

Situational Usage

1. A colleague is holding a wrapped package. Find out what it is.
Sore wa nan desu ka.
(それはなんですか。)
2. Ask the salesclerk how much the bicycle is over there.
Ano jitensya wa ikura desu ka.
(あのじてんしゃはいくらですか。)
3. Ask a stranger where the post office is.
Sumimasen. Yuubinkyoku wa doko desu ka.
(すみません、ゆうびんきょくはどこですか。)
4. At a restaurant, ask for a menu.
Sumimasen. Menyuu o onegai simasu.
(すみません、メニューをおねがいします。)
5. You found a wallet in the classroom. Find out whose wallet it is that you are holding.
Kore wa dare no saifu desu ka.
(これはだれのさいふですか。)
6. A student you first met said his major is history. Tell him that Mr. Suzuki's major is American history, too.
Suzuki-san no senkoo mo amerika no rekisi desu yo.
(すずきさんのせんこうもアメリカのれきしです(よ)。)
7. You are asked if you are a high school student. Tell the person that you are not a high school student, and that you are a freshman of London University.
Watasi wa kookoosei jya arimasen. Rondon daigaku no ichinensei desu.
(わたしはこうこうせいじゃありません／ないです。ロンドンだいがくのいちねんせいです。)
8. You noticed something was left at the door. Ask Prof. Tanaka if that item over there is not his umbrella.
Are wa Tanaka-sensee no kasa jya arimasen ka.
(あれはたなかせんせいのかさじゃありませんか／ないですか。)
9. Comment, assuming agreement, that this vegetable is delicious.
Kono yasai wa oisii desu nee.
(このやさいはおいしいですねえ。)
10. You are working part-time at a store. Welcome a customer.
Irassyaimase.
(いらっしゃいませ。)
11. The salesclerk mentioned that the computer over there is 98000-yen, although the price tag says 198000-yen. Ask him if that computer over there is not 198000-yen ("Isn't that computer over there 198,000-yen?")
Ano konpyuutaa wa jyuukyuuman hassen-en jya arimasen ka.
(あのコンピューターは198000えんじゃありませんか／ないですか。)

12. Your colleague is looking for a dictionary. Offer him a dictionary near you.

Kono jisyo o doozo.

(このじしょをどうぞ。)

13. Tell a colleague that Mr. Lee's father is not Korean.

Lee-san no ootoosann wa kankokujin ja arimasen yo.

(リーさんのおとうさんはかんこくじんじゃありませんよ／ないですよ。)

14. You are looking at a student photo with your colleague. Ask him which student is Takashi's older sister.

Dono gakusee ga Takashi-san no oneesan desu ka?

(どのがくせいがかかしさんのおねえさんですか。)

15. Your colleague took you to his favorite steak restaurant. At the restaurant, ask him which meat is delicious.

Dono niku ga oisii desu ka?

(どのにくがおいしいですか。)

16. At the store, ask the price of a hat near the sales person.

Sono boosi wa ikura desu ka?

(そのぼうしはいくらですか。)

17. Your colleague thinks Prof. Smith is British. Tell her that Prof. Smith is not British. Inform her that Prof. Rose is not British, either.

Sumisu-sensee wa igirisujin jya arimasen/nai desu. Roosusensee mo igirisujin jya arimasen/nai desu.

(スミス先生はイギリス人じゃありません／ないです。ローズ | ろーず 先生もイギリス人じゃありません／ないです。)

18. Inform a guest that restroom is over there.

Toire wa asoko desu.

(トイレはあそこです。)

19. You are checking on prices at a store. Confirm that the watch near you is 6870-yen.

Kono tokee wa rokusen happyaku nanajyuu-en desu ne.

(このとけいは6870えんですね。)

20. You are looking at bicycles in front of the library. Ask your acquaintance, Ms. Tanaka, which one is his.

Tanaka-san no jitensya wa dore desu ka.

(たなかさんのじてんしゃはどれですか。)

21. At the store, tell the sale person that you want to buy this pencil you are holding.

Kono enpitu o kudasai./Kono enpitu o onegai simasu.

(このえんぴつをください。／このえんぴつをおねがいします。)

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