

LESSON 3: SAYING YES AND NO & INDICATING LOCATION

As stated in Simple Conversation in Japanese, “In Japanese you may use the word – san after other people’s names even if they are your friends, it can sound rude not to use ‘san’”.

- ‘desu ka’ is the question form of ‘desu’
- ‘ja arimasen’ is the negative form of ‘desu’

Examples taken from : Simple Conversation in Japanese

サリム さん です か。 – Sarimu san desu ka. (Are you Mr . Salim?)

はい – hai (yes) いいえ - iie (no)

はい そう です – hai , so desu (Yes, (it is/ that’s right)

いいえ、ちがいます – iie chigaimasu (no, it isn’t)

サリム じゃ ありません - Sarimu ja arimasen (I am not Salim)

LOCATION : Where – doko

トイレはどこですか。 Toire wa doko desu ka. (Where is the toilet?)

トイレ Toire is an example of katakana

でんわ は どこ です か。 Denwa wa doko desu ka. – (Where is the telephone?)

でんわ Denwa is an example of hiragana / 電話 Denwa (Kanji form).

RESPONSE: あそこです。 - Asoko desu. (It’s over there- to refer to the toilet or the telephone.

すみません。 - sumimasen (Excuse me)

DIALOGUE

- Chotto sumimasen- Excuse me
- Hai- Yes
- Jisho wa doko desu ka. – Well, Where is the dictionary?
- Asoko desu. – It’s over there
- A so desu ka, Domo arigatou. – Oh , I see. Thank you

PRACTICE ASKIN THE LOCATION OF THE WORDS USING EITHER HIRAGANA OR KATAKANA

Where is the dictionary?- Jisho wa doko desu ka. じしょ は どこ です か。
Where is the paper?-
Where is the notebook? -
Where is the glue?-

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