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**Beginner and Intermediate  
Japanese Language Lesson  
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# Today's Beginner Lesson: Talk about Likes/Dislikes

You can talk about things you like or dislike using the following phrases:

～がすきです (~ga daisuki desu) = I like X

～がきらいです (~ga kirai desu) = I dislike X

～がだいすきです (~ga daisuki desu) = I really like X

～がだいきらいです (~ga daikirai desu) = I really dislike X

# Today's Beginner Lesson: Talk about Likes/Dislikes

What foods do you like?

どんな **たべもの** が すきですか？

Donna **tabemono** ga sukidesuka

Substitute any category for “food” :

えいが // eega // movies

ほん // hon // books

ひと // hito // people

# Today's Beginner Lesson: Talk about Feelings

うれしい / ureshii / glad, happy

うれしい (です) / Ureshii (desu) / I'm glad / happy.

# Today's Beginner Lesson: Talk about Feelings

たのしい / tanoshii / enjoyable

きょうはたのしかった（です） / Kyou wa tanoshikatta / I had a good time today

# Today's Beginner Lesson: Talk about Feelings

おもしろい / omoshiroi / interesting, amusing, entertaining, exciting, funny

このマンガはおもしろい（です） / Kono manga wa omoshiroi / This manga is interesting

# Today's Beginner Lesson: Talk about Feelings

さびしい / sabishii / lonely

寂さびしい（です） / sabishii desu / I'm lonely.



# Today's Beginner Lesson: Talk about Feelings

怖こわい / kowai / terrible, fearful, horrible

へビが怖こわい（です） / hebi ga kowai desu / I'm afraid of snakes

# Today's Beginner Lesson: Talk about Feelings

かなしい / kanashii / sad

かなしい（です） / kanashii desu / I'm sad.

# Today's Intermediate Lesson: Conditional Phrases

(will cover last three today)

Ending	Conditional Form
～たら	The General Case
～ば	The Strong Conditional
なら	Basis
とすると	The Hypothetical
と	Natural Consequences

# Today's Intermediate Lesson: Conditional Phrases

Last time: ~たら (when/if)

出張で京都に行ったら金閣寺の写真を撮る。

If I go to Kyoto on a business trip I will take a photo of the kinkaku-ji.

今夜、家に帰ったらビールを飲んでテレビを見ます。

Tonight when I get home I'll drink a beer and then watch television.

# Today's Intermediate Lesson: Conditional Phrases

Last time: ~ば (if)

Places more emphasis on the possibility that the first clause might not happen

If I drink alcohol I get sleepy.

お酒を飲めば、眠くなる。

Let's go on holiday together if we get the opportunity.

また機会があれば一緒に旅行しましょうね。

# Today's Intermediate Lesson: Conditional Phrases

This time: なら

なら places a much stronger emphasis on A being a condition to B. A close literal translation might be: “On the basis that the situation A exists, then B will occur/be true.” Unlike the previous conditionals, there is no need to alter verb forms or remember any particular rules—you simply add なら to dictionary form of the verb, adjective, or noun

## Today's Intermediate Lesson: Conditional Phrases

弟とけんかしないと約束するなら、遊園地に連れていくよ。

If you promise not to fight with your little brother I'll take you both to the amusement park. (Not fighting is the condition for going to the park)

君きみならできるよ！

I know you have it in you! (If it's you that's doing it, I know it'll be fine)

# Today's Intermediate Lesson: Conditional Phrases

## Natural Consequences (～と)

Where ～たら, ～ば and ～なら preceded actions, と precedes a natural consequence (not typically an action that you will take, but something that happens automatically).

と attaches itself to the *dictionary form* of the verb.



## Today's Intermediate Lesson: Conditional Phrases

グラスが落ちると、割れます。

If the glass falls, it will break.

はっしゃサインの音が鳴り終わると、ドアが閉まります。

When the signal stops ringing, the train doors will close

# Today's Intermediate Lesson: Conditional Phrases