

Japanese Verbs: Saying What You Mean

Exercises for Lessons 17-23 – Answer Key

These exercises test your knowledge of the material covered in Lessons 17 to 23 (pages 28-41 in the book).

A. Translate the following Japanese verbs into English:

1. *kaeru* return
2. *yomu* read
3. *tsukau* use
4. *kimeru* decide
5. *furu* fall
6. *iku* go
7. *kariru* borrow
8. *kau* buy
9. *asobu* play
10. *kuru* come

B. Convert the verbs above into plain negative Japanese by changing them into Base 1 with the *nai* ending:

1. *kaeranai*
2. *yomanai*
3. *tsukawanai*
4. *kimenai*
5. *furanai*
6. *ikanai*
7. *karinai*
8. *kawanai*
9. *asobanai*
10. *konai*

C. Translate the following sentences into English:

1. *Watashi wa manga o yomanai.*

I don't read comic books.

2. *Jim wa konai.*

Jim won't come.

3. *Bill wa tabenai deshou.*

Bill probably won't eat.

4. *Sachiko wa terebi o minakatta.*

Sachiko didn't watch TV.

5. *Miki wa kasa o karinakereba koukai suru deshou.*

If Miki doesn't borrow an umbrella she'll be sorry.

6. *Laura wa ima kaeranakereba naranai deshou.*

Laura should probably go home now.

7. *Sensei wa kodomotachi ni soto de asobaseru.*

The teacher lets the children play outside.

8. *Kare ni raishuu kosaseru.*

I'll have him come next week.

9. *Shizu wa kasa o motazu ni gakkou ni ikimashita.*

Shizu went to school without an umbrella.

10. *Watashi wa maemotte denwa sezu ni Bob no ie ni ikimashita.*

I went to Bob's house without calling first.