

LESSON 43 げん き 元気そうですね

Genki soo desu ne

You look well.



Today's Skit

タム : 悠輝さん、お久しぶりです。 Yuuki-san, long time
 Tam Yu¹uki-san, ohisashiburi de¹su. no see.

悠輝 : あ! タムさん……。 Oh!
 Yuuki A! Ta¹mu san... Tam-san...

タム : 去年、日本に来ました。 I came to Japan last year.
 Tam Kyo¹nen, Niho¹n ni kima¹shita.

日本語を勉強しています。 I'm studying Japanese.
 Nihongo o benkyoo-shite ima¹su.

悠輝 : そう。夢がかなったんですね。 I see.
 Yuuki So¹o. Yume¹ ga kana¹ttan de¹su ne. Your dream has come true.

タム : はい。 Yes.
 Tam Ha¹i.

悠輝さんも、元気そうですね。 Yuuki-san, you look well
 Yu¹uki-san mo, genki so¹o de¹su ne. too.

また会えてうれしいです。 I'm glad to see you again.
 Mata a¹ete ureshi¹i de¹su.

Vocabulary

ひさ 久しぶり in a long time
 hisashiburi

ゆめ dream
 yume¹

また again
 mata

きょねん 去年 last year
 kyo¹nen

かなう come true
 kana¹u

あ 会う meet
 a¹u

そう I see
 so¹o

げん き 元気(な) well
 ge¹nki (na)

うれしい glad
 ureshi¹i

Key Phrase

げんき
元気そうですね。

Genki so'o de'su ne

You look well.

To express your impressions of what you see or your evaluation of the situation, use "[adjective] + soo desu." With NA-adjectives, take away the "na" at the end and attach "soo desu." With I-adjectives, take away the "i" at the end and attach "soo desu."

Use It!

あ、フリーマーケットをやっていますね。

A, furii-ma'aketto o yatte ma'su ne.

わあ、おもしろそう!

Waa, omoshiroso'o!

Ah, they are having a flea market.
Wow, that looks interesting!



Try It Out!

~そうですね。 It looks XXX.

~so'o de'su ne.

① ちょっと

cho'tto
a bit

たか
高い

taka'i
expensive



② 今日は

kyo'owa
today

ダメ(な)

dame' (na)
bad



Bonus Phrase

ひさ
お久しぶりです。

Ohisashiburi de'su.

Long time no see.

This phrase is a greeting to someone you haven't seen for quite a while. If it's a friend, you can just say "Hisashiburi."



Haru-san's Bagful of Advice

Seasonal Flowers in Japan

Many places around the country are known for their flowers. After the cherry blossoms in spring, hydrangeas welcome in the rainy season.

Cherry blossoms at the Imperial Palace (Tokyo)



Hydrangeas at Hondo-ji Temple (Chiba Pref.)



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In summer, people flock to see lavender and sunflowers covering wide open spaces. In autumn, trees change color, and cosmos flowers appear. Plum blossoms show up from winter to spring. Many people feel that “spring is just around the corner” when they see them.

Sunflowers in Hokuryu Town (Hokkaido)



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Plum blossoms at Osaka Castle (Osaka)



Answer ① ちょっと、^{たか}高そうですね。

Cho'tto, takaso'o de'su ne.

② 今日^{きょう}は、ダメそうですね。

Kyo'o wa, dameso'o de'su ne.