

Dining and Shopping January

| English | Japanese |
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| Reservation | 予約 |
| Customer | 客 |
| Waiter/Waitress | ウェイター |
| Beverage | 飲み物 |
| Appetizer | 前菜 |
| Main Dish | 主菜 |
| Dessert | デザート |
| Credit Card | クレジットカード |
| Receipt | レシート |
| Discount | 割引 |
| Escalator | エスカレーター |
| Elevator | エレベーター |
| Fitting Room | 試着室 |
| Brand | ブランド |
| Sale | セール |
| Shelf | 棚 |
| Checkout Counter | 付け付け |
| Vegetarian | ベジタリアン |
| Special | 特別 |
| Popular | 人気 |

Dialogue 1: Invitation to a Restaurant

A: Hello! Would you like to go to a restaurant together this Saturday?

B: That sounds great! Which restaurant are we going to?

A: It's a small restaurant in Shinjuku called "Oishii Shop." It's been trending in reviews recently.

B: Really? What time shall we meet?

A: How about 6 PM? I've already made a reservation.

B: Perfect! See you on Saturday then!

Dialogue 2: Ordering Food at a Restaurant

Waiter: Welcome! Do you have a reservation?

Customer: Yes, I made a reservation under the name "Mimura."

Waiter: Mr. Mimura. This way, please. Here is the menu.

Customer: Thank you. I'd like to order the vegetarian pasta.

Waiter: Certainly! Would you like something to drink?

Customer: A simple orange juice, please.

Waiter: I'll bring that right away.

Dialogue 3: Conversation Between Two Friends at a Restaurant

A: This main dish is absolutely delicious!

B: I know, right? Especially this soup. The freshness of the vegetables is amazing!

A: Take a look at this dessert. This chocolate cake is so fluffy!

B: Wow! Shall we order something else, or is this enough for today?

A: I think this is enough for today. But I'd like to have a cup of coffee before we leave.

B: Great idea! Let's ask the waiter.

Dialogue 4: Shopping

Shopkeeper: Welcome! What are you looking for today?

Customer: I'm browsing for a branded bag.

Shopkeeper: Please take a look at this collection of branded bags! We're also running a special sale.

Customer: How much is this one?

Shopkeeper: It's 5,000 yen. This brand is quite popular.

Customer: It looks fantastic! I'll take it!

Shopkeeper: Thank you very much! Would you like it gift-wrapped?

Customer: Yes, please.

Gardening February

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| Garden (庭 - にわ) | Tree (木 - き) |
| Plant (植物 - しょくぶつ) | Grass (芝生 - しばふ) |
| Flower (花 - はな) | Bush (低木 - ていぼく) |
| Soil (土 - つち) | Shade (日陰 - ひかげ) |
| Seed (種 - たね) | Sunlight (日光 - にっこう) |
| Watering can (じょうろ - じょうろ) | Harvest (収穫 - しゅうかく) |
| Shovel (シャベル - しゃべる) | Sprout (芽 - め) |
| Trowel (移植ごて - いしょくごて) | Prune (剪定する - せんていする) |
| Gloves (手袋 - てぶくろ) | Bloom (咲く - さく) |
| Fertilizer (肥料 - ひりょう) | Compost (堆肥 - たいひ) |
| Weeds (雑草 - ざっそう) | Garden bed (花壇 - かだん) |
| Pot (植木鉢 - うえきばち) | Vegetable (野菜 - やさい) |

Conversation Questions

1. Do you enjoy gardening? Why or why not?
2. What plants or flowers do you grow in your garden?
3. How often do you water your plants?
4. Do you prefer growing vegetables, flowers, or both? Why?
5. Have you ever planted a tree? How did it grow?
6. What is the most beautiful garden you've seen?
7. Do you like visiting gardens or parks? Why?
8. What tools do you use when you garden?
9. What is the hardest part of gardening?
10. If you could plant anything, what would it be?

Daily Routines

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| Wake up (起きる) | Finish work (仕事を終える) |
| Get up (立ち上がる - たちあがる) | Go home (家に帰る) |
| Brush teeth (歯を磨く) | Cook dinner (夕食を作る) |
| Take a shower (シャワーを浴びる) | Eat dinner (夕食を食べる) |
| Get dressed (服を着る) | Watch TV (テレビを見る) |
| Eat breakfast (朝ごはんを食べる) | Read a book (本を読む) |
| Go to work (仕事に行く) | Exercise (運動する) |
| Start work (仕事を始める) | Take a bath (お風呂に入る) |
| Take a break (休憩する) | Go to bed (寝る - ねる) |
| Eat lunch (昼ごはんを食べる) | Sleep (眠る - ねむる) |

Grammar

We use the **simple present tense** to talk about habits and daily routines.

Sentence Structure:

- **Positive:** Subject + verb(s) + object.
 - I wake up at 6:30. (私は6時30分に起きます。)
 - She eats breakfast every morning. (彼女は毎朝朝ごはんを食べます。)
- **Negative:** Subject + do/does not + verb (base form).
 - I do not watch TV at night. (私は夜にテレビを見ません。)
 - He does not exercise every day. (彼は毎日運動しません。)
- **Question:** Do/Does + subject + verb (base form)?
 - Do you read books at night? (あなたは夜に本を読みますか?)
 - Does she go to bed at 10:00? (彼女は10時に寝ますか?)

Practice:

1. Fill in the blanks with the correct form of the verb:
 - I _____ (wake) up at 7:00.
 - She _____ (take) a shower in the morning.
 - We _____ (not cook) dinner every day.
2. Rewrite these sentences as questions:
 - You exercise in the morning.
 - He eats lunch at noon.

Conversation Questions

1. What time do you wake up every day?
2. Do you eat breakfast? What do you usually eat?
3. How do you go to work or school?
4. What do you do during your lunch break?
5. What time do you usually finish work or school?
6. Do you watch TV or read in the evening?
7. What do you do to relax before bed?

