

Online Japanese Lesson for beginners

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Practice Greeting:

あいさつの練習

(ai satsu no ren shu)

挨拶の練習: Practice Japanese Greeting

T. おはようございます
O ha yo u go za I ma su
Good Morning (polite)

A: おはよう
O ha yo u
Good Morning (Casual)

T. こんにちは
Ko n ni chi wa
Hello

T. こんばんは
Ko n ba n wa
Good Evening

T. さようなら
Sa yo o na ra
Good Bye (Polite Way)

T. じゃね
Jya ne
Good Bye (Casual)

言語の理解: Understand the Vocabulary

Please see the graph below to understand the vocabulary used in the greeting conversation. There are 10 vocabularies, and all written with Hiragana script.

Japanese	Romanji (How to pronounce)	English
おはようございます	Oha yoo go za i ma su	Good Morning (Polite way)
おはよう	Oha yo	Good Morning (Casual)
こんにちは	Ko n Nichi Wa	Hello, Good Afternoon
こんばんは	Ko n ban wa	Good Evening
さようなら	Sa yo o na ra	Good Bye (Polite Way)
じゃあね	Jya a ne	Good Bye (very casual)

言語の解説: Explanation of Vocabulary

Here is the explanation of each vocabulary used in the greeting conversation. Basically, the difference between polite and less polite way of saying is explained. There are 5 Japanese words starting from “Good morning” Japanese phrase, and ends with “Thank you very much” Japanese phrase.

1. おはようございます & おはよう

(Ohayoo gozaimasu & Ohayoo)

Ohayoo gozaimasu おはようございます is polite way of saying Good morning in Japanese. Oh the other hand, Ohayoo おはよう is less polite than Ohayoo gozaimasu since the former is an abbreviation, and an abbreviated form is generally casual, as it requires less effort.

2. こんにちは &こんばんは

(Konnichiwa & Konbanwa)

During the daytime, konnichiwa こんにちは is used to greet people.

Although it literally means “as for this day”, it is something like “How are you?” or “Hello” in Japanese.

On the other hand, Konbanwa こんばんは merely means “as for this evening”, but like Konnichiwa, it is used “Hello” only for evening.

Note: You might notice that we have used “ha”は hiragana sound for “wa”わ in this case. Like in this case, ha sound is used for wa sound instead of the real wa hiragana symbol. ~~こんにちわ~~ ⇒ こんにちは

3. さようなら &じゃあね

(Sa yo o na ra & Jya a ne)

When causally said, Sayoonara さようなら becomes sayonara さよなら, or jyaane じゃあね. Literally, Sayoonara means “I must now get going” or “Well then, it is time to go” in Japanese.

Nowadays, the majority of young Japanese people use jyaane for saying good bye, as it is a casual, however, when you meet someone older or in a business situation, you need to use sayoonara, or sayonara.

