An Evening at the Restaurant

Japanese · beginner · restaurant · adult · 6 min

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01 VOCABULARY

Beginner Japanese learning song about restaurant. 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	おすすめは何ですか。 Osusume wa nan desu ka?	What do you recommend?	asking the waiter for his best dish
2	二名で予約したいです。 Nimei de yoyaku shitai desu.	I would like to reserve a table for two.	calling a restaurant ahead of time
3	二名です。 Nimei desu.	Two people.	telling the host how many are in your group
4	メニューをください。 Menyuu o kudasai.	The menu, please.	when you sit down at the table
5	魚はおいしいです。 Sakana wa oishii desu.	The fish is delicious.	praising the food
6	お会計をお願いします。 Okaikei o onegaishimasu.	The check, please.	at the end of the meal

NEW WORDS (12)

osusume おすすめ
recommendation

nan 何
what

sakana 魚
fish

oishii おいしい
delicious

nimei 二名
two people

de で
with

yoyaku 予約
reservation

shitai したい
want to do

menyuu メニュー
menu

dozo どうぞ
here you are

okaikei お会計
the check

onegaishimasu お願いします
please

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]

nyu

yo

ya

ku

mei

ka

[REVIEW]

Konbanwa.

Good evening.

Sumimasen.

Excuse me.

Ringo o kudasai.

Apples, please.

Pan to chiizu ga daisuki desu.

I really like bread and cheese.

Kore wa ikura desu ka?

How much is this?

[CHORUS]

Osusume wa nan desu ka?

Osusume wa nan desu ka?

What do you recommend?

Osusume wa nan desu ka?

[VERSE 1]

Osusume wa nan desu ka?

What do you recommend?

osusume

recommendation

nan

what

Osusume wa sakana desu.

I recommend the fish.

sakana

fish

Sakana wa oishii desu.

The fish is delicious.

oishii

delicious

[CHORUS]

Osusume wa nan desu ka?

Osusume wa nan desu ka?

What do you recommend?

Osusume wa nan desu ka?

[VERSE 2]

Nimei de yoyaku shitai desu.

I would like to reserve a table for two.

nimei

two people

de

with

yoyaku

reservation

shitai

want to do

Nimei de yoyaku shitai desu.

I would like to reserve a table for two.

Nimei desu.

Two people.

[CHORUS]

Osusume wa nan desu ka?

Osusume wa nan desu ka?

What do you recommend?

Osusume wa nan desu ka?

[VERSE 3]

Menyuu o kudasai.

The menu, please.

menyuu

menu

Hai, dozo.

Yes, here you are.

dozo

here you are

Arigatou.

Thank you.

[VERSE 4]

Okaikei o onegaishimasu.

The check, please.

okaikei

the check

onegaishimasu

please

Okaikei wa ikura desu ka?

How much is the check?

Sen gohyaku en desu.

It is one thousand five hundred yen.

Okaikei o onegaishimasu.

The check, please.

[CHORUS]

Osusume wa nan desu ka?

Osusume wa nan desu ka?

What do you recommend?

Osusume wa nan desu ka?

[VERSE 5]

Konbanwa.

Good evening.

Yoyaku wa Pool desu.

The reservation is under Paul.

Nimei desu ka?

Is it for two people?

Hai, nimei desu.

Yes, two people.

[VERSE 6]

Pan to chiizu mo oishii desu.

Bread and cheese are delicious too.

Yasai mo oishii desu.

The vegetables are delicious too.

Arigatou, oishii desu!

Thank you, it is delicious!

Sayounara, mata ne.

Goodbye, see you again.

[CHORUS]

Osusume wa nan desu ka?

Osusume wa nan desu ka?

What do you recommend?

Osusume wa nan desu ka?

[RECAP]

Nimei de yoyaku shitai desu.

Osusume wa nan desu ka?

Menyuu o kudasai.

Okaikei o onegaishimasu.

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

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