

Yuumeena onsen desu

This is a famous hot spring.



Today's Skit

ミーヤー： わあ、猿がいっぱい!

Wow, so many monkeys!

Mi Ya Waa, sa¹ru ga ippai!

つま 妻 : たくさん写真を撮っているのね。

You're taking a lot of photos.

Wife Takusan shashin o to¹tte iru no ne.

ミーヤー： はい。ここは海外でも

Yes. This is a world-famous hot spring.

Mi Ya Ha¹i. Koko wa ka¹igai de mo

ゆうめい おんせん
有名な温泉です。

yuumeena onsen de¹su.

おっと 夫 : へえ、そうなんだ。

Oh, is that so?

Husband Hee, so¹o nan da.

さる おんせん はい
猿が温泉に入るのは

Sa¹ru ga onsen ni ha¹iru no wa

めずら
珍しいからね。

mezurashi¹i kara ne.

You can't see monkeys bathing in many other places.

ミーヤー： あ、猿の赤ちゃん。かわいい。

Oh, a baby monkey.

Mi Ya A, sa¹ru no a¹kachan. Kawai¹i.

How cute.

Vocabulary

わあ wow

waa

かいがい
海外 overseas

ka¹igai

おんせん はい
温泉に入る bathe in a hot spring

onsen ni ha¹iru

いっぱい many

ippai

ゆうめい
有名(な) famous

yuumee (na)

めずら
珍しい rare

mezurashi¹i

しやしん と
写真を撮る take a photo

shashin o to¹ru

そうなんだ is that so

so¹o na¹n da

あか
赤ちゃん baby

a¹kachan

Key Phrase

ゆうめい おんせん
有名な温泉です。

Yuumeena onsen de'su.

This is a famous hot spring.

NA-adjectives are adjectives that end with “na” when modifying a noun. A sentence can be made by putting a NA-adjective at the end and replacing “na” with “desu.” (“Yuumee desu” or “It’s famous.”)

Use It!

げんき さる
元気な猿ですね。

Ge'nkina sa'ru de'su ne.

ほんとう げんき
本当! 元気ですね。

Hontoo! Ge'nki de'su ne.

It's a lively monkey, isn't it?
It sure is! It's lively.



Try It Out!

[NA-adjective]～ですね。 It's (a) [NA-adjective] XXX, isn't it?

[NA-adjective] ~ de'su ne.

① 静か(な)

shī'zuka (na)

quiet

場所

basho

place

② きれい(な)

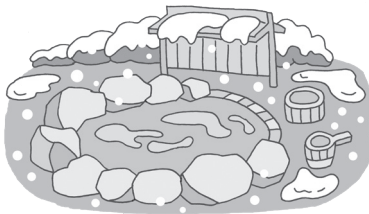
ki'ree (na)

beautiful

景色

ke'shiki

scenery



Bonus Phrase

へえ。

Hee.

Oh.

This phrase is used to express admiration or surprise at what someone has said.



Hot Springs in Japan

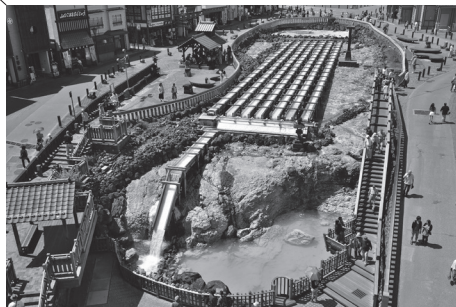
Japan's many volcanoes result in hot springs across the country. The color, scent, and texture of the water differs from place to place. Hot springs are therapeutic and are said to help people recover from exhaustion. Many people stay at hot spring inns with family members or friends, reveling in long baths and savoring the food.

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- Answer ① しずかな場所 静かな場所ですね。 Shi'zukana basho de'su ne.
② きれいな景色 きれいな景色ですね。 Ki'reena ke'shiki de'su ne.

Nihon o ryokoo-shite imasu

I've been traveling around Japan.



Today's Skit

つま 妻 : おそば3つ、お願ねがいします。 Soba for three, please.

Wife Oso¹ba mittsu, onegai-shima¹su.

てんいん 店員 : はーい。 Got it.

Clerk Haai.

つま 妻 : にほんへは、かんこう観光ですか。 Are you in Japan

Wife Niho¹n e wa, kankoo de¹su ka. for sightseeing?

ミーヤー : ええと、私わたしは写真家しゃしんかで、 Um, I'm a photographer,
Mi Ya Eeto, watashi wa shashinka de, and I've been introducing
日本にほんのことを海外かいがいに紹介しょうかいしています。 this country to people
Nihon no koto¹ o kaigai ni shookai-shite ima¹su. overseas.

それで、日本にほんを旅行りょこうしています。 That's why I've been
Sore de, Niho¹n o ryokoo-shite ima¹su. traveling around Japan.

おつと 夫 : それはすばらしいね。 That's wonderful.

Husband Sore wa subarashi¹i ne.

てんいん 店員 : お待またせしました。 Here you go.

Clerk Omatase-shima¹shita.

Vocabulary

そば/おそば buckwheat noodles
so¹ba / oso¹ba

かんこう 観光 sightseeing
kankoo

ええと um
eeto

こと thing
koto¹

しょうかい 紹介する introduce
shookai-suru

それで that's why
sore de

りょこう 旅行する travel
ryokoo-suru

すばらしい wonderful
subarashi¹i

お待またせました here you go
omatase-shima¹shita

Key Phrase

にほん りょこう
日本を旅行しています。

Niho¹n o ryokoo-shite ima¹su.

I've been traveling around Japan.

To express something that you're doing now, use "[the verb's TE-form] + imasu." "Ryokoo-shite imasu" is the TE-form of "ryokoo-suru" or "to travel" which is "ryokoo-shite" followed by "imasu." (See pp. 150-151)

Use It!

りょこう
旅行ですか。

Ryokoo de¹su ka.

はい。あちこち旅行しています。

Ha¹i. Achi¹kochi ryokoo-shite ima¹su.

Are you on a trip?

Yes. I've been traveling here and there.



Try It Out!

～ています。 I'm XXXing.

～te ima¹su.

① 日本語を勉強する (→勉強して)

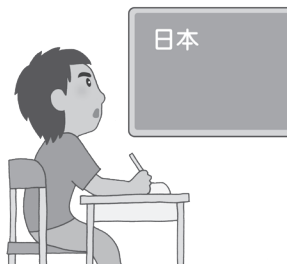
Nihongo o benkyoo-suru (→benkyoo-shite)

study Japanese

② 仕事をする (→して)

shigoto o suru (→shite)

work



Step-up

Numbers Used When Ordering

| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
|-----------------------|----------------------|---------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|
| hito ¹ tsu | futatsu ¹ | mittsu ¹ | yottsu ¹ | itsu ¹ tsu |

Oso¹ba futatsu,
onegai-shima¹su.





Kaito Is Your Food Guide!

Japanese Soba Noodles

Soba is a Japanese traditional noodle dish, made from buckwheat flour that's boiled in hot water. You can dip it in a soy-sauce-based broth or eat in a hot bowl of mild-flavored soup.

Mori soba
(cold soba with dipping broth)



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Kake soba
(soba in a bowl of hot soup)



At soba restaurants inside train stations, passengers can get a quick bite to eat before catching a train.

Soba noodle stand



Answer ① にほんご べんきょう 日本語を勉強しています。

Nihongo o benkyoo-shite ima'su.

② しごと 仕事をしています。

Shigoto o shite ima'su.

たの すごく楽しかったです

Sugoku tanoshikatta desu

It was really fun.



Today's Skit

はる : おかえりなさい。

Welcome home.

Haru Okaerinasai.

ながの
長野はどうでしたか。

How was Nagano?

Na¹gano wa do^o de¹shita ka.

ミーヤ: すごくたの 楽しかったです。

It was really fun.

Mi Ya Sugoku tanoshi¹katta de¹su.

しゃしん
写真をたくさん撮りました。

I took tons of photos.

Shashin o takusan torima¹shita.

それから、おそばも食べました。

And I ate soba.

Sorekara, oso¹ba mo tabema¹shita.

とてもおいしかったです。

It was delicious.

Totemo oishi¹katta de¹su.

はる : そうですね。よかったですね。

Oh really?

Haru So^o de¹su ka. Yo¹katta de¹su ne.

I'm glad to hear that.

ミーヤ: ながの ひと
長野の人はとても親切でした。

The people of Nagano

Mi Ya Na¹gano no hito¹ wa totemo shi¹nsetsu de¹shita.

were very kind.

タム : たの りょこう
楽しい旅行でしたね。

Seems like you had

Tam Tanoshi¹i ryokoo de¹shita ne.

a good time.

Vocabulary

どう how

すごく really

たの 楽しい fun

do^o

sugo¹ku

tanoshi¹i

それから then

ひと person/people

しんせつ 親切(な) kind

sorekara

hito (1)

shi¹nsetsu (na)



Key Phrase

Can-do!

Expressing impressions of what you've experienced

すごく^{たの}楽しかったです。

Sugo¹ku tanoshi¹katta de¹su.

It was really fun.

To make the past tense of I-adjectives, replace the final “i (desu)” with “katta (desu).” With NA-adjectives and nouns, change the end of the sentence from “desu” to “deshita.”

Use It!

おおさか
大阪はどうでしたか。

Osaka wa do^o de¹shita ka.

よかったです。とてもにぎやかでした。

Yo¹katta de¹su. Totemo nig¹yaka de¹shita.

How was Osaka?

It was good. It was very lively.



Try It Out!

[I-adjective] かったです / [NA-adjective] でした。 It was [I/NA-adjective].

[I-adjective]¹katta de¹su/[NA-adjective] de¹shita.

① すばらしい

subarashi¹i
wonderful



② きれい(な)

ki¹ree (na)
beautiful



Bonus Phrase

おかえりなさい。

Okaerinasai.

Welcome home.

It's a greeting for someone who has returned home. A casual version is “Okaeri.” A very formal way of saying it is “Okaerinasaimase.”



Shinkansen Bullet Trains in Japan

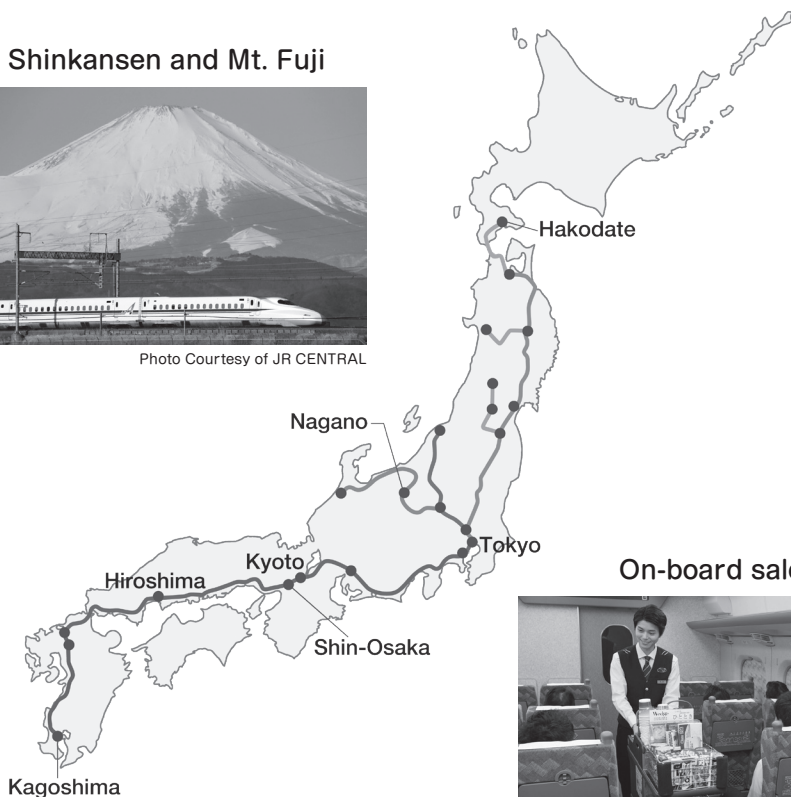
Shinkansen bullet trains cut the travel time between major cities. From Tokyo to Nagano, it takes about an hour and a half, while from Tokyo to Kyoto, it's about a little over two hours. The cars are quiet and clean, making for a comfortable ride.

Shinkansen route map (as of Sep. 2019)

Shinkansen and Mt. Fuji



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On-board sales



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Answer ① すばらしかったです。

Subarashi'katta de'su.

② きれいでした。

Ki'ree de'shita.

て ぶくろ ほ
手袋が欲しいんですが

Tebukuro ga hoshiin desu ga

I'd like a pair of gloves.



Today's Skit

タム : あのう、すみません。

Excuse me.

Tam Anoo, sumimase¹n.

て ぶくろ ほ
手袋が欲しいんですが。

I'd like a pair of gloves.

Tebu¹kuro ga hoshi¹in de¹su ga.

てんいん
店員 : て ぶくろ
手袋はこちらです。

The gloves are over here.

Clerk Tebu¹kuro wa kochira de¹su.

ミーヤー : これ、あったかそう。

These look warm.

Mi Ya Kore, attakaso¹o.

タム : いいですね。

They're nice.

Tam I¹i de¹su ne.

これ、いくらですか。

How much are they?

Kore, i¹kura de¹su ka.

てんいん
店員 : 1,900^{えん}円です。

1,900 yen.

Clerk Sen-kyuuhyaku¹-en de¹su.

タム : カードは使えますか。

Can I use a credit card?

Tam Ka¹ado wa tsukaema¹su ka.

てんいん
店員 : はい、使えます。

Yes, you can.

Clerk Ha¹i, tsukaema¹su.

Vocabulary

て ぶくろ
手袋 gloves

tebu¹kuro

ほ
欲しい want

hoshi¹i

こちら over here

kochira

あったかい warm

attaka¹i

カード credit card

ka¹ado

つか
使う use

tsukau

Key Phrase

てぶくろ ほ
手袋が欲しいんですが。

Tebu¹kuro ga hoshi¹in de¹su ga.

I'd like a pair of gloves.

To tell a clerk what you want to buy, say "[thing] ga hoshiin desu ga." "Hoshii" means "want." By adding "n desu ga," you can explain your situation to the person you're talking to and prompt that person to respond. Weaken your pitch as you lower the intonation at the end of the sentence.

Use It!

あのう、すみません。北海道のお土産が欲しいんですが。

Anoo, sumimase¹n. Hokka¹idoo no omiyage ga hoshi¹in de¹su ga.

そうですね。このお菓子はいかがですか。

So¹o de¹su ne. Kono oka¹shi wa ika¹ga de¹su ka.

Excuse me. I'd like a souvenir of Hokkaido.
Let's see. How about these sweets?



Try It Out!

あのう、すみません。～が欲しいんですが。

Anoo, sumimase¹n. ~ga hoshi¹in de¹su ga.

Excuse me. I'd like XXX.

① 風呂敷

furoshiki

traditional wrapping cloth



② 傘

ka¹sa

umbrella



Bonus Phrase

カードは使えますか。

Ka¹ado wa tsukaema¹su ka.

Can I use a credit card?

Use this phrase to find out if you can use a credit card. "Tsukaeru" or "can use" is the potential form of "tsukau" or "to use."



Credit Cards in Japan

The number of Japanese stores accepting credit cards and other means of payment is increasing.



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But some shops only take cash. It's wise to prepare a certain amount of cash when traveling in Japan.

Some post offices and convenience stores have ATMs that allow cash withdrawals with credit cards.



Answer ① あのう、すみません。風呂敷が欲しいんですが。
② あのう、すみません。傘が欲しいんですが。

Anoo, sumimase'n. Furoshiki ga hoshi'in de'su ga.
Anoo, sumimase'n. Ka'sa ga hoshi'in de'su ga.

わさびは入れないでください

Wasabi wa irenaide kudasai

Please don't put wasabi in.



Today's Skit

ミーヤー：おすす^{なん}めは何ですか。

What do you recommend?

Mi Ya Osusume wa na'n de'su ka.

店員^{てんいん}：このスペシャル^{かいせんどん}海鮮丼が

I suggest this special seafood bowl!

Chef Kono supesharu-kaisen-don ga

おすすめだよ!

osusume da yo!

イクラとウニ^{はい}がたっぷり入ってるよ。

It's filled with salmon roe and sea urchin.

Ikura to u'ni ga tappu'ri ha'itteru yo.

ミーヤー：じゃあ、それください。

Then that's what I'll have.

Mi Ya Ja'a, sore kudasa'i.

タム：私^{わたし}も。

Me too.

Tam Watashi mo.

あ、わさび^いは入れないでください。

Oh... Please don't put wasabi in.

A, wa'sabi wa irena'ide kudasa'i.

店員^{てんいん}：わさび^ぬ抜きね。そちらは？

OK, no wasabi.

Chef Wa'sabi nu'ki ne. Sochira wa?

How about you?

ミーヤー：私^{わたし}はわさびをたくさん^い入れてください。

I'd like a lot of wasabi in mine, please.

Mi Ya Watashi wa wa'sabi o takusan irete kudasa'i.

Vocabulary

海鮮丼^{かいせんどん} seafood bowl

たっぷり a lot

入^{はい}る contain

kaisen-don

tappu'ri

ha'iru

わさび wasabi

入^いれる put in

～抜き^ぬ without XXX

wa'sabi

ireru

～nu'ki



Key Phrase

Can-do!

Asking someone not to put something in your food

わさびは入れないでください。

Wa¹sabi wa irena¹ide kudasa¹i.

Please don't put wasabi in.

To ask someone not to put something in your food or drink, use “[the NAI-form of a verb] + de kudasai.” The NAI-form is a negative conjugation that ends with “nai.” The NAI-form of “ireru” or “to put in” is “irenai.” (See pp. 150-151)

Use It!

オレンジジュースひとつ。氷は入れないでください。

Orenji-ju¹usu hito¹tsu. Koori wa irena¹ide kudasa¹i.

かしこまりました。

Kashikomarima¹shita.

One orange juice.
Please don't put any ice cubes in.
Certainly.



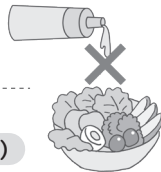
Try It Out!

[something you don't want]は～ないでください。 Please don't XXX
[something you don't want] wa ~naide kudasa¹i. [something you don't want].

① ドレッシング

dore¹sshingu
dressing

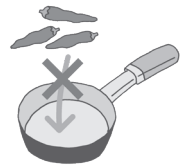
かける (→かけない)
kake¹ru (→kake¹nai)
pour on



② 唐辛子

tooga¹rashi
chilli pepper

使う (→使わない)
tsukau (→tsukawanai)
use



Bonus Phrase

おすすめは何ですか。

Osusume wa na¹n de¹su ka.

What do you recommend?

It's used to ask about a restaurant's recommended dish. “Osusume” means “recommendation.”



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Enjoy Hokkaido's Seafood !

Hokkaido is surrounded by the Sea of Japan, the Sea of Okhotsk, and the Pacific Ocean, making its fishing industry robust with crab, squid, salmon, salmon roe, and other delicacies. Eating fresh seafood at places like morning markets is one of the fun parts of a trip to Hokkaido.

Morning market in Hakodate



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Various types of seafood



Discerning diners around the world recognize the taste of Hokkaido's seafood. Large quantities of scallops, in particular, make their way overseas.



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Answer ① ドレッシングはかけないでください。

Dore'sshingu wa kake'naide kudasai.

② とうがらし つか 唐辛子は使わないでください。

Tooga'rashi wa tsukawana'ide kudasai.