Which Way to the Station

Japanese · beginner · directions · adult · 6 min

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01 VOCABULARY

Beginner Japanese learning song about directions. 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	**駅はどこですか。** Eki wa doko desu ka?	Where is the station?	asking a stranger for directions
2	**左に曲がって、まっすぐ行ってください。** Hidari ni magatte, massugu itte kudasai.	Please turn left and go straight.	following or giving simple directions
3	**右に曲がってください。** Migi ni magatte kudasai.	Please turn right.	giving a single direction
4	**ここから遠いですか。** Koko kara tooi desu ka?	Is it far from here?	deciding whether to walk or take a taxi
5	**いいえ、近いです。** Iie, chikai desu.	No, it is near.	reassuring a lost traveler

NEW WORDS (10)

eki 駅
station

koko ここ
here

iie いいえ
no

hidari 左
left

migi 右
right

massugu まっすぐ
straight ahead

magatte 曲がって
turn and

itte 行って
go and

tooi 遠い
far

chikai 近い
near

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]

ma

hi

da

ri

mi

gi

[REVIEW]

Sumimasen, otearai wa doko desu ka?

Excuse me, where is the restroom?

Doko kara kimashita ka?

Where did you come from?

Rondon kara kimashita.

I came from London.

Okaikei o onegaishimasu.

The check, please.

Ringo o kudasai.

Apples, please.

[CHORUS]

Eki wa doko desu ka?

Eki wa doko desu ka?

Where is the station?

Eki wa doko desu ka?

[VERSE 1]

Eki wa doko desu ka?

Where is the station?

eki

station

Eki wa koko desu ka?

Is the station here?

koko

here

Iie, koko wa otearai desu.

No, here is the restroom.

iie

no

[CHORUS]

Eki wa doko desu ka?

Eki wa doko desu ka?

Where is the station?

Eki wa doko desu ka?

[VERSE 2]

Eki wa hidari desu.

The station is on the left.

hidari

left

Otearai wa migi desu.

The restroom is on the right.

migi

right

Eki wa massugu desu.

The station is straight ahead.

massugu

straight ahead

[CHORUS]

Eki wa doko desu ka?

Eki wa doko desu ka?

Where is the station?

Eki wa doko desu ka?

[VERSE 3]

Hidari ni magatte, massugu itte kudasai.

Please turn left and go straight.

magatte

turn and

itte

go and

Hidari ni magatte, massugu itte kudasai.

Please turn left and go straight.

Migi ni magatte kudasai.

Please turn right.

Massugu itte kudasai.

Please go straight.

[CHORUS]

Eki wa doko desu ka?

Eki wa doko desu ka?

Where is the station?

Eki wa doko desu ka?

[VERSE 4]

Koko kara tooi desu ka?

Is it far from here?

tooi

far

Hai, tooi desu.

Yes, it is far.

Otearai wa tooi desu ka?

Is the restroom far?

Iie, chikai desu.

No, it is near.

chikai

near

[CHORUS]

Eki wa doko desu ka?

Eki wa doko desu ka?

Where is the station?

Eki wa doko desu ka?

[VERSE 5]

Sumimasen, eki wa doko desu ka?

Excuse me, where is the station?

Hidari ni magatte, massugu itte kudasai.

Please turn left and go straight.

Koko kara tooi desu ka?

Is it far from here?

Iie, chikai desu.

No, it is near.

Arigatou, sayounara.

Thank you, goodbye.

[VERSE 6]

Hidari, migi, massugu.

Left, right, straight ahead.

Eki wa doko desu ka?

Where is the station?

[CHORUS]

Eki wa doko desu ka?

Eki wa doko desu ka?

Where is the station?

Eki wa doko desu ka?

[RECAP]

Eki wa doko desu ka?

Hidari ni magatte, massugu itte kudasai.

Koko kara tooi desu ka?

Iie, chikai 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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