

Japanese Verbs: Saying What You Mean

Exercises for Lessons 1-16 – Answer Key

These exercises test your knowledge of the material covered in Lessons 1 to 16 (pages 1-28 in the book).

A. Translate the following Japanese verbs into English:

1. *aruku* walk
2. *isogu* hurry
3. *matsu* wait
4. *yomu* read
5. *kaeru* return
6. *kimeru* decide
7. *kariru* borrow
8. *iku* go
9. *noru* ride
10. *okiru* get up
11. *yasumu* rest
12. *hakobu* carry
13. *naosu* repair
14. *suwaru* sit
15. *kuru* come
16. *shinpai suru* worry
17. *oboeru* remember
18. *kaku* write
19. *hataraku* work
20. *sanpo suru* take a walk

B. Translate the following sentences into English:

1. *Watashi wa coca-cola o nomu.*
I'll drink coca-cola.
2. *Watashi wa atarashii kasa o kau.*
I'm going to buy a new umbrella.
3. *Kodomotachi wa shichiji made¹ asobu.*
The kids will play until 7:00.
4. *Watashi wa ringo o taberu.*
I'm going to eat an apple.
5. *John ni jisho o ageru.*
I'll give John a dictionary.
6. *Konban² benkyou suru?*
Are you going to study this evening?
7. *Kanojo wa pasokon o tsukau.*
She will use the computer.
8. *Kare wa eiga o mitai.*
He wants to watch a movie.
9. *Kodomotachi wa kouen ni asobi ni iku.*
The children will go to the park to play.
10. *Kimiko wa benkyou shinagara ongaku o kiku.*
Kimiko listens to music while she studies.

C. Convert the above Japanese into polite Japanese sentences.

1. *Watashi wa coca-cola o nomimasu.*
2. *Watashi wa atarashii kasa o kaimasu.*
3. *Kodomotachi wa shichiji made asobimasu.*
4. *Watashi wa ringo o tabemasu.*
5. *John ni jisho o agemasu.*
6. *Konban benkyou shimasu ka?*
7. *Kanojo wa pasokon o tsukaimasu.*

1 *made*: until

2 *konban*: this evening

8. Kare wa eiga o mitai desu.
9. Kodomotachi wa kouen ni asobi ni ikimasu.
10. Kimiko wa benkyou shinagara ongaku o kikimasu.

D. Translate the following English into polite Japanese:

1. She always eats too much.
Kanojo wa itsumo tabesugimasu.
2. He got up at 8:00.
Kare wa hachiji ni okimashita.
3. His name is hard to remember.
Kare no namae wa oboenikui desu.
4. John wants to go play in the park.
John wa kouen ni asobi ni ikitai desu.
5. Do you want to take a break?
Yasumitai desu ka?³
6. Bob will do it.
Bob ga shimasu.⁴
7. Ken is twelve years old.
Ken wa juuni sai desu.
8. I didn't see that movie.
Sono eiga o mimasen deshita.
9. Let's go.
Ikimashou.
10. Fix it!
Naoshinasai!

³ The subject is often omitted in Japanese when it is known or obvious.

⁴ *Ga* is used to emphasize the subject. In this case, *who* will do the action.