

Japanese is Possible!
Week 12

Part 12

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Types of Verbs

There are three groups of verbs in Japanese - Irregular, Ichidan, and Yodan. Ichidan and Yodan verbs (all but TWO verbs) use the same verb endings, and you conjugate them the same way. However, there is a subtle difference between the two groups.

Irregular Verbs

I bet I scared you by telling you there was a whole GROUP of irregular verbs! Actually, there are only two.

suru - to do (used with 100's of verbs)

kuru - to come

Ichidan Verbs

Verbs in this group end with **-eru** or **-iru**. Verbs from this group include:

deru - to go out

taberu - to eat

miru - to look, watch

ochiru - to fall

Yodan Verbs

This group contains every verb except for those that belong to the Irregular and Ichidan groups. Here you find your familiar **-RU**, **-TSU**, **-U**, **KU**, **-GU**, **-SU**, **-BU**, and **-MU** verbs.

au - to meet

fatsu - to stand

suwaru - to sit

hairu - to enter

There are some Yodan verbs that look a lot like Ichidan verbs. Be forewarned.

^_^ I would suggest copying this list down and putting it in a safe place. That way, when there's a verb that you aren't sure about, you can refer to this list! Some of these verbs don't belong in the "must learn" category, by the way.

I will now list them. Remember, these are **Yodan** verbs!

chiru - to fall, scatter

hairu - to enter

kiru - to cut

hashiru - to run

iru - to need

kaeru - to return

kagiru - to limit

keru - to kick

mairu - to come/go

nigiru - to grasp

shiru - to know

As you listen to Japanese more and become more familiar with it, you'll develop an ear for what "sounds" right.

Verb Endings

The basic verb endings (**-ITA**, **-SHITA**, **-TTA**, etc) have already been discussed. However, I thought I'd share with you the way I memorized them.

You simply memorize these 4 sentences - they are quite mesmerizing after a while! Then when you conjugate a verb, you just recite these sentences to yourself. It's a lot like the "ABC" song, because people often use that to remember the alphabet.

U TSU RU tta

MU NU BU nda

KU GU ita da

SU SHITA

By the way, have you noticed what all the verb endings have in common? "**A**" seems to mean past tense, and "**E**" is the here and now.

Useful Words

Nouns

mokuteki - intention, purpose

shitsumon - question

michi - road, path

kokoro - heart, spirit

isu - chair

soto - outside

uchuu - outer space

hate - end

Verbs

au - to meet

tatsu - to stand

suwaru - to sit

hairu - to enter
niau - to suit, look good on
deru - to go out
taberu - to eat
miru - to look, watch
ochiru - to fall
hajimaru - to begin

Misc

zutto - the whole time

Example Sentences

oneesan wa boku wo mite iru.
big sister (subject) I (who) looking
My big sister is watching me.

zutto matte ita no desu yo!
I've been waiting the whole time!

Note:
matte iru - is waiting

You can conjugate IRU like any other verb. **-TA** is the normal past ending for **-RU** verbs. Conjugating IRU in this way changes the meaning from "is waiting" to "was waiting". Isn't that going to come in handy!

kono isu ni suwatte ita.
this chair (location) was sitting
(He) was sitting in this chair.

soto e dereba ii desu.
outside (toward) if you go out, good is
It's ok to go outside.

ano mise ni haireba shinu zo.
that store (into) if you enter, die (rough ending)
If you enter that store, you'll die!

koko ni tatte kudasai.
here (location) stand please
Please stand here.

boku to au made, deru na.
I (with) meet until, go out (don't)
Don't leave until I can meet you.

Note:
deru na - don't go out
The "na" ending can be added to any verb to mean **don't** ____.
It's very abrupt, and only a male would ever use it.

Anime Videos and Music

The first episode of Hime-chan no Ribbon has been converted to RealPlayer format for you to download! Now you can hear Japanese in action, even if you

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