



Adventures in Japanese 1

Chapter 1-1: How do you do?

Vocabulary: Write the meaning in English. Say each word three times aloud.

h a j i m e m a s h i t e
はじめまして

w a t a s h i
わたし

b o k u
ぼく

w a
は

d e s u
です

d o o z o z o y o r o s h i k u
どうぞ よろしく

w a t a k u s h i
わたくし

m e i s h i
めいし

Grammar

NOUN 1 は NOUN 2 です。 (NOUN 1 is NOUN 2)

>Note 1: In the Japanese phrase “NOUN 1 は”, the word (“particle”) は signals the listener that he will hear something about the “topic”, NOUN 1.

e.g. **Watashi** wa...

Signals the listener: I am going to say or ask something about **me**. It is...

>Note 2: If the topic is already understood from the situation, the phrase “NOUN 1 は” is omitted. So, if Mr. Yamamoto is speaking face-to-face with another person, he still say only “Yamamoto desu.”. The other person already understands that Mr. Yamamoto is talking about himself.

Write 3 sentences using the above pattern (in roomaji).

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2. _____

3. _____