

What is it?

nan desu ka

What is this?

kore wa nan desu ka

wa = as for/concerning

As for this, what is it?

New words

This (near me)

kore / kono (thing)

That (near us)

sore / sono (thing)

That (over there)

are (ah day) / ano

- What is that? (near us)
- sore wa nan desu ka
- *wa = as for/concerning*
- As for that, what is it?

- What is that over there?
- are wa nan desu ka
- *wa = as for/concerning*
- As for that over there, what is it?

- kono, sono, ano (thing)
- Where, When, Whose
- Non-tangible, activities, events
- *ano also using for vocal pause*
- *eeto is more common*

- sono hon wa doko desu ka?
- koko, soko, asoko + desu
- Sono [activity] wa itsu desu ka?
- When is that activity?

- Yesterday, Today, Tomorrow
- Last week, this week, next week
- Last year, this year, next year
- Last month, this month, next month
- January, February, ...

- kinou, kyou, ashita
- Senshuu, kon shuu, rai shuu
- Kyou nen, kotoshi, rai nen
- Sen getsu, kon getsu, rai getsu
- Ichi gatsu, ni gatsu, ...(easy)

- Now = ima, later = ato (de)
- Soon = mou sugu

- sono [class] wa itsu desu ka?
- ashita desu
- Sono [activity] wa itsu desu ka?
- rai nen desu. It is next year.

- [Graduation] wa itsu desu ka?
- san gatsu desu
- [Summer vacation] itsu desu ka?
- shichi gatsu kara hachi gatsu made
- ji = time/o'clock
- ima nanji desu ka?
- ima shichi ji desu.
- mou sugu owari desu.

ima owari desu
rai shuu made