What Day and What Time

Japanese · beginner · time · adult · 6 min

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01 VOCABULARY

Beginner Japanese learning song about time. The voice drills each chunk with its meaning so the words attach to the sound - listen, then answer in the gaps.

	CHUNK	MEANING	IN CONTEXT
1	**何時ですか。** Nanji desu ka?	What time is it?	asking the time when you are in a hurry
2	**三時です。** Sanji desu.	It is three o'clock.	answering what time it is
3	**今日は月曜日です。** Kyou wa getsuyoubi desu.	Today is Monday.	telling someone what day it is

NEW WORDS (13)

nanji 何時
what time

ji 時
o'clock

sanji 三時
three o'clock

getsuyoubi 月曜日
Monday

kayoubi 火曜日
Tuesday

suiyoubi 水曜日
Wednesday

mokuyoubi 木曜日
Thursday

kinyoubi 金曜日
Friday

doyoubi 土曜日
Saturday

nichiyoubi 日曜日
Sunday

kyou 今日
today

ashita 明日
tomorrow

kinou 昨日
yesterday

Practice tip · First listen without reading and just tap the pulse; on the second pass, say each chunk out loud in the pause after the echo.

[SOUND DRILL]

na

n

ji

ge

tsu

yo

u

bi

[REVIEW]

Watashi no namae wa Pool desu.

My name is Paul.

Kore wa ikura desu ka?

How much is this?

Konnichiwa, arigatou.

Hello, thank you.

[CHORUS]

Nanji desu ka?

Nanji desu ka?

What time is it?

Nanji desu ka?

[VERSE 1]

Nanji desu ka?

What time is it?

nanji

what time

Sanji desu.

It is three o'clock.

sanji

three o'clock

ji

o'clock

Nanji desu ka? Sanji desu.
What time is it? It is three o'clock.
Nanji desu ka?
What time is it?

[CHORUS]

Nanji desu ka?
Nanji desu ka?
What time is it?
Nanji desu ka?

[VERSE 2]

Kyou wa getsuyoubi desu.
Today is Monday.
kyou
today
getsuyoubi
Monday
Kyou wa getsuyoubi desu.
Today is Monday.
Kayoubi, suiyoubi, mokuyoubi.
Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday.
kayoubi
Tuesday
suiyoubi
Wednesday
mokuyoubi
Thursday

[VERSE 3]

Kinyoubi, doyoubi.
Friday, Saturday.
kinyoubi
Friday
doyoubi
Saturday

Nichiyoubi desu!
It is Sunday!
nichiyoubi
Sunday
Getsuyoubi kara nichiyoubi.
Monday through Sunday.
Nanji desu ka?
What time is it?

[VERSE 4]

Ashita wa nanji desu ka?
What time is it tomorrow?
ashita
tomorrow
Kinou wa sanji desu.
Yesterday was three o'clock.
kinou
yesterday
Kyou wa getsuyoubi desu.
Today is Monday.
Nanji desu ka?
What time is it?

[CHORUS]

Nanji desu ka?
Nanji desu ka?
What time is it?
Nanji desu ka?

[VERSE 5]

Getsuyoubi, kayoubi.
Monday, Tuesday.
Suiyoubi, mokuyoubi, kinyoubi.
Wednesday, Thursday, Friday.
Doyoubi, nichiyoubi.
Saturday, Sunday.

Nanji desu ka, arigatou?

What time is it, thank you?

[VERSE 6]

Kyou wa getsuyoubi desu.

Today is Monday.

Ashita wa nanji desu ka?

What time is it tomorrow?

Sanji desu, arigatou.

It is three o'clock, thank you.

Mata ne, konnichiwa!

See you again, hello!

[CHORUS]

Nanji desu ka?

Nanji desu ka?

What time is it?

Nanji desu ka?

[RECAP]

Nanji desu ka?

Sanji desu!

Kyou wa getsuyoubi desu!

Grey lines are a reading aid for the script; the singer performs the language itself.

HOW TO USE THIS SONG

1. Listen to the whole song once without reading — just follow the pulse.
2. Listen again while reading the lyrics; let the echo lines carry the meaning.
3. On the third pass, say each chunk out loud in the pause after it is sung.
4. Use one phrase from this sheet today, in a real conversation or out loud.

DRILL MAP

SAY THIS	IT MEANS	WHEN / HOOK
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