

(Memorize vocabularies at the Appendices before studying this lesson.)

§1 **ima gozen 1-ji 15-fun desu.** (It is 1:15 a.m. now.)

When telling the time, we mention the hour first, then the minutes.

Example:

ex.1 **ima gogo 4-ji 10-pun desu.** (It is 4:10 p.m. now.)

ex.2 **ima choudo 9-ji desu.** (It is just 9 o'clock now.)

New Question-Word:

ex3. Q: **ima nan-ji \* (nan-pun) desu ka.** (What time is it now?)

A: **[ima] 3-ji han desu.** (Three thirty.)

ex4. Q: **Nihon wa ima nan-ji \* (nan-pun) desu ka.** (What time is it in Japan now?)

A: **[ima] gozen 11-ji 15 fun desu.** (11:15 am.)

\* '**nan-ji**' is a question-word for asking what time it is. When we ask the time, normally we do not have to say '**nan-pun**'.



§2 **kyou wa 11-gatsu 18-nichi desu.** (Today is the eighteenth of November.)

When telling the date, we mention the month first, then the day.

Example:

ex.1 **ashita wa 5-gatsu mik-ka desu.** (Tomorrow is the third of May.)

ex.2 **asatte wa 4-gatsu futsu-ka desu.** (The day after tomorrow is the second of April.)

New Question-Word:

ex.3 Q: **kyou wa nan-gatsu nan-nichi 1 desu ka.** (Which month and what date is it today?)

A: **[kyou wa] 7-gatsu juuyok-ka desu.** (The fourteenth of July.)

ex.4 Q: **asatte wa nan-gatsu nan-nichi 1 desu ka.**

(Which month and what date is it the day after tomorrow?)

A: **[asatte wa] 6-gatsu too-ka desu.** (The tenth of June.)

ex.5 Q: **anata no tanjoubi wa itsu 2 desu ka.** (When is your birthday?)

A: **[watashi no tanjoubi wa] 1-gatsu futsu-ka desu.** (The second of January.)

ex.6 Q: **otousan no tanjoubi wa itsu 2 desu ka.** (When is your father's birthday?)

A: **[chichi no tanjoubi wa] 8-gatsu kokono-ka desu.** (The ninth of August.)

1. '**nan-gatsu nan-nichi**' is a question-word for asking which month and what day of the month it is. '**nan-gatsu**' means "which month" and '**nan-nichi**' means "what day of the month."

2. '**itsu**' is a question-word for asking when it is and it means "when."



§3 **kyou wa kin-youbi desu.** (Today is Friday.)

Example:

ex.1 **ashita wa ka-youbi desu.**(Tomorrow is Tuesday.)

ex.2 **asatte wa nichi-youbi desu.** (The day after tomorrow is Sunday.)

New Question-Word:

ex.3 Q: **ashita wa nan-youbi \* desu ka.** (What day of the week is it tomorrow?)

A: **[ashita wa] getsu-youbi desu.** (It is Monday.)

ex.4 Q: **asatte wa nan-youbi \* desu ka.** (What day is the day after tomorrow?)

A: **[ashita wa] moku-youbi desu.** (Thursday.)

\* '**nan-youbi**' is a question-word for asking what day of the week it is and it means "what day of the week."



§4 **kotoshi wa 2000-nen desu.** (This year is 2000.)

Example:

ex.1 **rai-nen wa 2001-nen desu.**(Next year is 2001.)

ex.2 **kyo-nen wa 1999-nen desu.** (Last year is 1999.)

New Question-Word:

ex.3 Q: **rai-nen wa nan-nen \* desu ka.** (What year is next year?)

A: **[rai-nen wa] 2002-nen desu.** (2002.)

ex.4 Q: **sarai-nen wa nan-nen \* desu ka.** (What year is the year after next?)

A: **[rai-nen wa] 2003-nen desu.** (2002.)

\* '**nan-nen**' is a question-word for asking what year it is.

A: **Tan-san, shingapouru no kenkoku kinenbi wa itsu desu ka.**

B: **eetto, 8-gatsu kokono-ka desu.**

A: **honto desu ka? jaa, watashi no tanjoubi to onaji 1 desu ne.**

B: **sou desu ka. nihon no kenkoku kinenbi wa itsu desu ka?**

A: **2-gatsu 11-nichi desu.**

1. '(A) **wa** (B) **to onaji** desu' means "(A) is the same as (B)". '(A) **wa** (B) **to chigaimasu**' means "(A) is different from (B)".

A: Mr Tan, when is Singapore National Day?

B: Let me see, it's the ninth of August.

A: Really? It's the same as my birthday.

B: Is that so? When is Japan Foundation Day?

A: It's the eleventh of February.