



Learn Japanese Pod with Ami and Alex: Podcast 17: How to exchange opinions in Japanese

In this lesson you will learn the following:

- ✓ How to ask someone's opinions on a wide range of subjects
- ✓ How to say what you think of something or someone using the verb 思う *omou* - To think.

LEVEL: Upper Beginner Level

SITUATION: You are having a conversation with you friend and want to know what they think about something.



Introduction

In this lesson Ami and I teach you how to ask and give your opinions on various topics using the verb 思う Omou - To think. This is usually used to say “I think that...”.

思う is a very useful phrase you use all the time in conversation in Japanese. The main grammatical structure we will be using is this:

Something or someone...どう思う? *Dō omou* which means what do you think about so and so... For example:

彼女どう思う?	<i>Kanojo wa dō omou</i>	What do you think of her?
彼どう思う?	<i>Kare wa dō omou</i>	What do you think of him?

Then to answer you could say your opinion plus と思う which means I think so and so. So, for example you can say 可愛いと思うよ *Kawaii to omou yo* which means I think she's cute or カッコイイと思うよ *Kakko ii to omou* which means I think he's cool.

Here are the example conversations in the podcast:

Dialog 01

A:	君のなはってどう思う?	<i>Kimi no na wa dō omou?</i>	What do you think of “Kimi no na wa”?
B:	面白いと思うよ。	<i>Omoshiroi to omou yo.</i>	I think it's interesting.
A:	なんでそう思うの?	<i>Nande sō omou no?</i>	Why do you think so?
B:	ストーリーがロマンチックだからね。	<i>Sutoorii ga romanchikku da kara ne.</i>	Because the story is romantic.



Dialog 02

A:	ねえ、iPhoneってどう思う？	<i>Nee, iPhone te dō omou?</i>	What do you think of the iPhone?
B:	まあまあだと思うよ。	<i>Maamaa da to omou yo.</i>	It's so so.
A:	なんでそう思うの？	<i>Nande sō omou no?</i>	Why do you think so?
B:	便利だけど高いからね。	<i>Benri dakedo taki kara ne.</i>	Because it's useful but expensive.

Dialog 03

A:	ねえ、この髪型ってどう思う？	<i>Nee, kono kamigata dō omou?</i>	What do you think of my hairstyle?
B:	似合うと思うよ。	<i>Niau to omou yo.</i>	It suits you.
A:	なんでそう思うの？	<i>Nande sō omou no?</i>	Why do you think so?
B:	君は顔が小さいからね。	<i>Kimi wa kao ga chiisai kara ne.</i>	Because you have a small face.

Dialog 04

A:	ねえ、彼女ってどう思う？	<i>Nee, kanojo te dō omou?</i>	What do you think of her?
B:	可愛いと思うよ。	<i>Kawaii to omou yo.</i>	She's cute.
A:	なんでそう思うの？	<i>Nande sō omou no?</i>	Why do you think so?
B:	おっちょこちょいだからね。	<i>Occhokochou dakara ne.</i>	Because she's so clumsy.



Dialog 05

A:	ねえ、彼ってどう思う？	<i>Nee, kare te dō omou?</i>	What do you think of him?
B:	いい人じゃないと思うよ。	<i>Ii hito ja nai to omou yo.</i>	I don't think he's a good person.
A:	なんでそう思うの？	<i>Nande sō omou no?</i>	Why do you think so?
B:	浮気ばかりしてるからね。	<i>Uwaki bakari dakara ne.</i>	Because he's always cheating (on girls).

Dialog 06

A:	ねえ、このレストランってどう思う？	<i>Nee, kono restoran te dō omou?</i>	What do you think of this restaurant?
B:	イマイチだと思うよ。	<i>Imaichi da to omou yo.</i>	It's a little disappointing.
A:	なんでそう思うの？	<i>Nande sō omou no?</i>	Why do you think so?
B:	食べ物は美味しいけどサービスが悪いからね。	<i>Tabemono wa oishii kedo saabisu ga warui kara ne.</i>	Because although the food is good the service is bad.

Extra Grammar Notes

Casual and polite ways to say "I think..."

Casual	Polite
どう思う？ <i>Dō omou?</i> What do you think?	どう思いますか <i>Dō omoimasu ka?</i> What do you think?
...と思う。 <i>...to omou</i> I think...	...と思います。 <i>...to omoimasu.</i> I think ...



Random Phrase of the Week

A: 最近どう？

Saikin dō?

How have you been recently?

B: 相変わらずだよ

Aikawarazu da yo

Same old, same old...



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