

Chapters

Chapter 1 Basic Phrases

- 01 こんにちは。Konnichiwa. *Hello.* 14
- 02 ありがとうございます。Arigatoo gozaimasu. *Thank you.* 16
- 03 すみません。Sumimasen. *Excuse me.* 18
- 04 はい。/いいえ。Hai. / lie. *Yes. / No.* 20
- 05 おねがいします。Onegai shimasu. *Please.* 22
- 06 わかりました。Wakarimashita. *Understood.* 24
- 07 わたしは ○○です。Watashi wa ○○ desu. *I'm (name).* 26
- 08 ○○から きました。○○ kara kimashita. *I'm from (place).* 28
- 09 日本語を ^{にほんご}べんきょうしています。Nihongo o benkyoo shite imasu.
I'm studying Japanese. 30
- 10 わたしは ^{がくせい}学生です。Watashi wa gakusee desu. *I'm a student.* 32
- 11 ラーメンが すきです。Raamen ga suki desu. *I like ramen.* 34

Chapter 2 Eating and Drinking Phrases

- 12 ^{ふたり}2人です。Futari desu. *Two of us.* 38
- 13 ^{ちゅうもん}注文 いいですか? Chuumon ii desu ka? *Can we place our order?* 40
- 14 これは なんですか? Kore wa nan desu ka? *What's this?* 42
- 15 ぶたにくは たべられません。Butaniku wa taberaremasen.
I can't eat pork. 44
- 16 おすすめは なんですか? Osusume wa nan desu ka?
What's your recommendation? 46
- 17 いただきます。Itadakimasu. *Thank you for the meal. (before eating)* 48

18	^{みず} お水 おねがいします。 Omizu onegai shimasu. <i>Could I get some water?</i> ..	50
19	おかいけい おねがいします。 Okaikee onegai shimasu. <i>Could we get the check?</i>	52
20	ごちそうさまでした。 Gochisoosama deshita. <i>Thank you for the meal. (after eating)</i>	54
21	おいしかったです。 Oishikatta desu. <i>The food was so good.</i>	56

Chapter 3 Shopping Phrases

22	これは ありますか? Kore wa arimasu ka? <i>Do you have this?</i>	60
23	^{おお} 大きい サイズは ありますか? Ookii saizu wa arimasu ka? <i>Do you have this in a larger size?</i>	62
24	これに します。 Kore ni shimasu. <i>I'll go with this.</i>	64
25	ホットコーヒーを ^{ひと} 1つ おねがいします。 Hotto koohii o hitotsu onegai shimasu. <i>I'll have a hot coffee, please.</i>	66
26	いくらですか? Ikura desu ka? <i>How much?</i>	68
27	クレジットカードは つかえますか? Kurejitto kaado wa tsukaemasu ka? <i>Do you accept credit cards?</i>	70

Chapter 4 Sightseeing Phrases

28	チェックイン おねがいします。 Chekku in onegai shimasu. <i>I'd like to check in.</i>	74
29	^{ワイ ファイ} Wi-Fiは ありますか? Waifai wa arimasu ka? <i>Is there Wi-Fi available?</i>	76
30	^{とうきょうえき} 東京駅に ^い 行きたいのですが。 Tookyoo eki ni ikitai no desu ga. <i>How do I get to Tokyo Station?</i>	78

- 31** しゃしんを とりましょうか? Shashin o torimashoo ka?
Would you like me to take a picture? 80
- 32** しゃしんを とってもらえますか? Shashin o totte moraemasu ka?
Can you take a picture for me? 82
- 33** この おかしは どこで ^か 買えますか? Kono okashi wa doko de
 kaemasu ka? *Where can I get this treat?* 84
- 34** この バスは ^{きよみずでら} 清水寺に ^い 行きますか? Kono basu wa Kiyomizudera ni
 ikimasu ka? *Does this bus go to Kiyomizu-dera Temple?* 86
- 35** なん時からですか? Nan ji kara desu ka? *What time does it start?* 88
- 36** トイレは どこですか? Toire wa doko desu ka? *Where is the bathroom?* 90

Chapter 5 More Conversational Phrases

- 37** あついですね。Atsui desu ne. *Sure is hot today.* 94
- 38** おつかれさまです。Otsukaresama desu. *Otsukaresama desu.* 96
- 39** だいじょうぶですか? Daijoubu desu ka? *Are you okay?* 98
- 40** たのしいです。Tanoshii desu. *This is fun.* 100
- 41** きれい! Kiree! *So pretty!* 102
- 42** めん かためで おねがいます。Men katame de onegai shimasu.
Make the noodles firm please. 104
- 43** SNS ^{エヌエヌエヌ} やっていますか? Esu-enu-esu yatte imasu ka?
Are you on any social media? 106
- 44** おめでとうございます。Omedetoo gozaimasu. *Congratulations.* 108

Chapter 6 Help Phrases

- 45** さいふを なくしました。Saifu o nakushimashita. *I lost my wallet.* 112

- 46 ^{でんしゃ} 電車で スマホを わすれました。Densha ni sumaho o wasuremashita.
I forgot my phone on the train. 114
- 47 きぶんが わるいです。Kibun ga warui desu. *I'm not feeling very well.* ... 116
- 48 あたまが いたいです。Atama ga itai desu. *My head hurts.* 118
- 49 すこし よこに なりたいです。Sukoshi yoko ni naritai desu.
I need to lie down for a little bit. 120
- 50 たすけてください! Tasukete kudasai! *Somebody help!* 122

Characters' Introduction

Tanaka-san



Is a piece of tuna
sushi.
Teaches Japanese.
Likes coffee.

Egg-san



Is a piece of
tamago sushi.
Studies Japanese.
Likes Tofu-san.

Tofu-san



Friend of Tanaka-
san and Egg-san.
Possesses a
mysterious charm
and beauty.

Kirin-san



Works a variety of
part-time jobs to
fulfill his dream
of becoming a
singer.

Fuji-san



Old man who lives
near Tanaka-san's
house.

Takoyaki-san



Originally from
Osaka.
Owns and runs a
takoyaki shop.

Tempura-san



A waiter at a cafe
who secretly has
feelings for Tofu-
san.

Ichigo-chan

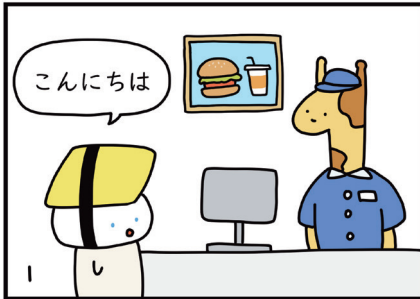


A popular idol.
Tanaka-san is her
biggest fan.

こんにちは。

Konnichiwa.
Hello.

🔊 1-1



Konnichiwa.
Hello.



Konnichiwa, irasshaimase!
Hello, welcome to our business!



'Nihongo de kawai dekita...!'
'I just had a conversation in Japanese...!'



Ano, chuumon wa...?
Uh, what about your order...?

This is one of the most basic greeting phrases you can learn. It's similar to "Hello" in English. But in Japanese, the standard greeting can change with the time of day like morning and night, we'll cover that a little further in the book.





きりんさん、こんにちは。
Kirin san, konnichiwa.
Kirin-san, hello.

Conversation
Example

🔊 1-2

エッグさん、こんにちは。
きょう 天気
今日は いい 天気ですね。

Egg san, konnichiwa. Kyo wa ii tenki desu ne.
Egg-san, hello. The weather sure is nice today, isn't it?



Vocabulary

🔊 1-3

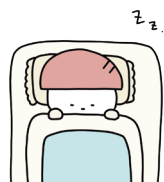


おはようございます。
Ohayoo gozaimasu.
Good morning.

Various greetings



こんばんは。
Kombanwa.
Good evening.



おやすみなさい。
Oyasumi nasai.
Good night.

Tips!
from Tanaka 

When speaking, say "konnichiwa";
when writing, write "konnichiha"

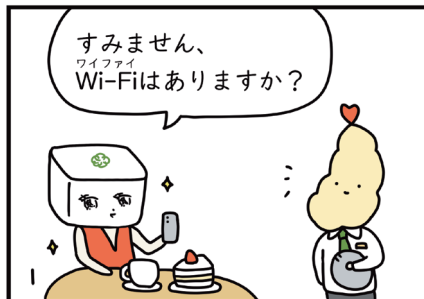
The character は is normally pronounced as "ha," but in the greetings こんにちは and こんばんは, the character は is pronounced as "wa." Remember this, because sometimes は is also pronounced as "wa" like in these words or when it is used as a particle.



ワイファイ
Wi-Fiは ありますか？

Waifai wa arimasu ka?

Is there Wi-Fi available?



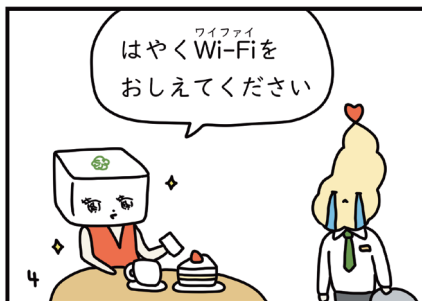
Sumimasen, waifai wa arimasu ka?
Excuse me, is there Wi-Fi available?



Hai, kochira desu.
Yes, here you are.

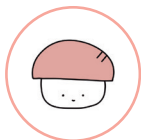


Watashi no denwa bangoo desu:
"deeto shite kudasai."
My Phone Number:
"Please go out with me."



Hayaku waifai o oshiete kudasai.
Could you just tell me the Wi-Fi
information?

This phrase is used to ask about the availability of Wi-Fi at accommodations, cafes, or other places. When traveling, access to the internet is essential for looking up information about places to visit and navigating your way. While some may opt to purchase a SIM card for their stay in Japan, many visitors with shorter stays rely on free Wi-Fi networks as their primary means of connectivity. In recent years, the number of spots offering free Wi-Fi has increased, so it's worth learning how to use this phrase.

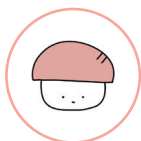


^{ワイファイ}
Wi-Fiは ありますか？
Waifai wa arimasu ka?
Is there Wi-Fi available?

Conversation
Example

🔊 29-2

すみません、ここは ^{ワイファイ} Wi-Fiが ありません。
Sumimasen, koko wa waifai ga arimasen.
I'm sorry, but we don't.



そうですね。わかりました。
Soo desu ka. Wakarimashita.
I see. Thanks.

Bonus
Phrase

🔊 29-3

Ask for Wi-Fi password

^{ワイファイ}
Wi-Fiの パスワードは 何ですか？
Waifai no pasuwaado wa nan desu ka?
What is the Wi-Fi password?

Tips /
from Tanaka 

About free Wi-Fi

In Japan, there used to be fewer spots with Wi-Fi access compared to a lot of places overseas. However, in recent years, with the boom in tourism, the number of free Wi-Fi spots has increased a lot, and you can now find them in various places such as:

- Shinkansen (bullet trains)
- Train stations
- Shopping malls
- Tourist attractions
- Cafes

