

さる おんせん ねが
猿の温泉までお願いします

Saru no onsen made
onagai-shimasu

To the monkey hot spring, please.



Today's Skit

運転手：どちらまで？

Where to?

Driver Do¹chira ma¹de?

ミーヤー：猿の温泉までお願いします。

To the monkey hot spring,
please.

Mi Ya Sa¹ru no onsen ma¹de onagai-shima¹su.

運転手：はい、わかりました。

OK, certainly.

Driver Ha¹i, wakarima¹shita.

こちらは初めてですか。

Is this your first time here?

Kochira wa haji¹mete de¹su ka.

ミーヤー：はい、初めてです。

Yes it is.

Mi Ya Ha¹i, haji¹mete de¹su.

猿の写真を撮りに行きます。

I'm going to take pictures
of the monkeys.

Sa¹ru no shashin o to¹ri ni ikima¹su.

運転手：そうですか。

Is that so?

Driver So¹o de¹su ka.

今日は寒いから、

It's cold today,

Kyo¹o wa samu¹i kara,

猿がたくさん温泉に入ってますよ。

so lots of them should be
in the hot spring.

sa¹ru ga takusan onsen ni ha¹itte ma¹su yo.

Vocabulary

どちら where

さる monkey

おんせん hot spring

do¹chira

sa¹ru

onsen

お願いする ask

はじめて first time

寒い cold

onagai-suru

haji¹mete

samu¹i



Key Phrase

Can-do! Telling the taxi driver your destination

さる おんせん ねが
猿の温泉までお願いします。

Sa'ru no onsen ma'de onegai-shima'su.

To the monkey hot spring, please.

To tell the taxi driver your destination, say "[place] made onegai-shimasu." "Made" is a particle that means "to" and indicates the destination. "Onegai-shimasu" is the MASU-form of the verb "onegai-suru" or "to ask." It can be used when making requests. (See Step-up)

Use It!

どちらまでですか。

Do'chira ma'de de'su ka.

くうこう ねが
 空港までお願いします。

Kuukoo ma'de onegai-shima'su.

Where to?

To the airport, please.



Try It Out!

~までお願いします。

To XXX, please.

~ma'de onegai-shima'su

① とうきょう
 東京スカイツリー

Tookyoo Sukai-tsurii
 Tokyo Skytree



② このホテル

kono ho'teru
 this hotel



How to use "onegai-shimasu"



Step-up

Chekku-a'uto, onegai-shima'su.	Check out, please.
Koohi'i, onegai-shima'su.	Coffee, please.
Okaikee, onegai-shima'su.	Check, please.



Haru-san's Bagful of Advice

Taxis in Japan

Most airports, stations, hotels, and tourist spots have taxi stands. The driver will open and close the rear door by remote control. The fare is displayed on the meter. Tips are not expected.



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The electronic sign on the front window displays the Kanji characters meaning “vacant.” At nighttime, the light on the roof of an available taxi is also illuminated.

“Vacant” sign



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Answer ① 東京スカイツリーまでお願いします。
② このホテルまでお願いします。

Tookyoo Sukai-tsurī ma'de onegai-shima'su.
Kono ho'teru ma'de onegai-shima'su.