

Japanese is Possible!
Week 21

Part 21

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Bakari

Bakari, like a lot of other Japanese grammar, is best described by using it in a sentence. If you wanted to say "I just finished drinking" you would use **bakari**. You simply add **bakari** to the end of any simple sentence that says "what you did". The verb will be in the **-ta** form (past tense) in every case.

Some sentences that would be eligible for bakari:

ima biiru o nonda.

Now I drank beer.

gakkou kara kaetta

(you) returned from school

Examples:

ima biiru o nonda bakari desu.

now beer (what) drank (just did) is.

Just now I drank beer.

gakkou kara kaetta bakari ja nai no?

school from returned (just did) didn't?

Didn't you just return from school?

ranma o koroshita bakari da to omou

ranma (who) killed (just did) and thinks

I think (he) just killed Ranma.

Ato

If you ever want to say **after**, you will probably need to use this word. **Ato** is very similar to the English word **after**. **Ato**, like **bakari**, is used with the **-ta** form. You can add it to just about any "past

tense" sentence.

Example 1:

Akunin o koroshita
Scoundrel (who) killed.
Killed the scoundrel

Next, we'll enhance the sentence:

Akunin o koroshita ato, hayaku nigeta.
Scoundrel (who) killed **after**, quickly escaped.
After (he) killed the scoundrel, he quickly escaped.

Example 2:

hikaru o taoshita
Hikaru (who) defeated.
Hikaru was defeated.

hikaru o taoshita ato, waratte ita.
Hikaru (who) defeated **after**, was laughing
He was laughing after (he) defeated Hikaru.

Example Sentences

uwasa touri, aitsu wa hontou ni tsuyoi n da!
rumor (as), he (subject) really strong is!
He is as strong as the rumor said he was!

jitsu wa, mukashi na hanashi desu.
truth (subject) long ago story is.
Actually, it's an old story.

hottoite kudasai!
leave alone please!
Please leave me alone!

mane sureba dame da yo!
imitate if you do (no good) is !
You shouldn't imitate (something)!

ano yama ni sunde iru yatsu wa osoroshii desu!
that mountain (in) living guy (subject) dreadful is!
The guy that lives in that mountain is dreadful!

mamono wa osoroshiku nai kara, zenzen kowaku nai yo!
monster (subject) not dreadful because, (completely) scary not !
That monster isn't so dreadful, so I'm not scared at all!

naze konna tokoro ni kakurete iru?
why this kind of place (in) are hiding?
Why are you hiding in a place like this?

demo, kanojo no koto mane shitai desu!
but, her 's (situation) imitate I want to do !
But I want to imitate her!

boku no ie wa dondon ookiku natte iru!
I ('s) house (subject) steadily big is becoming!
My house is steadily becoming bigger!

Useful Words

Verbs

sumu - to live

kakureru - to conceal oneself

hottoku - to leave someone alone

dekakeru - to go out

mane suru - to imitate

kangaeru - to think

Adjectives

mukashi (na) - long ago

osoroshii - dreadful

Nouns

hanashi - talk, story

uwasa - rumor

omoide - memory

henji - answer

Misc

fouri - as

dondon - steadily

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