Trains, Buses and Tickets

Japanese · beginner · transport · adult · 6 min

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01 VOCABULARY

Beginner Japanese learning song about transport. 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	**東京までの切符をください。** Toukyou made no kippu o kudasai.	A ticket to Tokyo, please.	buying a ticket at the station
2	**次の電車は何時ですか。** Tsugi no densha wa nanji desu ka?	What time is the next train?	planning your departure
3	**何番線ですか。** Nanbansen desu ka?	Which platform is it?	finding your train in a big station
4	**三番線です。** Sanbansen desu.	It is platform three.	the answer you hear on the platform
5	**バスは右です。** Basu wa migi desu.	The bus is on the right.	pointing out where to catch the bus

NEW WORDS (9)

Toukyou 東京
Tokyo

made まで
as far as

kippu 切符
ticket

basu バス
bus

chikatetsu 地下鉄
subway

densha 電車
train

tsugi 次
next

nanbansen 何番線
which platform

sanbansen 三番線
platform three

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]

ba

su

den

sha

ki

ppu

[REVIEW]

Hidari ni magatte, massugu itte kudasai.

Please turn left and go straight.

Eki wa doko desu ka?

Where is the station?

Kyou wa getsuyoubi desu.

Today is Monday.

Nanji desu ka?

What time is it?

Sanji desu.

It is three o'clock.

[CHORUS]

Toukyou made no kippu o kudasai.

Toukyou made no kippu o kudasai.

A ticket to Tokyo, please.

Toukyou made no kippu o kudasai.

[VERSE 1]

Toukyou made no kippu o kudasai.

A ticket to Tokyo, please.

kippu

ticket

Toukyou

Tokyo

made

as far as

Kippu wa ikura desu ka?

How much is the ticket?

Sen gohyaku en desu.

It is one thousand five hundred yen.

Toukyou made no kippu o kudasai.

A ticket to Tokyo, please.

[CHORUS]

Toukyou made no kippu o kudasai.

Toukyou made no kippu o kudasai.

A ticket to Tokyo, please.

Toukyou made no kippu o kudasai.

[VERSE 2]

Basu wa doko desu ka?

Where is the bus?

basu

bus

Chikatetsu wa hidari desu.

The subway is on the left.

chikatetsu

subway

Densha wa migi desu.

The train is on the right.

densha

train

[CHORUS]

Toukyou made no kippu o kudasai.

Toukyou made no kippu o kudasai.

A ticket to Tokyo, please.

Toukyou made no kippu o kudasai.

[VERSE 3]

Tsugi no densha wa nanji desu ka?

What time is the next train?

tsugi

next

Tsugi no densha wa sanji desu.

The next train is at three o'clock.

Tsugi no densha wa nanji desu ka?

What time is the next train?

[CHORUS]

Toukyou made no kippu o kudasai.

Toukyou made no kippu o kudasai.

A ticket to Tokyo, please.

Toukyou made no kippu o kudasai.

[VERSE 4]

Nanbansen desu ka?

Which platform is it?

nanbansen

which platform

Sanbansen desu.

It is platform three.

sanbansen

platform three

Nanbansen desu ka?

Which platform is it?

[VERSE 5]

Densha ga suki desu ka?

Do you like trains?

Hai, densha ga daisuki desu.

Yes, I really like trains.

Basu mo suki desu.

I like buses too.

Kippu o kudasai.

A ticket, please.

Hai, dozo.

Yes, here you are.

Arigatou.

Thank you.

[CHORUS]

Toukyou made no kippu o kudasai.

Toukyou made no kippu o kudasai.

A ticket to Tokyo, please.

Toukyou made no kippu o kudasai.

[VERSE 6]

Sumimasen, nanbansen desu ka?

Excuse me, which platform is it?

Sanbansen desu.

It is platform three.

Densha wa sanji desu.

The train is at three o'clock.

Arigatou, sayounara.

Thank you, goodbye.

[CHORUS]

Toukyou made no kippu o kudasai.

Toukyou made no kippu o kudasai.

A ticket to Tokyo, please.

Toukyou made no kippu o kudasai.

[RECAP]

Toukyou made no kippu o kudasai.

Tsugi no densha wa nanji desu ka?

Nanbansen desu ka?

Sanbansen 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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