

どのくらい待ちますか

Donokurai machimasu ka

How long does it take to get in?



Today's Skit

マイク : どのくらい待ちますか。

Mike Donokurai machimasu ka.

How long does it take to get in?

係員1 : 15分くらいです。

Clerk 1 Juu-go-fun kurai desu.

About 15 minutes.

マイク : わかりました。

Mike Wakarimashita.

OK.

海斗 : すごい!

Kaito Sugoi!

Awesome!

ほんもの 手裏剣だ。

Honmono no shuriken da.

A real shuriken ninja star.

係員2 : あの的に投げてください。

Clerk 2 Ano mato ni nagegete kudasai.

Please throw it at that target.

マイク : えい!

Mike E'i!

Go!

あ、落ちちゃった。

A, ochichatta.

Ah, it dropped.

Vocabulary

どのくらい how long

donokurai

待つ wait

ma¹tsu

～くらい about XXX

～ku¹rai

ほんもの real thing

honmono

手裏剣 ninja star

shuriken

あの that

ano

的 target

mato

投げる throw

nage¹ru

落ちる drop

ochi¹ru

Key Phrase

Can-do!

Asking how long something will take

どのくらい待ちますか。

Donokurai machima¹su ka

How long does it take to get in? (Literally: How long do I wait?)

To ask how long something takes, use “donokurai,” which is an interrogative for length of time, distance, or amount. It's used with “machimasu ka” (“matsu” or “to wait”) or “kakarimasu ka” (“kakaruru” or “to take”).

Use It!

すみません。あと、どのくらいかかりますか。

Sumimase¹n. A¹to, donokurai kakarima¹su ka.

にじゅうふん
20分くらいです。

Nijuppun ku¹rai de¹su.

Excuse me. How much longer will it take?
About 20 minutes.



Try It Out!

どのくらい～ますか。

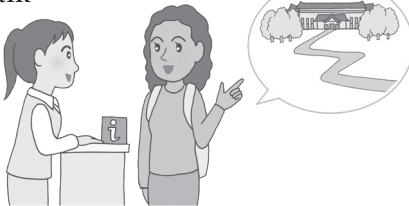
How long XXX?

Donokurai ~ma¹su ka.

① ある 歩く (→ ある 歩きます)

aru¹ku (→ arukima¹su)

walk



② もつ (→ もちます)

mo¹tsu (→ mochima¹su)

last



Length of Time

Minutes	5	10	15	20	30
	go ¹ -fun	ju ¹ ppun	juu-go ¹ -fun	niju ¹ ppun	sanju ¹ ppun
Hours	1	1.5	4	7	9
	ichi-ji ¹ kan	ichi-jikan-ha ¹ n	yo-ji ¹ kan	shichi-ji ¹ kan	ku-ji ¹ kan



Step-up



Hands-on Tourism

Tourists can enjoy hands-on activities in Japan. Popular ones include dressing as a ninja or samurai, trying on a kimono, taking part in a tea ceremony, arranging flowers, or making Japanese sweets.

Wearing kimono



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Making Japanese sweets



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You can also create plastic food samples such as those found in restaurant windows.

And other facilities allow you to experience simulated earthquakes, heavy rain, fires, and tsunami. You'll learn about disaster preparedness.

Making food samples



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Answer ① どのくらいある歩きますか。 Donokurai arukima'su ka.

② どのくらいもちますか。 Donokurai mochima'su ka.