

Zoom Class - Asking Questions (Verb)

Part 1: Short Self-Introduction

I will quickly cover the phrases below.

1. はじめまして。[Name] です。 *Hello, I am [Name].*
Hajimemashite. [Name] desu.
2. [Country] に すんでいます。 *I live in [Country].*
[Country] ni sunde masu.
3. よろしくおねがいします。 *Nice to meet you.*
Yoroshiku onegai shimasu.

*Prepare your own self-introduction with #1-3 phrases:

Part 2: Learn the Verbs “drink, eat, listen, watch.”

We will use only the following four verbs in this session.

(1) “drink” のみます nomimasu

coffee: コーヒー (koohii), tea: おちゃ (ocha), alcohol: おさけ (osake)

(2) “eat” たべます tabemasu

sweets: あまいもの (amai mono), Japanese food: にほんしょく (Nihon shoku)

(3) “listen” ききます kikimasu

music: おんがく (ongaku), Podcast: ポッドキャスト (poddo kyasuto)

(4) “watch” みます mimasu

Anime: アニメ (anime), Japanese movies: にほんのえいが (Nihon no eiga)

Part 3: Pattern Drill: “Do you...?”

During the drill, you can voluntarily practice with your **microphone OFF**. You will never be called on to answer questions during the drill or lecture.

Structure:

 X (を) Verbますか。 Do you [Verb] X ?
 X (o) Verb-masu ka.

Example: おちゃ (を) のみますか。 “Do you drink tea?”
Ocha (o) nomimasu ka.

***Prepare your own “Do you...?” questions. Use the vocabulary provided above:**

- (1) _____
(2) _____
(3) _____
(4) _____

***Responses:**

はい。 “Yes.” いえ、あまり…。 “No, not really...”
Hai. **Ie, amari...**

そうですか。 “Is that so. / I see.”
Sou desu ka.

わたし **も** です。 “So am I. / So do I. / Me too.”
Watashi mo desu.

*Useful Phrases:

えいごで なんですか？Eego de, nan desu ka?

“What is it in English?”

(= What is it by means of English?)

OR

えいごだと なんですか？Eego dato, nan desu ka?

“What is it in English?”

(= What is it if it's said in English?)

* This version is slightly more conversational.

Bonus: Expand the Conversation (FYI)

Below is an example of how you can expand the conversation after asking, “Do you..?” It's **for your reference only**, as we won't have time to cover this part during the session.

You: Short Self-Introduction**Friend:** Short Self-Introduction**You:** Ask your “Do you...?” question.おちゃ (を) のみますか。 Ocha (o) nomimasu ka.“Do you drink tea?”**Friend:** はい。 Hai.

“Yes.”

You: おちゃ は なに が すきですか。

“As for tea, what do you like?”

Ocha wa nani ga sukidesu ka.

(= What is your favorite tea?)

Friend: Chamomile tea が すきです。

“I like chamomile tea.”

Chamomile tea ga sukidesu.**You:** そうですか。 Soo desu ka.

“I see.”

You: わたしも です。 Watashi mo desu.

“Me too.”

You: わたし は x が すきです。 Watashi wa X ga sukidesu.

“I like xxx.”

***During the Pair-Work:**

(1) Practice with your partner:

(2) Connect with your partner:

It's always nice to connect with your fellow students. Chat in English to learn about each other.

= Example topics/questions =

1. How long have you been studying Japanese?
2. Why are you studying Japanese?
3. Have you been to Japan? How was your experience in Japan?
4. Do you have Japanese people with whom to interact in your local area?
5. Have you already learned Hiragana or Katakana or both? What about Kanji?
6. What has been helpful for your Japanese learning? Do you recommend any learning resources? (Apps, websites, books, etc.)