



Learn Japanese Pod with Asuka and Alex

Series 02 Podcast 06: Useful Classroom Japanese Phrases

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In this lesson you will learn the following:

- ✓ How to ask your Japanese teacher the meaning of a word.
- ✓ How to ask your teacher to give you an example sentence for a word.
- ✓ How to use respectful language when talking to your Sensei.





Vocabulary

| Japanese | Pronunciation | English |
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| 先生 | Sensei | Teacher |
| ちょっと | Chotto | A little |
| 質問 | Shitsumon | Question |
| どうぞ | Dōzo | Please go ahead |
| ...てどういう意味ですか | ...te dō iu imi desu ka | What does ... mean? |
| ...という意味です。 | ...to iu imi desu | It means... |
| ...でどんな文章が作るんですか？ | ...de donna bunshō ga tsukurun desu ka | What kind of sentence can you make with... |
| 食事 | Shokuji | Food |
| 残す | Nokosu | To leave something |
| 彼女 | Kanojo | Girlfriend |
| 振る | Furu | To shake / to dump someone |
| 使える | Tsukaeru | To be able to use something |
| 君 | Kimi | You (casual) |
| 指輪 | Yubiwa | Ring |



Main Dialog 1 (Japanese)

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| Student: | 先生、ちょっと質問があります。 | Sensei, chotto shitsumon ga arimasu. |
| Teacher: | はい、どうぞ。 | Hai dōzo. |
| Student: | 「もったいない」ってどういう意味ですか？ | Mottainai tte dō iu imi desu ka. |
| Teacher: | それはtoo good to wasteという意味です。 | Sore wa too good to waste to iu imi desu. |
| Student: | 「もったいない」で、どんな文章が作れるんですか？ | Mottainai de donna bunshō ga tsukurun desu ka. |
| Teacher: | 食事を残すなんてもったいない。 | Shokuji o nokosu nante mottainai. |
| Student: | そのように使うんですね。わかりました。ありがとうございます。 | Sono yō ni tsukaun desu ne. Wakarimashita. Arigatō gozaimasu. |



Main Dialog (*English*)

Student: (Teacher) Could I just ask a question?

Teacher: Yes, go ahead.

Student: What does “Mottainai” mean?

Teacher: “Mottainai” means too good to waste.

Student: How do you use “Mottainai” in a sentence?

Teacher: Leaving food is a waste (mottainai).

Student: That’s how you use it! I understand. Thank you.



Random Phrase - Mottainai - It's a waste

- 1) 彼女を振ったなんてもったいない！
Kanojo futta nante mottainai
Dumping your girlfriend is such a waste!

- 2) もう新しいパソコン買うの？もったいないな、まだ使えるのに。
mō atarashii pasokon kau no. mottainai na, mada tsukaeru noni.
You're buying a new PC already? That's a waste, you can still use the old one.

- 3) 君にその指輪はもったいないよ。
Kimi ni sono yubiwa mottainai yo
That ring is wasted on you.



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