Lesson 13

SECTION A

Core Conversations

1(N)a. Morímoto-sañ no otaku dèsu (I)Ie, tigáimàsu. ka~ b. A, sitûree-simasita. 2(N)a. Daré mo demasèn nêe. (J)a. Okásìi desu nêe. Tyôtto mâe made wa hanási-tyuu dàtta n desu kedo nêe. b. Kosyóo kà mo siremaseñ nêe. b. Dôo mo hên desu nêe. 3(N)a. Kotira wa, Nyuúyooku-dàigaku no Sûmisu desu ga, ohíma na tokì ni odênwa kudasai. (I)Tuuzita? b. Nnr Îma no wa rusúban-dènwa. 4(N)a. A. Sono deňwa, kosyóo-sitè¹ (i)ru ñ desu. (])a. Komâtta nâa. Taísetu na yoozi nà ñ da kedo . . b. Zyâa, tonári nò o tukátte kudasài. b. Kamáwànai? c. Êe. Daré mo tukatte (i)nai to omoimàsu kara.. 5(J)a. Môsimosi. Tâkano desu ga... (N)a. Môsimosi. Tyôtto deńwa ga toòkute, kikóenikùi ñ desu kedo . . b. Môsimosi. Môsimosi. b. Sumímasèn. Moó sukòsi ôoki na kôe de hanâsite kudasaimaseñ kar c. Môsimosi, Kikóemàsu kaz c. |Anoo| Kakénaosimàsu kara ne! Ití-do kìtte kudasai. **ENGLISH EQUIVALENTS**

1(N)a. Is this the Morimoto residence? (1)No, you've got the wrong number.

1. Accented kosyóo-sitè occurs provided the (i) of (i)ru is deleted.

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- b. Oh, I'm sorry.
- 2(N)a. Nobody answers.
 - b. Maybe it's out of order.
- 3(N)a. [Speaking on the telephone] This is [John] Smith of New York University; please give me a call when you're free.
 - b. Uh-uh. The thing [just] now [was] an answering machine.
- 4(N)a. Oh, that telephone is out of order.
 - b. Then use the one next door.
 - c. Yes, I believe that no one is using it, so . . . (I'm sure it's all right).
- 5(J)a. Hello. This is Takano, but . . . (who's calling?)
 - b. Hello, Hello,
 - c. Hello. Can you hear?

Breakdowns (AND SUPPLEMENTARY VOCABULARY)

- 1. Morimoto sitûree-simasita
- 2. dare mo /+ negative/ (SP1)

deńwa ni dèru okásìi /-katta/

hanásì

(o)hanasi-tyuu

kosyoo

kosyoo kâ mo sirenai (SP2)

dôo mo

hên /na/

3, Nyuúyooku-dàigaku (o)hima /na/

- (J)a. That's funny, isn't it! Until a little while ago the line was busy, but . . . (now, nobody answers).
 - b. It's really strange, isn't it.
- (J) Did you get through?
- (J)a. Damn! (The fact is) it's an important matter [I must attend to] but . . . (what will I do?)
 - b. Is it all right?
- (N)a. Hello. You sound far away (*lit.* the telephone is far) and it's difficult to hear, but . . . (can you do something about it?)
 - b. I'm sorry. Would you be kind enough to speak in a little louder voice?
 - c. Uh . . . I'll call again so—O.K.?—hang up for a minute (*lit.* once).

(family name)
excuse me (for what I have done)
nobody
answer the telephone
is funny; is strange
talking; talk
[in] the midst of talk; 'the line is busy'
out of order
maybe it's out of order
in every way, in many ways, somehow or
other
strange

New York University free time

tokî

(o)híma na tokì ni

tuuziru /-ru; tuuzita/

rusubañ

rusúbaň-dèňwa

4. kosyoo-suru

nâa

taisetu /na/

5. **Tâkano**

tooi /-katta/

deñwa ğa tooi

toôkute (SP3)

kikoeru /ru; kikoeta/ kikoenikùi /-katta/ (SP4)

+ kikóeyasùi /-katta/

kôe

ôoki na kôe

+ tîisa na kôe

+ naôsu /-u; naôsita/

deñwa o kakenaosu /-u; kakenaosita/

kîru /-u; kîtta/

occasion, time

at a time when you are free

make oneself understood; get through

a caretaker

telephone answering machine

break down

/confirming sentence-particle/

important

(family name)

is far

sound far away (on the telephone)

being far

can hear; be audible is difficult to hear is easy to hear

voice

loud voice

low voice

fix, repair

telephone again

cut; cut off; hang up (the telephone)

MISCELLANEOUS NOTES

1. In CC1, (N) makes a phone call and gets a wrong number. (CC1 picks up the conversation after the hellos.)

(N)a. The honorific-polite equivalent of otáku dèsu is otáku de (i)rassyaimàsu.

(N)b. Sitûree-simasita, lit. 'Î committed a "rudeness," is an apology for something the speaker has already done. Following the appropriate time expression, it often occurs upon meeting a person again after previous interaction at the time mentioned: Yuúbè wa sitûree-simasita. lit. 'Last night I committed a rudeness' might have as its situational English equivalents 'It was good to see you last night'; 'I had a wonderful time last night'; 'Thanks for talking with me last night'; etc. The Japanese, in contrast with these English equivalents, focuses on the sitûree that would have been committed: imposing on someone's hospitality, interrupting someone's regular routine, etc.

2. In CC2, two colleagues are commenting on a strange situation involving a telephone call. The style is careful, with distal predicates throughout. On the accompanying tape, the participants are Mr. Yamada and Deborah Miller, business associates at the Oriental Trade Company.

(J)a. **Okásìi**, like 'funny' in English, can refer to something either amusing or strange: context, intonation, and facial expression distinguish the two meanings.

Tyôtto mâe made wa 'until a little while ago' contrasts with the present time.

-Tyuu is attached to nominals that refer to activity, to form unaccented compound nominals

CC ends in nêe.

indicating activity currently under way: '[in] the middle of ——.' Examples: (o)hanasi-tyuu, (o)deñwa-tyuu, (o)sigoto-tyuu, zyugyoo-tyuu, kaigi-tyuu, (o)yasumi-tyuu. The forms with o- are used in polite reference to the out-group. The extended predicate construction in 2(J)a provides the explanation for why the situation is funny.

Compounded with a time word, -tyuu (or -zyuu) indicates duration of the interval (examples: iti-niti-zyuu 'all day long,' kotosi-zyuu 'all this year'). When followed by ni, such compounds indicate a point in time within the period specified (example: kotosi-zyuu ni 'within this year'). Note also /place + -zyuu/: gakkoo-zyuu 'throughout the school.'

Nê(e) is different from other sentence-particles in that it has no restrictions on the forms it can follow. Here it follows a fragment ending in kedo with its usual meaning of reflection, mutual understanding, agreement, and nonconfrontation. Note that every utterance in this

- (J)b. Okásìi, when it refers to strangeness, overlaps with hêñ, but they belong to different word classes: hêñ na hito but okásìi hito; hêñ ni natta but okâsîku natta; hêñ zya nâi but okâsîku nâi.
- 3. After leaving a message on a telephone answering machine, using careful-style, (N) switches to casual-style in speaking with a friend (J). On the accompanying videotape, (N) and (J) are male students who originally used careful-style in speaking with each other, but who now have established a closer, more relaxed relationship.
- (N)a. Tokî is a nominal referring to times or occasions. It belongs to the group of time words that may or may not take particle ni when indicating the time at which something happens. It occurs in such combinations as kodómo no tokì 'the time when [I] was a child'; byoóki no tokì; gakúsee no tokì; samûi toki; isóğasìi toki, etc. More will be said about tokî in later lessons.

Tokî also occurs in reduplicated (= doubled) form: /tokî + tokî/ = tokídokì 'sometimes.' **Tuuziru**, an affective vowel verbal, has a wide range of meanings that share in the notion of passing through—either in the sense of a railroad that runs from one point to another, or a telephone call that goes through, or a person who is understood by—gets through to—his/her audience. Note /X de tuuziru/ = 'get through by means of X.'

No in îma no wa is a contraction of /connective no + nominal no/, the latter a replacement for denwa.

Rusubañ as an independent word usually refers to the person in charge of an apartment, home, or any kind of building during the absence of the regular occupants. Performing the duties of a rusubañ is conveyed by the phrase rusubañ (o) suru.

- 4. In CC4, an office employee (N) is speaking with a supervisor (J) about a telephone that is out of order. (N) uses careful-style with distal predicates in sentence-final position and before **kara**. (J), in contrast, uses casual-style, with direct-style predicates exclusively.
- (N)a. **Kosyoo-suru** 'break down' is an affective verbal. Note: **kosyóo-sitè** (i)ru 'it has broken down'; 'it is broken down.' In this pattern, it is similar in meaning to **kosyóo dà**. The extended predicate here connects the broken-down condition of the telephone with the fact that no calls will go through on the instrument in question.
- (J)a. Nâ(a), a sentence-particle, is closely related to nê(e). However, it is (1) used more commonly, though not exclusively, in blunt-style; and (2) it is particularly common in deliberative utterances addressed to oneself. The extended predicate links (J's) having important business with his consternation.
- (N)b. The **no** of **tonári nò** is a contraction of /connective **no** + nominal **no**/, the latter a replacement for **deñwa**.

- 5. In CC5, the participants of a telephone call are having trouble hearing each other because of a bad connection. The speech-style on both sides is careful, although Tâkanosañ (J) says little more than **môsimosi**. Distal-style is used exclusively except for the request form **kudásài**, which, although not distal-style, is polite.
- (J)a. Note that (J) identifies herself when answering the telephone. This is a very common—although not universal—practice.

(N)a. As usual, the extended predicate serves to connect and explain: 'it's that it's hard to hear that explains my talking loudly, repeating, etc.'

The accented alternate of toói is toói (i.e., toói desu, toói no, etc.). Note also: tooku 'the far away' (a nominal).

Kikoeru is a double-ga, affective verbal. Both the person who can hear and what is audible are followed by ga (or wa).

N(b). **Öoki na** occurs as an alternate of **oókìi** only as the modifier of a following nominal. It consists of a **na**-nominal derived from the adjectival followed by **na**. This kind of alternation occurs in the case of only a few adjectivals. Examples: /tîisa na + nominal/ and /okâsi na + nominal/. Be careful to note (1) the loss of adjectival final -i in the derivative form that takes **na**; and (2) the difference in accent of the two forms.

Structural Patterns

1. /INTERROGATIVE + mo/: dâre mo

The pattern /interrogative + mo/ regularly implies the inclusion of everything (or, in some cases, a large quantity) in the question-word category. Thus:

îtu 'when?'
dôo 'how?'

îtu mo 'all the whens' = 'always'
dôo mo 'all or many of the hows' = 'in

every way,' 'in many ways'; (in some contexts:) 'somehow or other'

dôtira 'which of two?'

dôtira mo 'both'

For a number of these combinations, there is a requirement for a negative predicate, in which case everything in the relevant category is excluded:

dâre 'who?'

/dâre mo + negative/ 'nobody'

nâni 'what?'

/nâni mo + negative/ 'nothing'

Some /interrogative + **mo**/ combinations may occur with both affirmative and negative predicates:

Dôtira mo îi desu.

'Both are good.'

Dôtira mo yôku nâi desu.

'Neither one is good.'

An /interrogative number + mo/ regularly indicates a significantly large number—but not every one in existence. Thus:

nâñ-niñ mo 'any number of people' (i.e., a great many people)

nân-do mo 'over and over again,' 'any number of times'

îku-tu mo 'any (large) number of objects'

These number combinations also occur with both affirmative and negative predicates:

Nân-gen mo arimasu. 'There are any number of buildings.'

Nân-gen mo nâi desu. 'There aren't a large (significant) number of buildings.' As usual, phrase-particles **ga** and **o** are dropped before **mo**, but other phrase-particles required by the context do occur preceding **mo.**² Compare:

Dâre ga simasu ka 'Who will do it?'

Daré mo simasèn. 'No one will do it.'

Nâni o kaímàsita kar 'What did you buy?'

Naní mo kaimasèn desita. 'I didn't buy anything.'

Dôko e ikímàsita kar 'Where did you go?'

Dokó e mo ikimasèn desita. 'I didn't go anywhere.'

Dâre to hanásimàsita kar 'With whom did you speak?'

Daré to mo hanasimasèn desita. 'I didn't speak with anyone.'

Dôko ni arimasu kar 'Where is it?'

Dokó ni mo arimasèñ. 'It isn't anywhere.'

Note that /interrogative + mo/ often occurs with an unaccented alternate.

The following chart indicates the occurrence and meaning of commonly used /interrogative + mo/ combinations:

Interrogative	+ mo	+ Negative	+ Affirmative
dâre 'who?'	dâre mo	ʻnobody,' ʻnot anybody'	
nâni 'what?'	nâni mo	'nothing,' 'not anything'	
dôko 'what place?'	dôko mo	'no place,' 'not any place'	'everywhere'
îtu 'when?'	îtu mo		ʻalways'
dôtira 'which (of two)?'	dôtira mo	'neither one,' 'not either one'	'both'
dôre 'which (of three or more)?'	dôre mo	'not one (of three or more)'	'every one (of three or more)'
îkura 'how much?'	îkura mo	'no large amount'	'ever so much'
îku-tu 'how many?'	îku-tu mo	'no large number'	'a large number, ever so many'
dôno X 'which X?'	dôno X mo	'no X'	'every X'
dôñna X 'what kind of X?'	dôňna X mo	'no kind of X'	'every kind of X'
nân-bon 'how many long cylindrical units?'	nâñ-boñ mo	'no large number of long cylindrical units'	'a large number of long cylindrical units'

^{2.} Since phrase-particles wa and mo are in direct contrast, they of course never occur in the same phrase.

2. /kâ mo sirenai/

/Predicate $X + k\hat{a}$ mo sirenai/ = 'X may be true'; 'maybe X.' The predicate in this pattern is either imperfective or perfective, and is regularly direct-style. However, **da**—that very unstable form—disappears here, too. The accent of inflected words before **ka** is the same as before **kara**, no, etc. Following an unaccented word or phrase, **ka** is accented. Thus:

yamérù	+	ka mo sirenai	'[someone] may quit'
yamétà	+	ka mo sirenai	'[someone] may have quit'
takâi	+	ka mo sirenai	'[it] may be expensive'
tâkâkatta	+	ka mo sirenai	'[it] may have been expensive'
tâkâku nâi	+	ka mo sirenai	'[it] may not be expensive'
byooki	+	kâ mo sirenai	'[someone] may be sick'
byoóki dàtta	+	ka mo sirenai	'[someone] may have been sick'
tomodati kara	+	kâ mo sirenai	'[it] may be from a friend'
tomódati dà kara	+	ka mo sirenai	'[it] may be because s/he's a friend

Sirenai is a negative adjectival; it may also occur in its distal-style equivalents: **sirénài desu** or **sirémasèn**. Literally, the entire pattern means something like 'it can't even be known [for sure] whether ——.' It implies more doubt than /predicate + **daròo** or **desyòo**/ or /predicate + **to** + **omôu**/. Thus:

Muzúkasìi desyoo. 'It's probably difficult.' Cf. more doubtful

Muzúkasìi ka mo siremaseñ. 'It may be difficult.'

Yaméru to omoimàsu. 'I think he'll quit.' Cf. more doubtful

Yamérù ka mo siremaseñ. 'He may quit.'

3. GERUND OF THE ADJECTIVAL

We have already learned that verbals have forms we call 'gerunds,' which end in -te (or -de), and that nominal predicates have corresponding forms consisting of /nominal (particle) + de/. Given the structure of Japanese, with its three predicate types, all of which tend to behave in parallel fashion, one would suspect that there is a corresponding form to be called the gerund of the adjectival. That suspicion is entirely correct. The gerund of adjectivals is made by adding -te to the -ku form. It is always accented: if the -ku form is accented, the derived gerund is accented on the same mora. If the -ku form is unaccented, the derived gerund is regularly accented on the mora immediately preceding the -kute ending. Examples:

Adjectival	Gerund	
takâi	tâkâkute	
oisii	oísìkute	
samûi	sâmûkute	
aôi	âôkute	
îi/yôi	vôkute	

Remember that -tai ('want to') forms and -nai (negative) forms are also adjectivals. Thus:

ikitai ,	ikítàkute	tabétài	tabétàkute
ikanai	ikánàkute	tabênai	tabênakute

The meaning of this form is predictably similar to the meaning of all gerunds: 'X being the case,' 'X being actualized,' 'X is/was true, and ——.' The patterns in which the adjectival occurs are parallel to other gerund patterns.³ (In particular, reread 7B-SP5 and 8A-SP5). Examples:

Uti wa, êki kara toôkute, hûben desu. 'My home is far from the station and inconvenient'; 'My home is inconvenient, being far from the station.'

Anó zìsyo, atáràsìkute takâi desu. 'That dictionary is new and expensive.' (*lit.* 'being new, it's expensive')

Kyôo wa, attàkàkute îi desu nêe. 'Isn't it nice and warm today!' (*lit.* 'being warm, it's nice')

Wakárànakute komárimàsu yo. 'I'm upset at not understanding.'

Note the difference in linkage that relates to particles:

Anó gakusee ğa dekìnakute/komárimàsita. 'I became upset at that student's inability.' (lit. 'That student being incapable, I became upset.')

Ano gakusee wa/dekînakute komárimàsita. 'That student became upset at his/her inability.' (lit. 'That student, being incapable, became upset.')

The importance of knowing the word-class to which a Japanese word belongs becomes apparent once more, as we examine the equivalents of three English sentences which contain no word-class differences:

- (a) 'I was amazed at the numbers' being different.'
- (b) 'I was amazed at the numbers' being red.'
- (c) 'I was amazed at the numbers' being strange.'

In the Japanese equivalents, the *structural* pattern of all three is the same, but (a) contains a verbal gerund, (b) an adjectival gerund, and (c) a /nominal + dà/ gerund as nonfinal predicate.

- (a) Suuzi ğa tiğatte, bikkùri-simasita.
- (b) Suúzi ga akàkute, bikkùri-simasita.
- (c) Suúzi ga hèn de, bikkùri-simasita.

4. COMPOUNDS

The Japanese language has many verbals, adjectivals, and nominals which we will designate as COMPOUNDS. A compound consists of one or more nonfinal members + a final member combining to form a single word:



Any combination is possible. The compound belongs to the word-class of its final member. Examples:

^{3.} Note, once again, that this is not the same as saying that the adjectival gerund necessarily occurs in *every* pattern in which *any* gerund is found. For example, the adjectival gerund does not occur in /+ kudasài/ request patterns.

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(V) + (V) = Verbal Stem + Verbal:
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kakêru 'suspend'; 'telephone' + naôsu 'repair' > kakenaosu 'suspend over again'; 'telephone over again'

kâku 'write' + naôsu 'repair' > kakinaosu 'write over again'; 'rewrite'

(V) + (A) = Verbal Stem + Adjectival:

kikoeru 'can hear' + -nikùi 'is marked by difficulty' > kikóenikùi 'is hard to hear'
kâku 'write' + -yasùi 'is marked by ease' > kakíyasùi 'is easy to write (or write with or write on)'

(V) + (N) = Verbal Stem + Nominal:

dêru 'go out' + kuti 'mouth'; 'orifice' > dêğuti 'exit' môosu 'say' + wâke 'reason' > moosiwake 'excuse'

(N) + (V) = Nominal + Verbal:

beñkyoo 'study' (the noun) + **suru** 'do' > **beñkyoo-suru** 'study' (the verb) **soodañ** 'consultation' + **suru** 'do' > **soodañ-suru** 'consult'

(N) + (N) = Nominal + Nominal:

Tookyoo 'Tokyo' + êki 'station' > Toókyòo-eki 'Tokyo Station'

hai 'ash' + irô 'color' > haiiro 'gray'

deñwa 'telephone' + bango 'number' > denwabango 'telephone number'

miği 'right' + tonari 'next door'; 'adjoining' > miğidònari 'next door to the right'

Additional examples will be introduced in later lessons.

Note the following points:

- a. In some instances, some or all parts of a compound also occur as independent words, but in other cases they occur only as parts of a compound word.
- b. A compound has a meaning of its own which must be distinguished from that of the related phrase formed according to a particular structural pattern. Compare:

Tookyoo + **êki** > compound **Toókyòo-eki** 'Tokyo Station' (a particular station in Tokyo), but phrase **Toókyoo no èki** 'station(s) in Tokyo'

kâku + naôsu > compound kakinaosu 'write over again' but phrase kâite naôsu 'write and (then) fix'

The creation of phrases is comparatively free; but compounds either do or do not exist in the language of the native speaker and therefore cannot be freely created by foreigners, except in the case of families of compounds like those ending in -nikùi and -yasùi, which are *comparatively* predictable.

- c. If the non-initial member of the compound begins with **k**, **s**, **t**, or **h**, that sound *may* undergo change: $\mathbf{k} > \bar{\mathbf{g}}$; $\mathbf{s} > \mathbf{z}$; $\mathbf{t} > \mathbf{d}$; and $\mathbf{h} > \mathbf{b}$ (or **p**). This accounts for the changes observed in **dêğuti** and **miğídònari**, as well as those that occur in many numeral and number compounds (cf. **hyakû** and **sâñ-byaku**; sêñ and **sañ-zèñ**; nî-keñ and **sañ-geñ**).
- d. The accent of a compound is not always predictable simply on the basis of the accent pattern of the component parts.

^{4.} Before i, u, and y, t > z.

Drills

A 1. Kâre, mâtte (i)ru n desu kar

'(Is it that) he's waiting?'

2. Kâre, utí karitè (i)ru n desu kar '(Is it that) he's renting a house?'

Îya, tyôtto mâe made wa mâtte (i)ta ñ desu kedo . .

'No, (it's that) until a little while ago he was waiting, but . . .' (not now).

Îya, tyôtto mâe made wa karítè (i)ta ñ desu kedo . .

'No, (it's that) until a little while ago he was renting, but . . .' (not now).

3. syotyóo to hanàsite; 4. kono ryokañ ni tomatte; 5. seńsèe to soodañ-site; 6. zimûsyo kasite; 7. gaikokugo osiete; 8. tyuugokugo benkyoo-site

B 1. Sugîura-san, îma syuttyoo desu kar 'Is Mr/s. Sugiura away on business?'

2. Sugîura-san, îma kâiği desu ka-'Is Mr/s. Sugiura in conference?'

3. deňwa; 4. sigoto; 5. yasúmì; 6. růsu; 7. zyûgyoo; 8. beňkyoo

C 1. Dâre ğa dêta ñ desu ka-'Who is it that answered (the phone)?'

2. Dôko e ikû n desu ka-'Where is it you're going?' Êe. Syuttyoo-tyuu dèsu.

'Yes, s/he's on (lit. in the middle of) a business trip.'

Ee. Kaíği-tyuu dèsu.

'Yes, s/he's in (the middle of) a conference.'

Daré mo dènakatta n desu yor '(The fact is) nobody answered.'

Dokó e mo ikanài ñ desu yor

'(The fact is) I'm not going anywhere.'

3. dâre to soodañ-sita; 4. dôre o obôete (i)ru; 5. nâni ga âru; 6. dôtira ga kûru; 7. dâre to âtta; 8. dôko ni âru; 9. dâre o yonda; 10. dâre ni renraku-sita; 11. dâre kara karita; 12. nâni o nônda; 13. dôno kyoositu o tukau; 14. dônna gakusee ğa dekîru

D 1. Dôtira ga sirôi desu kar 'Which one is white?'

2. Îtu koó simàsu kar 'When do you do it like this?' Dôtira mo sirôi desu kedo . .

'Both are white, but . . .' (is that all right?)

Îtu mo koó simàsu kedo . .

'I always do it like this, but . . .' (is that all right?)

3. dôre ğa muzúkasìi desu; 4. dôno kuruma ğa takâi desu; 5. dôno hurosiki ğa kîree desu; 6. dôno huutoo o kirâsite (i)masu; 7. dôno gakusee to aímàsita

E 1. Gaíkokuğo mo takusan benkyoosimàsita kar

> 'Did you study many foreign languages, too?'

2. Gakúsee-sañ mo takusañ miemàsita

, 'Did many of your students show up, too?'

Îya, sońna ni ìku-tu mo beńkyoo-simasèñ desita you

'No, I didn't study that many' (lit. a large number to that extent).

Îya, sońna ni nàñ-niñ mo miémasèñ desita you

'No, not that many showed up.'

- 3. atárasìi kuruma/mimâsita; 4. kissateñ/arímàsu; 5. biñseñ/irímàsu; 6. hanâ/kaí-màsita; 7. kyoókàsyo/tukáimàsu
- Repeat this drill, giving affirmative responses with /number + mo + affirmative predicate/.
- F 1. Hên desu nêe.

'Isn't it strange!'

2. Okásìi desu nêe.

'Isn't it strange!'

Sôo desu nêe. Watasi mo dôo mo hêñ da to omoimasu nêe.

'Isn't it! I think it's somehow or other strange, too.'

Sôo desu nêe. Watasi mo dôo mo okásìi to omoimasu nêe.

'Isn't it! I think it's somehow or other strange, too.'

- 3. sitûree desu; 4. komárimàsu; 5. iyâ desu; 6. muzúkasìi desu; 7. hûbeñ desu; 8. tumárànai desu
- G 1. Kânozyo, ceğo obôete (i)masu nes 'She remembers English—right?'
 - Kânozyo, byoóki dèsu ne? 'She's sick—right?'

Âa, obôete (i)ru ka mo siremaseñ nêe.
'Oh, she may remember—that's right!'
Âa, byoóki kà mo siremaseñ nêe.
'Oh, she may be sick—that's right!'

- 3. nihoñgo ni yowâi desu; 4. mońbùsyoo yamémàsita; 5. rikóñ-site (i)màsu; 6. Nihôñ ga nâgâkatta desu; 7. syotyoo to reńraku-simàsita; 8. nikkèeziñ desu; 9. Sańhurañsìsuko desita; 10. nihóñgo ga tuuzimàsu
- H1. Anó kàiği, myôoniti desyoo?

'That conference is tomorrow, isn't it?'

Sâa. Myôoniti zya nâi ka mo siremaseñ yo∽

'Hm. It may not be tomorrow, you know.' Sâa. Tûyôku nâi ka mo siremaseñ yor 'Hm. S/he may not be good, you know.'

2. Morimoto-saň, eego ni tuyôi desyoo?

'Mr/s. Morimoto is good (*lit.* strong) in English, isn't s/he?'

- 3. Suğîura-sañ/osókù made iru; 4. Yamanaka-sañ/syotyóo to àtta; 5. sono huta-ri/iśsyo (dà); 6. asoko/îma samûi; 7. are/zisíñ dàtta; 8. anó zimùsyo/kinoo isóǧàsì-katta
- I 1. Mîtiko-sañ wa, eego zêñbu wasúretà desyoo?

'Michiko has forgotten all her English, don't you think?'

2. Syotyoo wa, îma sêki hazúsite (i)rassyàru desyoo?

Mîtiko-sañ desu kar Sôo ka mo siremaseñ nêe.

'Michiko? That may be.'

Syotyóo dèsu kar Sôo ka mo siremaseñ nêe.

5. In the pattern being drilled, dà is dropped. As usual, this is signaled by parentheses.

'The institute head is away from his desk (lit. seat) now, don't you think?' 'The institute head? That may be.'

3. omâwarisañ/sore wa 'zeñzeñ siranai; 4. gaiziñ/amari 'meesi tukawanai; 5. îma no Wasîñtoñ/attakài; 6. asoko no deñwa/kosyóo (dà)5

J 1. Matá kimasyoò ka.

Êe, ohíma na tokì ni kitê kudasai.

'Shall I come here again?'

'Yes, please come when you have (free)

time.'

2. Deńwa kakemasyoo ka.

Êe, ohíma na tokì ni kâkete kudasai.

'Shall I telephone?'

'Yes, please call when you have (free) time.'

3. konó kèeki kirímasyòo; 4. tîzu kakímasyòo; 5. anó kyookàsyo katte kimasyòo; 6. anó tèepu karímasyòo; 7. syotyóo ni kikimasyòo

K 1. Yôku mîruku nomímàsu kar

Kodómo no tokì ni wa yôku nônda kedo, îma wa 'amari nomímasèñ nêe.

'Do you drink milk often?'

'When I was a child I drank [it] a lot, but

now I don't drink it very much.'

2. Yôku tênisu simâsu kar

Kodómo no tokì ni wa yôku sitâ kedo, îma wa 'amari simásèn nêe.

'Do you play tennis often?'

'When I was a child I played a lot, but now

I don't play very much.'

3. aísukurìimu tabémàsu; 4. koňna zassi mimâsu; 5. huraňsuğo tukáimàsu

Tuúzinàkatta n desu ka. Komâtta nâa.

L 1. Tuúzimasèn desita yor 'I didn't get through.'

'(You mean) you didn't get through? Oh,

dear!'6

2. Sore wa kosyóo dèsu yor 'That's broken.'

Kosyóo nà ñ desu ka. Komâtta nâa. '(You mean) it's broken? Oh, dear!'6

3. deńwabangoo wa sirímasèn; 4. wâin wa koré dakè desu; 5. kamî wa kirâsite (i)masu; 6. asítà kara syuttyoo dèsu; 7. asoko wa mazûi desu

M1. Toóì desu nêe.

Êe, toôkute komárimàsu nêe.

'Isn't it far!'

'Yes, I'm bothered by how far it is.' (lit. 'Being far, it's bothersome, isn't it!')

2. Eego ni yowâi desu nêe.

Êe, yôwâkute, komárimàsu nêe.

'Isn't s/he weak in English!'

'Yes, I'm bothered by how weak s/he is.' (lit. 'Being weak, it's bothersome, isn't it!')

3. mâiniti atûi; 4. zimûsyo ğa isóğasìi; 5. zeñzeñ wakárànai; 6. koko wa mazûi; 7. kono siğoto tumárànai; 8. konó zìsyo hurûi

N 1. Kosyóo-sitè (i)ru ñ desu ka-

Êe, kosyóo-sitè (i)te ne!

'(Is it that) it's broken down?'

'Yes, being broken down-you know (what that means)!'

6. Please substitute your own favorite expletive!

2. Tuúzinàkatta ñ desu kar

'(Is it that) you didn't get through?'

Êe, tuúzinàkute ne!

'That's right, not getting through—you know (what that means)!'

3. atûi; 4. taíheň dàtta; 5. isóğasii; 6. hûbeň na; 7. yukî datta; 8. bikkùri-sita

O1. Hetâ?

'Is s/he poor at it?'

N. Hetâ de komâru (no)7 yo.

'Yeah. S/he's poor at it, and it causes me problems.'

2. Okásìi?

'Is it funny (i.e., strange)?'

N. Okâsìkute komâru (no)7 yo.

'Yeah. It's strange, and it causes me problems.'

3. kikoenai; 4. hûbeň (da); 5. samûi; 6. tooi; 7. tiğáttè (i)ru; 8. muzukasii; 9. nâğâku kakâru

P 1. Kore, simâsu kar

'Are you going to do this one?'

Iya, tyôtto siníkùi kara...

'No, it's a bit hard to do, so . . .' (I'm not going to do it).

2. Koko kara kakémàsita8 kar

'Did you call from here?'

Iya, tyôtto kakénìkùkatta kara..

'No, it was a bit hard to call, so . . .' (I didn't).

3. kore, obóemàsita; 4. sore, iímàsu; 5. konó taipuràitaa, tukáimàsu; 6. konna pèn de kakímàsu

Q1. Dôre o tukáù ň desu ka-

'Which one is it you're going to use?'

Sôo desu nêe. Koré ga tukaiyasùi kara, koré o tukaimasyòo.

'Let's see. This one is easy to use, so I guess I'll use this one.'

2. Dôno peñ de kâku ñ desu ka-

'Which pen is it you're going to write with?'

Sôo desu nêe. Koré ğa kakiyasùi kara, koré de kakimasyòo.

'Let's see. This one is easy to write with, so I guess I'll write with this one.'

3. dôre o obóèru; 4. nâni o suru; 5. nân de tukûru; 6. nân de tabêru; 7. dôtira kara dêru

R 1. Moó iti-do iimasyòo ka-

'Shall I say it again?'

Ée. Ôoki na kôe de itte kudasài. 'Yes. Please say it in a loud voice.'

2. Nihóngo de hanasimasyòo kar

'Shall I speak in Japanese?'

Êe. Ôoki na kôe de hanâsite kudasai.

'Yes. Please speak in a loud voice.'

3. ano gakusee yobímasyòo; 4. ano gaiziñ ni kikímasyòo

S 1. Kakímásita kaz

Êe, kakímàsita kedo, moó iti-do kakinaositài ñ desu.

'Did you write [it]?'

7. The addition of **no** converts blunt-style to a gentle-style extended predicate.

8. Remember that kakêru refers to telephoning only when deñwa (o) is, if not stated, at least understood through the context.

2. Kakémàsita⁸ kar

'Did you hang (or apply) [it] (or telephone)?

'Yes, I wrote [it], but I'd like to write it over again.'

Êe, kakémàsita kedo, moó iti-do kakenaositài ñ desu.

'Yes, I hung (or applied) [it] (or telephoned), but I'd like to hang (or apply) [it] (or telephone) over again.'

3. yomímàsita; 4. tukúrimàsita; 5. simâsita

Application Exercises

- A1. Leave the following messages on Ms. Morimoto's rusúbaň-dèňwa:
 - a. Ask for a call this evening after 7:00. Leave your telephone number.
 - b. You have something to attend to and can't meet the day after tomorrow. (Apologize!)
 - c. You'll come (lit. 'go') to her office tomorrow morning at about 10:30.
 - d. You'll be waiting for her at the American Embassy entrance tomorrow from 2:30 on.
- 2. Express the following puzzling situations in Japanese, and suggest possible explanations, using /——ka mo siremaseñ/:
 - a. Mr. Hashimoto didn't attend class today.
 - b. Mr. Kubota wasn't in the office yesterday.
 - c. You telephoned Ms. Carter's office any number of times this morning but nobody answered.
 - d. It was a 9:30 appointment but Ms. Morimoto didn't appear.
 - e. That visitor's name is Tanaka, but he doesn't understand Japanese at all.
 - f. You thought there was a meeting today, but nobody has come.
 - g. You thought you couldn't make a U-turn on this street, but that taxi just did.
 - h. You thought the office manager was probably coming early today. You're wondering what happened.
 - i. You thought Mr. Yamamoto would probably drink a lot, but he didn't drink anything.

B. Core Conversations: Substitution

The Core Conversations of this lesson section include a number of examples of ritual speech in addition to exchanges which permit variation and substitution. One type of variation results from changing the rank of the participants, with corresponding alteration of language style.

As you practice, be sure that your facial expressions are appropriate—in Japanese terms—to what you are saying. Use the video as a model.

SECTION B

Core Conversations

1(1)a. Môsimosi.

(N)a. Môsimosi. Syatyóo-sañ irassyaimàsu kar

- Moósiwake gozaimasèñ ga, tadâima gaísyutu-tyuu de gozaimàsu ga, hîsyo to kawárimàsu no de, syôosyoo omáti-kudasài.
- 2(J)a. Môsimosi. Yamámorikeňkyùuzyo de gozaimasu.
 - b. Tadâima syuttyoo-tyuu de gozaimàsu ga..
 - c. Hâa.
 - d. Hâi.
 - e. Sayóo de gozaimàsu ka. Gurêe wa 'raisyuu no kayôobi ni wa modôtt(e) orimasu kara..

 - g. Sitûree-itasimasita. Goméñkudasài.

ENGLISH EQUIVALENTS

- 1(1)a. Hello.
 - b. I'm sorry, but s/he's out just now; but I'll put the secretary on (instead of me), so just a moment.
- 2(J)a. Hello. Yamamori Research Institute.
 - b. S/he's away on business just now, but . . . (can I help you?)
 - c. Yes.

- b. Osôre-irimasu.
- (N)a. A. Môsimosi. Gurêe-sañ irássyaimàsu kar
 - Áa, sôo desu ka. Kotira wa Końtineñtaru-gìñkoo no Kâataa de gozaimasu ga...
 - c. Zitû wa, tikâi uti ni Gurêe-sañ ni omé ni kakaritài to omóimàsite...
 - d. Gotúgoo o ukagaitàkatta ñ desu ga..
 - e. Soré dè wa |desu nêe.| Raisyuu no suíyòobi no sań-zi-gòro wa ikâga desyoo.
 - f. Dê wa, sań-zi-gòro ni kotíra kara ukagaimàsu no de, yorósiku onegai-itasimàsu. Goméñ-kudasài.
- (N)a. Hello. Is the president in?
 - b. Thank you.
- (N)a. Oh, hello. Is Mr/s. Gray in?
 - b. Oh. This is [John] Carter from the Continental Bank...
 - c. The reason I called is that (I've been thinking) I'd like to see Mr/s. Gray in the near future, and . . .

- d. Yes.
- e. Oh. [Mr/s.] Gray will be back by next Tuesday (at least) so . . . (you can see him/her after that).
- f. That's (about) three o'clock Wednesday—right? That will be fine.
- g. Goodbye.

Breakdowns (AND SUPPLEMENTARY VOCABULARY)

- 1. syatyoo
 - +butyoo
 - + katyoo
 - +îñtyoo
- + gakutyoo
- + kyoozyu
- + kyôosi
- + tâisi
- + ryôozi

gaísyutu-tyuu dà hîsyo/hisyô

kawaru /-u; kawatta/ kawarimasu no de (SP1)

- 2. Yamâmori
- + Yamâğuti keńkyuuzyò

Yamámori-keňkyùuzyo

hâa zitû

tikâi /-katta/

uti

tikâi uti ni (SP2)

omé ni kakàru↓/-u; kakâtta/

- d. I wanted to inquire about when it would be convenient for him/her but . . . (would you know?)
- e. In that case . . . how would about three o'clock next Wednesday be?
- f. Then I'll come over (from here) at about three, so (I request your consideration). Goodbye.

company president (the president of a kaisya)

division manager (the manager of a bû) section manager (the manager of a kâ) hospital director (the director of a byooiñ) academic president (the president of a

dai**ğa**ku)

professor instructor ambassador consul be out

secretary
undergo change; change places
being the case that [I]'ll change, [I]'ll

change so . . . (family name) (family name) research institute

the Yamamori Research Institute

/polite affirmation/ truth, reality

is near interval

in the near future

meet, see (a person) /humble-polite/

(go)tuğoo sayoo modôru /-u; modôtta/ soré dè wa |desu nê(e)| (SP3) kêkkoo /na/ ukağau ↓ /-u; ukağatta/ ukáğaimàsu ↓ no de

convenience
/formal equivalent of sôo/
return, go/come back; back up
that being the case
/filler/
fine, great
visit; inquire /humble-polite/
being the case that I'll visit (or inquire), I'll
visit (or inquire) so . . .

MISCELLANEOUS NOTES

The two Core Conversations of this lesson section are careful-style, polite telephone conversations between a foreign caller (N) and office personnel (J). Both conversations include many examples of ritual language.

1(J)a. In this conversation, the person answering the telephone does not identify him/herself in any way. This is always a possible option.

(N)a. The compounds in **-tyoo** all refer to the head of a particular type of organization or organizational unit. Compare **syotyoo**, the manager of an office or institute.

Kyôosi is the most generalized term for an instructor or pedagogue, on any level of instruction, but it is never used as a term of address. This word has none of the honorific implications of **seńsèe** and therefore can be used in reference to oneself. **Kyoozyu**, which refers to a professor at the college/university level, is not used in referring to oneself.

(J)b. This utterance is extremely polite and formal, with a preponderance of distal-style predicates.

Tadâima occurs here as a more formal equivalent of îma.

Gaisyutu also occurs in the compound gaisyutu-suru 'go out'; gaisyutu-sitè (i)ru 'be out.' Kawari 'change,' introduced in 11B, is a nominal derivative of the verbal kawaru 'undergo change,' 'become changed,' '(ex)change'; kawáttè (i)ru '[it] has changed,' 'it is different.' The -tè (i)ru combination used in reference to people describes those who are different, strange, unusual. Note: X ni kawaru 'change into X'; X to kawaru '(ex)change with X.' The latter combination is frequently used when a telephone call is turned over to another speaker. Note also: deñwa (o) kawaru 'make a replacement on the telephone.'

- 2. CC2 is an example of the special speech style described in 10A-\$P5, in which long sentences are broken down into shorter spans, with the listener confirming his continuing attention and interest at each break. This style is extremely common on the telephone. Note the amount of repetition of the appointment time; and note also that the time is repeatedly mentioned in terms of **-goro**, even though it is a business appointment.
- (J)a. The compound keńkyuuzyò includes keňkyuu 'research.' Note also kenkyuu-suru 'do research'; keńkyùusitu 'laboratory.' The -zyo portion occurred previously in its basic form syo in the compound zimûsyo (cf. 13A-SP4).
 - (N)b. Note again the polite designation of self as kotira, basically a locational word.
 - (J)c. Hâa is a polite, rather stiff, and often humble equivalent of hâi.

^{9.} The Japanese writing system distinguishes between two separate **kawaru** verbals—'change' versus 'exchange (with),' the former being affective and the latter operational.

(N)c. **Zitû** is a nominal: **zitû o iu** 'speak the truth'; **zitu no namae** 'real name'; **zitû ni yôku 'siğoto (o)suru** 'really work hard.' Perhaps its most common usage is in the combination **zitû wa**, signaling the start of a particularly meaningful part of a conversation. On the telephone, the caller uses it to divide the initial ritual exchange of identification, greetings, and pleasantries, from an explanation for the true reason for the call.

Tikâi is the opposite of **tooi**. The combination /nominal X + ni + tikâi/ 'near X,' 'close to X' may be used in a concrete, spatial sense (**Toókyoo ni tikài**), ¹⁰ or in a temporal sense (**kû-zi ni tikâi**), or in a general sense of close resemblance (**nihóngo ni tikài**). Like **osoi** and **tooi**, **tikâi** has a nominal derivative in the **-ku** form: **tikâku** 'vicinity.'

Omé ni kakàru ↓, like oai-suru ↓, is a humble-polite equivalent of âu, 'have contact with a person' (particularly the person addressed), but is more formal and elegant than the oai-suru form. Literally it expresses 'suspension within the sight of another.' In the introduction ritual, the combination hazímète ome ni kakarimasu may occur as a more formal replacement for hazímemàsite. Matá ome ni kakarimasyòo occurs in formal, polite leave-taking, expressing a suggestion for further meetings.

- (J)d. Here (J) uses $h\hat{a}i$ after a previous $h\hat{a}a$ of acknowledgment, both examples of aizuti (cf. 10A-SP5). It is not unusual to lower the politeness level, within a limited range, as a unit of conversation progresses. But it would be most unusual to jump from $h\hat{a}a$ to \bar{n} !
- (N)d. **Tugoo**, polite **gotugoo**, refers to personal convenience. Note: **tugóo ga ìi** 'is convenient (for someone)'; **tugóo ga warùi** 'is inconvenient (for someone).' These combinations should not be confused with **bêñri** and **hûbeñ**, which refer to inherent convenience and inconvenience, as in the case of the location of something. **Gotugoo wa?** is a commonly occurring question that seeks to determine what is convenient for the person addressed.
- (J)e. Note the use of **Gurêe** without a polite title by someone who is undoubtedly a subordinate of Gray's. Why? Because this is a member of Gray's in-group talking to an outgroup member. For the same reason, **orímàsu** is used.

Compare: **kayôobi ni modôru** 's/he'll return on Tuesday' and **kayôobi ni wa modôtte** (i)ru 'on Tuesday (at least) s/he'll [already] be back.' **Modôru** is an operational verbal; it refers to the return to a former position, covering everything from backing up a car to going back to Lesson 1. It is totally lacking in the connotations of **kâeru**, which implies a return to *one's own* home, country, office, etc.

Soré dè wa is the full, uncontracted phrase upon which the abbreviated sentence initial zyâ(a) (or uncontracted dê wa [cf. (N)f following]) 'well then' is based.

Dè here is the gerund of the copula; the pattern represented by this phrase will be analyzed in a later lesson.

- (J)f. Kêkkoo overlaps with îi and yorósìi in some of its uses, but also reflects a number of differences. In those situations in which all three expressions can occur, kêkkoo is definitely the most formal and elegant. Note: (1) kêkkoo is a na-nominal, whereas îi and yorósìi are adjectivals (example: kêkkoo na yasúmì 'a fine vacation'); (2) kêkkoo does not occur in negative statements or affirmative questions; (3) like îi and yorósìi, kêkkoo may occur as a polite refusal, i.e., 'I'm fine as I am without accepting what you offered.'
- (N)f. Ukağau occurred in 6A in the polite, ritual introduction to a request for information: Tyôtto ukáğaimàsu ğa.. 'I'm just going to inquire.' In (N)d of CC2 it occurs again with the 'inquire' meaning. A second, very different meaning of this verbal is 'visit,' 'call on' (cf. [N]g of CC2). Like neğau, this verbal is itself humble-polite, but occurs in the

^{10.} In this usage, /X kara tikâi/ occurs as a less common alternate.

derivative /o-stem + -suru/ humble-polite pattern as well: oukaĝai-suru. This is a still more polite alternate. Once again the ritual yorósiku oneĝai-itasimàsu occurs as a request for future considerațion, favorable treatment, and smooth interaction. Note that at this point in a comparable English conversation, we would probably say 'Thank you'—for the appointment already made.

(J)g. Sitûree-itasimasita, with absolutely no close English equivalent in this context, covers anything that could possibly have been considered sitûree in the preceding conversation—perhaps even the fact that Gray wasn't in.

Structural Patterns

1. no de

In 8A-SP3, we discussed the occurrence of nonfinal gerunds in examples in which their connection with the following predicate was causal. Examples:

Byooki de kimásèñ desita. 'I didn't come, because I was sick.' (lit. 'Being sick, I didn't come.')

Zîko ğa âtte, okúrete kimàsita. 'There was an accident, and [so] I was late.'

In this construction, whether or not a causal relationship exists really depends upon the individual example. The construction itself signals only actualization of the gerund portion, followed by another predicate. Thus, **Hurañsu e itte, huráñsugo o beñkyoo-simàsita.** 'I went to France and studied French' (*lit.* 'having gone to France, I studied French') describes the *circumstances* under which I studied French but not the *cause*.

However, when the gerund in this kind of construction is the gerund of an extended predicate (cf. 9B-SP3), the relationship is regularly causal. In this pattern, too, \mathbf{no} may be contracted to $\mathbf{\tilde{n}}$, the more usual alternate in other contexts. Examples:

Wakárànai no de, moó iti-do itte kudasài. 'I don't understand so (lit. the case being that I don't understand), please say it again.'

Asíta ikù no de, kyôo wa 'ikanai. 'Given that I'm going tomorrow, I'm not going today.'

Tumárànai no de, yamémàsita. 'Because (i.e., being that) it's boring, I quit.'

Kikóenàkatta no de, mâe no hôo e ittà n desu. '(It's that) I went to the front, inasmuch as I couldn't hear.'

Syatyoo ğa osêki o hazúsite (i)rassyàru no de, reńraku-dekimasèñ. 'Given that the president is away from his desk (*lit.* seat), I can't get in touch with him.'

We sometimes encounter 'node' written as a single word and treated as if it were a particle like **kara**, but this is misleading: (1) it misses the identification of **no de** with the extended predicate pattern, which helps in its interpretation; and (2) it ignores the important fact that **dà** before **no de** occurs as **nà**, a form which occurs only before nominals. Thus:

Byoóki dà > (extended predicate alternate) byoóki nà n̄ da; byoóki nà no (or n̄) de, dekînai 'because of being sick, I can't do it' (compare: byoóki dà kara, dekînai) le no de and kara are structurally very different they are similar in meaning. In /V

While **no de** and **kara** are structurally very different, they are similar in meaning. In /X **kara**, Y/, we are stating that *from* the occurrence of X comes Y; in /X **no de**, Y/, we acknowledge the existence of X as a given, and that being the case, Y occurs. Obviously,

these meanings are close, but the use of kara often implies slightly more interest in what precedes, while the use of no de emphasizes what follows.

The nominal **no** of **no de** may be preceded by distal-style as well as direct-style predicates. Thus:

kawárù no de *or* kawárimàsu no de omósiròi no de *or* omósiròi desu no de iyâ na no de *or* iyâ desu no de

2. tikâi uti

Previously we encountered the nominal uti as an equivalent for 'house' or 'home' (particularly one's own), and in the phrase uti no as the modifier for items connected with one's own in-group: utí no syùziñ, uti no ko, uti no gakkoo, uti no kaisya, etc.

Actually, in reference to in-group/out-group in Japanese society, it is uti which is the regular designation for the in-group.

Among the extended meanings of **uti** is 'interval' in the sense of 'an interval inside which,' i.e., 'an interval before something contrastive becomes involved.' When **uti** indicates the time *when* something occurs, it is followed by the particle **ni**. Examples:

tikâi uti ni 'in an interval close at hand,' 'before long'
wakâi uti ni 'while one is young,' 'before one gets old'
âsa no uti ni 'during the morning,' 'before the morning is over'
mik-ka no uti ni 'inside three days,' 'before three days are over'

Other kinds of examples will be introduced in later lessons.

3. |desu nê(e)|

It is of the utmost importance always to keep in mind the tremendous differences between the two active language skills, writing and speaking. When we write—even though we may have a particular audience in mind—we are detached from that audience at the time of production, and we have the opportunity to make changes and corrections before we declare a manuscript finished. However, except when we are talking to ourselves or reading a prepared speech, speaking is interactive at the time of production. This means that we have the advantage of being able to notice how our listeners are reacting, affording us the luxury of being able to adjust our timing and to amplify and correct and amend what has just been said, as appropriate. But this also means that we are thinking and plotting our linguistic strategies as we talk, with the result that what we say is often significantly less well organized than what we write.

We have already discussed a number of hesitation words and their functions. Another very common 'filler' in this category is |desu nê(e)|, which is inserted at the end of a structural phrase and thereby ends a minor sentence. The following sentence connects structurally with what precedes as if it were part of the same sentence minus |desu nê(e)|.

When $|\mathbf{desu} \ \mathbf{ne(e)}|$ is used as a filler, it does *not* itself link up with the items around it to form regular structural patterns. To show this difference, bars $|\cdot|$ will be used to set it apart.

This use of |desu nê(e)| reflects interaction between speaker and listener, at the same

^{11.} Nê(e) occurs in its usual variants—ne! ne? and nêe.

time providing the speaker with an instant to organize, and the listener an instant to process, what is being said. Examples:

Hutú-ka no uti nì wa |desu nêe.| Daré mo dekìnai to omoimasu. 'Within two days-you know-I don't think anyone can do it.'

Kotíra è wa modórànai no de |desu ne! | Awânai to omoimasu. 'Inasmuch as I'm not coming back here—you know—I don't think I'll see [them].'

Zitû wa |desu nes| Tuúzinàkatta ñ desu yor 'Actually—you know?—I didn't get through.'

Drills

A 1. Anó katà wa, kono kaisya desyoo? 'S/he is [connected with] this company, isn't s/he?'

- 2. Anó katà wa, konó kà desyoo? 'S/he is [connected with] this section, isn't s/he?'
- 3. zimûsyo; 4. byooiñ; 5. daiğaku; 6. bû
- B 1. Butyoo wa, îma deńwa-site (i)màsu

'Is the division manager telephoning

2. Syatyoo wa, îma syuttyoo-site (i)màsu kar

'Is the company president away on business now?'

3. Mîyazi-kyoozyu/zyûğyoo site (i)masu; 4. hîsyo/gaísyutu-site (i)màsu; 5. katyoo/ 8. Yamâmori-san/hanâsite (i)masu

C 1. Kosyóo-sinài desyoo?

'It doesn't break down, does it?'

2. Syatyóo zya nài desyoo?

'That's not the company president, is it?'

3. toóku nài; 4. taísetu zya nài; 5. kikoeta; 6. tuuzita; 7. okâsìku nâkatta; 8. hazîmete datta; 9. wakâi; 10. dekîru; 11. bêñri (da); 12. kikóeyàsùkatta

D 1. Kakínikùi desyoo?

'It's difficult to write with, isn't it?'

Êe, kono kaisya no syatyóo dèsu.

'Yes, s/he's the president of this company.'

Êe, konó kà no katyóo dèsu.

'Yes, s/he's the manager of this section.'

Butyóo dèsu ka Ée, deńwa-tyuu dèsu.

'The division manager? Yes, s/he's in the middle of a phone call.'

Syatyóo dèsu ka Ée, syuttyoo-tyuu dèsu.

'The company president? Yes, s/he's in the middle of a business trip.'

yasúmì desu; 6. întyoo/kâiği desu; 7. arúbàito no gakusee/sigóto site (i)màsu;

Iêie, kosyóo-surù no de, komâtte (i)masu.

'Wrong! Given that it does break down, it's upsetting.'

Iêie, syatyóo nà no de, komâtte (i)masu.

'Wrong! Given that it is the company president, it's upsetting.'

Êe. Kakínikùi no de, tukáwanaku narimàsita yo.

2. Kosyóo-sità desyoo?

'It broke down, didn't it?'

'Yes. Given that it is difficult to write with, I don't use it now' (*lit*. I've become non-using).

Êe. Kosyóo-sità no de, tukáwanaku narimàsita yo.

'Yes. Given that it did break down, I don't use it now.'

- 3. rakû zya nâi; 4. hêñ (da); 5. okâsìku natta; 6. okúrete kùru; 7. tukáinikùi; 8. hûrûku natta
- E 1. Syatyoo-sañ irássyaimàsu kar 'Is the company president in?'

Syatyóo dèsu kar Syatyoo no hîsyo to kawárimàsu no de, syôosyoo omáti-kudasài.

'The company president? I'll put the president's secretary on (instead of me), so just a moment, please.'

2. Tâisi irássyaimàsu kar 'Is the ambassador in?' Tâisi desu kar Tâisi no hîsyo to kawárimàsu no de, syôosyoo omátikudasài.

'The ambassador? I'll put the ambassador's secretary on (instead of me), so just a moment, please.'

- 3. întyoo-sensee; 4. gakutyoo; 5. ryôozi; 6. syotyoo-san
- F 1. Butyoo no otaku ni ukáğaù ñ desu ka-

'(Is it that) you're going to visit the division manager's home?'

2. Ano kyoozyu to âu ñ desu kar '(Is it that) you're going to meet with that professor?' Tikâi uti ni ukágaitài n desu ga...

'I'd like to visit soon, but . . .' (I don't know if I can).

Tikâi uti ni aítài n̄ desu ḡa..

g to meet with

'I'd like to meet [with him/her] soon,
but ...' (I don't know if I can).

that professor?' but . . .' (I don't know if I can).

3. katyoo to 'soodañ-suru; 4. gakkoo dêru; 5. kono sigoto 'yameru; 6. Mîyazi-iñtyoo

G 1. Yoóròppa e ikímàsita kar 'Did you go to Europe?'

ni 'reñraku-suru

Iie, itte (i)masèñ. Yasûi uti ni ikítài ñ desu kedo...

'No, I haven't been [there]. I'd like to go while it's reasonable, but . . .' (I don't know if I can).

2. Supeingo beńkyoo-simasita kar 'Did you study Spanish?'

Iie, beńkyoo-site (i)masèň. Yasûi uti ni beńkyoo-sitài ň desu kedo . .

'No, I haven't studied [it]. I'd like to study [it] while it's reasonable, but . . .' (I don't know if I can).

3. Nihôn e kaérimàsita; 4. Hokkàidoo mimâsita; 5. denwa kakémàsita

H1. Ití-nitì de dekímàsu kaz

'Can you do it in (lit. being) one day?'

Sâa. Ití-nitì no uti ni dekîru desyoo ka

'Hm. I wonder if I can do it within one day.'

2. Ití-zìkañ de dekímásu kaz

'Can you do it in one hour?'

Sâa. Ití-zìkañ no uti ni dekîru desyoo ka nêe.

'Hm. I wonder if I can do it within one hour.'

3. itî-neñ; 4. iś-syùukañ; 5. ik-kàgetu

I 1. Go-kâğetu no uti ni dekîru desyoo ka.

'Would you be able to do that within five months?'

2. Mui-ka no uti ni dekîru desyoo ka.

'Would you be able to do that within six days?'

3. go-zîkan; 4. nî-nen; 5. kyuú-syùukan J 1. Myôoniti no uti ni kâeru desyoo?

'We'll return (within) tomorrow, won't we?'

2. Kińyòobi no uti ni 'kore o naôsu desyoo?

'We'll fix this (within) Friday, won't we?'

Zitû wa |desu ne!| Yoń-kağetu de dekîru n desu yo.

'Actually—you know—(the fact is) I can do it in four months.'

Zitû wa |desu ne!| Itú-ka de dekìru ñ desu yo.

'Actually—you know—(the fact is) I can do it in five days.'

Ie, ainiku myoógòniti made damê na ñ desu yo.

'No, unfortunately, it's impossible until the day after tomorrow.'

Ie, ainiku doyôobi made damê na ñ desu yo.

'No, unfortunately, it's impossible until Saturday.'

3. sigatù/kotira e modôru; 4. raisyuu/dekîru; 5. râigetu/kakénaòsu

K 1. Minâsañ kikóemàsita nes

'You (all) could hear-right?'

|Anoo| Watasi wa |desu nêe.| Zeńzeń kikoenakatta n desu yo.

'Uh, the fact is—you know—I (at least) couldn't hear at all.'

2. Minâsañ soódañ-simàsita ne?

'You (all) talked it over-right?'

|Anoo| Watasi wa |desu nêe.| Zeńzeñ soodañ-sinàkatta ñ desu yo.

'Uh, the fact is—you know—I (at least) didn't consult at all.'

3. kikímàsita; 4. imâsita; 5. mimâsita; 6. dekímàsita

L 1. Kore wa, tukáiyasùi desyoo?

'This is easy to use, isn't it?'

|Anoo| Zitû wa |desu nêe.| |Anoo| Tukáiyàsùku nâi n desu kedo . .

Sonna sigoto wa, omósiròi desyoo?
 "That kind of work is interesting, isn't it?"

'Uh—actually, you know—uh—the fact is that it's not easy to use, but...' (it's thought to be easy).

|Anoo| Zitû wa |desu nêe.| |Anoo| Omósìròku nâi n desu kedo . .

'Uh—actually, you know—uh—the fact is that it's not interesting, but . . .' (it's thought to be interesting).

- 3. kânozyo/Tanaka-sañ no ôkusañ (da); 4. kâre/zyoózù (da); 5. hîsyo/byoóki (dà); 6. ano kaisya/isóğasìi; 7. asíta no kàiği/taísetu (dà); 8. seńsèe/irássyàru
- M1. Gakutyoo wa, asita 'kotira e irássyaimasèñ yo⊬

'The university president isn't coming here tomorrow!'

 Tanaka-kyoozyu wa, kôñbañ no zyûğyoo ni odé ni narimasèñ yo/ 'Professor Tanaka is not attending tonight's class.' Sôo desu ka. Soré dè wa |desu nêe.| Watási mo kimasèñ kara..

'Oh? In that case—you know—I'm not coming either, so . . .' (let's plan accordingly).

Sôo desu ka. Soré dè wa |desu nêe.| Watási mo demasèñ kara..

'Oh? In that case—you know—I'm not attending either, so . . .' (let's plan accordingly).

- ryôozi/kokó è wa omódori ni narimasèñ;
 katyoo/kâre to soódañ-nasaimasèñ;
 tâisi/Nâgoya ni otómari ni narimasèñ;
 katyoo/hîsyo no kaérì o omáti ni narimasèñ
- N 1. Anó katà no 'gotugoo wa?

 'How about what is convenient for him/her?'
 - 2. Anó katà no osîgoto wa? 'How about his/her work?'
 - 3. onamae; 4. deńwabàngoo
- O 1. Suíyòobi de gozaimasu ne? Kêkkoo de gozaimasu.

'That's Wednesday—right? That will be fine.'

2. Gôzeň ku-zí-hàň de gozaimasu ne? Kêkkoo de gozaimasu.

A. Gotuğoo wa ukáğawanàkatta ñ desu. Moósiwake arimasèñ.

'Oh. (The fact is) I didn't inquire about what would be convenient. I'm sorry.'

A. Osîğoto wa ukáğawanàkatta ñ desu. Moósiwake arimasèñ.

'Oh. (The fact is) I didn't inquire about his/her work. I'm sorry.'

Dê wa, suíyòobi ni ukáğaimàsu no de, yorósiku oneğai-itasimàsu.

'Then I'll come on Wednesday (so I request your consideration).'

Dê wa, gôzeñ ku-zí-hàñ ni ukáğaimàsu no de, yorósiku oneğai-itasimàsu.

'That's 9:30 A.M.—right? That will be fine.'

"Then I'll come at 9:30 A.M. (so I request your consideration)."

3. gôgo sitî-zi; 4. si-gatu 'mui-ka; 5. raisyuu no mokúyòobi

P 1. Asíta no kàiği wa, zyûu-zi kara desu kedo, gotuğoo wa?

'Tomorrow's conference is from 10:00 on; is that convenient for you?' (lit. how about your convenience?)

2. Asíta no zèmi wa, yôru desu kedo, gotugoo wa?

'The seminar tomorrow is in the evening; is that convenient for you?' (*lit.* how about your convenience?)

Asita no zyûu-zi kara desu ka Kêkkoo desu. Asita no zyûu-zi ni ukağaimasu.

'From 10:00 on tomorrow? That's fine. I'll come at 10:00 tomorrow.'

Asita no yôru desu kar Kêkkoo desu. Asita no yôru ukağaimasu.

'Tomorrow evening? That's fine. I'll come tomorrow evening.'

3. raísyuu no zyùgyoo/kińyòo; 4. râigetu no sigoto/mui-ka kara; 5. myôoniti no soodañ/nî-zi kara

Application Exercises

- A. Practice making telephone calls, covering the following types of situations. Remember to include |desu nê(e)|, as appropriate. Your task is not to translate these outlines, but rather to convey the message in appropriate Japanese, using the ritual language you have learned. Use real telephones in order to become accustomed to the increased distortion of telephone conversations as well as the difficulty of speaking with someone you cannot see. (Remember that there is no necessity to limit your Japanese-language telephone calls to class hours!)
- 1. Mr. Nakamura, from Oriental Trade, calls Ms. Carter at the Continental Bank. He makes arrangements to see her tomorrow at about 2:30.
- 2. Mrs. Carter calls her husband at the Continental Bank, but he is out. She leaves a message with his secretary that she will meet him at the Okura Hotel at 6:30 this evening. (Remember your in-groups and out-groups!)
- 3. Ms. Miyazi, from Tokyo University, calls Mr. Gray at the American Embassy, but he is out. She is connected with his secretary. When she explains that she would like to see him soon, she learns that he is on a business trip but will be back next Monday. An appointment is arranged for next Tuesday at 10:30.
- 4. Takashi Ito calls the home of his close friend, Bill Carter, but Carter is at school. He will return home at about 6:30 this evening, so Ito will call again a little after 7:00.

Remember to use ritual expressions, as appropriate, and hesitation noises and fillers. (Be sure to avoid English 'uh'!)

B. Core Conversations: Substitution

Return to the Core Conversations and practice them with appropriate vocabulary substitutions. Make sure that at least some of your practice uses actual telephones.

SECTION C

Eavesdropping

(Once again, the following questions are to be answered on the basis of the accompanying tape. A = the first speaker and B = the second speaker in each conversation.)

- 1a. Whose home is B calling?
- b. What is the problem?
- 2a. Who called Mr/s. Morimoto?
- b. What was the problem?
- 3a. What is A's problem?
- b. What does A learn from B?
- c. What does B offer to do?
- d. What is A's reaction?
- 4a. Whose home is being discussed?
- b. What is one of its advantages?
- c. How is the neighborhood described?
- 5a. Who is the child over there?
- b. What possible identification is offered for the person next to the child?
- c. Why is B not certain?
- 6a. What is being discussed?
- b. What are its advantages?
- c. Where is it sold, in general?
- d. Where is it possibly also sold, in particular?
- 7a. What is A's problem?
- b. What does B suggest?
- c. What is the outcome?
- 8. What is A checking on? Why?
- 9a. Who has just returned?
- b. What occurred during that person's absence? Give details.
- 10a. Who is currently using the adjoining room?
 - b. What organization is Matsuda associated with?
 - c. What is Matsuda doing here?
- 11a. What organization did B call?
 - b. With whom did B speak? For how long?
- 12a. Who is B?
 - b. What is B turning down?
 - c. How does B account for this refusal?
- 13a. What does A admire?
 - b. Who previously used it?
 - c. How old is it?
- 14a. Who answers the phone?
 - b. Who does B think has answered?
 - c. Why did B make an error in identifying the speaker?
 - d. With whom does B want to speak?
 - e. Where is that person?
- 15a. What is A's problem?
 - b. What does A learn from B?
 - c. Why is A particularly concerned?
- 16a., What is A's concern?
 - b. Who is B?

- c. Why is B not attending?
- d. Who may possibly attend? Why?
- 17a. Who is the second person to answer the phone?
 - b. Who is making the call?
 - c. What is the caller's position? In what organization?
 - d. Why is the caller making this call?
- 18a. Where is Gray?
 - b. Why does A apologize?
 - c. Who is A? From what organization?
 - d. When will Gray be back?
 - e. What is A going to do?
- 19a. What evidence does A cite that indicates how busy Dr. Ito is?
 - b. Who saw Dr. Ito? When?
 - c. What news of Dr. Ito is provided by that person?
 - d. What is the current effect of this on Dr. Ito?
- 20a. Who is B?
 - b. What close friend of B's is mentioned?
 - c. How did they become friends?
 - d. What current association do they have?
 - e. What is B going to do for A?
- 21a. Who is being called by B?
 - b. With what organization is that person connected?
 - c. Where is that person now?
 - d. What does B intend to do?
- 22a. Who is making the call? From what organization?
 - b. Why is the call being made?
 - c. What is A's first reaction?
 - d. What is A's later suggestion?
- 23a. What is A trying to find out?
 - b. What solution does B suggest?
 - c. What is the problem with that solution?
 - d. What is B's next solution?
- 24a. What is under discussion?
 - b. What is A's comment about it?
 - c. How does B praise it?
 - d. What does A request of B?
 - e. When will B comply?

Utilization

(As usual, provide a stimulus and/or a response for each item, developing natural conversational sequences. Be sure to include appropriate fillers and hesitation noises.)

- 1. Telephone the Takano household and ask if Takashi is in.
- 2. You are talking on the telephone, struggling with a bad connection. Ask the person you're speaking with to talk a little louder.
- 3. Tell a colleague that you telephoned Oriental Trade, but no one answered. Comment on how strange it is.
 - 4. You answered the telephone, but it's a wrong number. What would you say?
 - 5. You have just reached a wrong number. What would you say?
 - 6. Tell a colleague that you bought any number of dictionaries, but they're all no good.

- 7. You've just finished a telephone call. Tell your colleague that it was a bad connection, and you couldn't hear.
 - 8. Tell a colleague that you called the U.S. last night, but you didn't get through.
- 9. Leave these messages for Dr. Miyaji on the telephone answering machine (be sure to identify yourself):
 - (a) You're not coming to class tomorrow because you're sick.
 - (b) You'd like Dr. Miyaji to call when he's free.
 - (c) You'll call again tomorrow morning.
 - 10. Express your consternation over the fact that:
 - (a) the telephone is out of order.
 - (b) you don't understand the teacher's Japanese.
 - (c) nobody answers (the telephone).
 - (d) Dr. Morimoto's telephone is always busy.
 - 11. You've been asked to cut a pie. Ask what you should cut it with.
 - 12. Your call from Europe is a bad connection. Ask the caller to place the call over again.
- 13. Tell a friend that you went to Professor Takano's seminar yesterday, but he talked in a low voice, so you couldn't hear at all.
 - 14. Tell a colleague that a friend of yours is on a business trip, so you are house-sitting.
 - 15. A friend hasn't appeared for class. Suggest that she may be sick.
- 16. A colleague is waiting for some overdue reports from Nishida. Suggest that maybe they were difficult and he couldn't do them.
 - 17. Comment on how easy this pen is to write with.
 - 18. You're listening to a television news commentator. Comment on what a strange voice [he has].
- 19. Tell a colleague that you have some important business to attend to and are going home a bit early today.
- 20. Tell a friend that you went to Europe once fifteen years ago, and you'd like to go back while you're [still] young.
- 21. A call has come in for the president of the company. Explain that since he's out of the office now, you'll put his secretary on the line. Tell the caller to wait a moment.
 - 22. Find out when the section chief will return here.
- 23. Telephone the office of Division Manager Yamamori (in another company). Explain that you'd like to see him soon, and find out when it will be convenient.
- 24. Explain to a colleague that Dr. Morimoto was a professor at the German Language Research Institute, but has become a college president.
- 25. You're talking on the telephone to the head of the Toranomon Hospital. Tell him that you'll visit him at 10:00 tomorrow morning, so you'd like 'his favorable consideration.'
- 26. In a telephone conversation with your language instructor, move from the ritual beginnings to the real reason for your call: you'll be on a business trip from Monday to Thursday of next week, so you won't be attending class until Friday. Apologize!
- 27. You have just learned something new from the company president. React (i.e., 'Oh, really?') in your most polite language.
 - 28. Someone has suggested a time for a meeting. Tell her that will be fine.
- 29. You've just learned that the instructor you wanted to see won't be back until tomorrow. Tell the secretary that in that case, you'll come again the day after tomorrow.
- 30. A friend is wondering why he never sees you. Explain that you are studying Japanese all day long.

Check-up

1, What is the underlying meaning of /interrogative + mo/? Describe the occurrence of such patterns with affirmative and negative predicates. (A-SP1)

- 2. How does the meaning of /interrogative number + mo/ differ from that of most other interrogatives occurring in this pattern? (A-SP1)
- 3. What forms of the predicate precede ka mo sirenai? What happens to predicates ending in da? (A-SP2)
 - 4. How does the addition of ka mo sirenai to a predicate change its meaning? (A-SP2)
 - 5. How is the gerund of the adjectival formed? Give an example of its use. (A-SP3)
 - 6. What is the difference in meaning between:

Kâre ğa wakárànakute komâtte imasu. and

Kâre wa wakárànakute komâtte imasu. (A-SP3)

- 7. Contrast the Japanese equivalents of:
 - (a) 'a bank and a post office'
 - (b) 'is new and (is) expensive'
 - (c) 'is pretty and (is) expensive'
 - (d) 'turn the corner and stop' (A-SP3)
- 8. What is a compound? What types are there? To what word-class does a compound belong? Give three examples. (A-SP4)
- 9. What is the meaning of /predicate + no de/? How do we analyze no de? What forms of the predicate precede no de? (B-SP1)
 - 10. What evidence is there that the no of no de is a nominal? (B-SP1)
 - 11. Describe the use of uti as a time expression. Give two examples. (B-SP2)
 - 12. What is a commonly occurring distal-style 'filler' in the spoken language? (B-SP3)