたいです。 I want to go to Japan
Tam : Niho¹n e itte mita¹i de¹su. someday.

悠輝 : ぜひ来てください。 Please come.
Yuuki : Ze¹hi ki¹te kudasa¹i.

ぼくが案内しますよ。 I'll show you around.
Bo¹ku ga anna¹i-shima¹su yo.

Vocabulary

できる can
deki¹ru

少し a little
suko¹shi

だけ only
dake

すごい impressive
sugo¹i

ぜひ please
ze¹hi

案内する show around
anna¹i-suru

Key Phrase

にほん い 日本へ行ってみたいです。

Nihoⁿ e itte mitaⁱ de^{su}.

I want to go to Japan someday.

To say what you want to try, use “[the TE-form of a verb] + mitai.” “Itte” in “itte mitai” is the TE-form of the verb “iku” or “to go.” Adding “desu” at the end makes it polite. This expression is used to express things you've never experienced before. (See pp. 150-151)

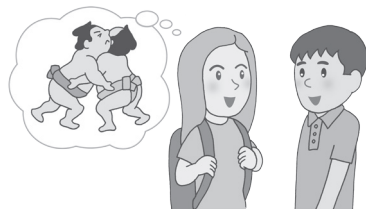
Use It!

にほん なに 日本で何がしたいですか。

Nihoⁿ de naⁿⁱ ga shitaⁱ de^{su} ka.

そうですね。。。相撲を見てみたいです。

So^o de^{su} ne... Sumoo o mi^{te} mitaⁱ de^{su}.



What do you want to do in Japan?
Let's see... I want to see sumo someday.

Try It Out!

～てみたいです。 I want to XXX someday.

～te mitaⁱ de^{su}.

① 富士山に登る (→登って)

Fu^{jisan} ni noboru (→nobotte)

climb Mt. Fuji



② 新幹線に乗る (→乗って)

Shinka^{nsen} ni noru (→notte)

ride a Shinkansen bullet train



Bonus Phrase

すこ 少しでも。

Sukoshi dake¹ de^{su}.

Only a little.

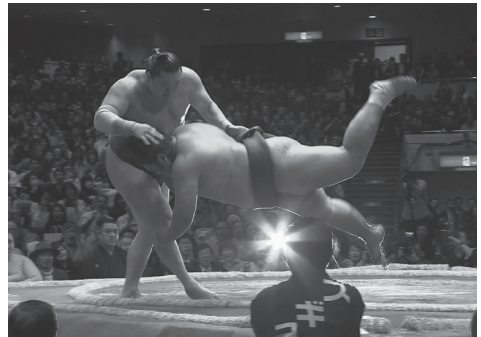
This expression of humility is used when someone praises your ability.



Sumo

Sumo is said to be Japan's national sport. The winner is the one who first makes his opponent fall to the ground or forces him out of the ring. The way the huge wrestlers throw themselves against each other is amazing. Grand tournaments take place six times a year in odd-numbered months.

Sumo match



Some sumo stables allow fans to watch morning practice sessions.

Morning practice



Answer ① 富士山に登ってみたいです。
② 新幹線に乗ってみたいです。

Fujisan ni nobotte mita'i de'su.

Shinka'nsen ni notte mita'i de'su.