

テレビがつかないんですが・・・

Terebi ga tsukanain desu ga...

The TV won't turn on...



Today's Skit

タム : あれ、テレビがつきませんね。

Oh, the TV won't turn on.

Tam Are, te¹rebi ga tsukimase¹n ne.

あやか : ほんとだ。

You're right.

Ayaka Honto da.

おかしいね。

That's strange.

Okashi¹i ne.

タム : フロントに電話してみます。

I'll call the front desk.

Tam Furonto ni denwa-shite mima¹su.

すみません。

Excuse me.

Sumimase¹n.

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Te¹rebi ga tsuka¹nain de¹su ga...

フロント : 少々お待ちください。

Please wait a minute.

Front desk Sho¹oshoo omachi kudasa¹i.

担当の者が伺います。

We'll send someone up.

Tantoo no mono¹ ga ukagaima¹su.

Vocabulary

テレビ TV

te¹rebi

つく turn on

tsu¹ku

おかしい strange

okashi¹i

フロント front desk

furonto

電話する call

denwa-suru

少々 a little while

sho¹oshoo

担当 in charge of

tantoo

者 person

mono¹

伺う visit (humble)

ukagau

Key Phrase

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To tell someone that something is wrong, add “n desu ga” to the verb's NAI-form. The NAI-form is a negative form. The combination suggests you're troubled because something you expected isn't happening. “-n desu ga” is used to explain your situation to someone and prompt that person to respond.

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Use It!

すみません。Wi-Fiのパスワードがわからないんですが・・・

Sumimase¹n. Waifai no pasuwa¹ado ga wakara¹nain de¹su ga...

パスワードですね。こちらです。

Pasuwa¹ado de¹su ne. Kochira de¹su.

Excuse me. I don't know the Wi-Fi password...

The password? Here it is.



Try It Out!

すみません。【subject】が～ないんですが・・・ Excuse me.

Sumimase¹n. [subject] ga ~na¹nain de¹su ga... [subject] won't XXX...

① かぎ

kagi¹

lock

開く (→開かない)

aku (→akanai)

open



② 浴衣のサイズ

yukata no sa¹izu

summer kimono's size

合う (→合わない)

a¹u (→awa¹nai)

fit



Bonus Phrase

少々お待ちください。

Sho¹oshoo omachi kudasa¹i.

Please wait a minute.

This polite phrase is used when asking hotel guests or customers to wait. The dictionary form of the verb is “matsu,” meaning “to wait.”



Haru-san's Bagful of Advice

Staying at a Japanese Inn

The rooms at a ryokan, a Japanese inn, typically have tatami straw-mat flooring. Take your shoes off when you enter. Light kimono, yukata, will be waiting in your room. Some inns bring meals to the room and roll out the futon mattress for you before bedtime.

Hot spring inn



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You can wear the yukata for a stroll around the resort. Many people like to take several baths during their stay: after checking in, before going to bed, and then again upon waking. You can experience a lot of Japan right inside a ryokan.

Answer ① すみません。鍵が開かないんですが・・・。

Sumimase'n. Kagi ga akanai'n de'su ga...

② すみません。浴衣のサイズが合わないんですが・・・。

Sumimase'n. Yukata no sa'izu ga awai'nain de'su ga...