

Japanese is Possible!
Week 17

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Example Sentences

ano imomushi wa chou ni naritai.
that caterpillar (subject) butterfly (into) wants to become
That caterpillar wants to become a butterfly.

tori wa doukutsu ni haitta.
bird (subject) cave (into) entered.
The bird entered the cave.

ushi wa ika o tabeta.
cow (subject) squid (who or what) ate.
The cow ate the squid.

john wa ushi o tabeyou to shite ita.
john (subject) cow (who or what) let's eat and was doing.
John wanted to eat the cow.

ano shiroku nai tori wa akai ni natta.
that white not bird (subject) red (into) became.
That non-white bird became red.

okaasan wa niwatori o tabetai yo!
mother (subject) chicken (who or what) wants to eat !
Mom wants to eat the (live) chicken!

doushite ikite iru niwatori o tabetai no ka?
how come living chicken (what) want to eat ?
How come you want to eat a living chicken?

aya chan wa uma ni notta.
aya chan (subject) horse (onto) got on.
Aya chan got on a horse.

mamono wa kaeru ni henshin shite yokatta.
monster (subject) frog (into) transformed thank goodness.
Thank goodness the monster transformed into a frog.

sassato henshin shite!
hurry up and transform

Hurry up and transform!

taisetsu na nezumi o koroshita to wa zannen desu ne.

precious rat (who or what) killed and (subject) shame is right?

Isn't it a shame that I killed my precious rat?

tsuki ni wa usagi ga aru tte shite iru?

moon on (subject) rabbit (subject) exists (end quote) are knowing?

Did you know that there is a rabbit on the moon?

okaasan wa "hayaku dete!" tte

mother (subject) "quickly leave!" said.

Mother said "hurry up and leave!"

aitsu wa "ryoko ga suki" tte.

that guy (subject) "ryoko (subject) like" said.

That guy said "I like Ryoko".

totsuzen ringo o tabete kieta.

all the sudden apple (who or what) eat (and) disappeared.

All the sudden, he ate the apple, and disappeared.

mushi ni henshin shite ringo o tabeta.

insect (into) transformed (and) apple (what) ate.

He turned into an insect, and ate the apple.

ushi o notte machi ni itta.

cow (what) got on, town (to) went.

He got on the cow, and went to the town.

New Words

ikiru - to live

yokatta - thank goodness

henshin suru - to transform

zannen - shame

tte - "...so he said", used to quote a person

totsuzen - all the sudden

Words by Category

I strongly recommend learning all of the words that you have seen in the "Popular Words" section of JJP. If there are some that you haven't learned, I suggest that you visit the archives, and add the "Popular Words" to your word list. These words are used in just about every Anime and video game.

However, below you will find "categories" of words that are not HALF as important. You can learn some of them if you want, but it's not critical that you do. I suggest that you learn the words that you might need. I DON'T suggest learning all of these words instead of more useful words.

It is sometimes convenient to have word lists by category. If you were going to the Zoo, you might want to print out the list below, so you can talk about what you find there. This is merely provided as a convenience, not a suggestion as to what words you should learn next.

Animals

doubutsu - animal
tori - bird
niwatori - chicken
uma - horse
buta - pig
ushi - cow
hitsuji - sheep
inu - dog
neko - cat
nezumi - mouse, rat
hari nezumi - hedgehog (needle rat)
shishi - lion
tora - tiger
hebi - snake
kaeru - frog
ahiru - duck
kuma - bear
risu - squirrel
usagi - rabbit
tokage - lizard
zou - elephant
taka - hawk
washi - eagle
shika - deer
yagi - goat
dachou - ostrich
rakuda - camel
karasu - crow, raven
itachi - skunk
gachou - goose
hakuchou - swan
kitsune - fox
saru - monkey
mujina - badger
wani - alligator

Aquatic Animals

kame - turtle
iruka - dolphin
kingyou - goldfish
sakana - fish
same - shark
azarashi - seal
tako - octopus
kujira - whale
kurage - jellyfish
unagi - eel
hamaguri - clam
ika - squid
kani - crab
seiuchi - walrus

Insects

mushi - insect
hachi - bee
ka - mosquito

mimizu - earthworm
inomushi - caterpillar
chou - butterfly
kumo - spider
gokiburi - cockroach
hae - fly
ari - ant
inago - grasshopper
sasori - scorpion
namekuji - slug
hiru - leech

Note: A group of ANY animal is a *mure* (pronounced **moo RAY**). In English, we have a school of fish, a herd of cattle, a flock of geese, a murder of crows, etc. In Japanese, it's *much easier!*

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