# Bargaining at the Fresh Market

Japanese · beginner · market · adult · 6 min

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## 01 VOCABULARY

Beginner Japanese learning song about market. 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 | いちごを一キロください。<br>Ichigo o ichi kiro kudasai. | One kilo of strawberries, please. | ordering at a market stall |
| 2 | 市場はここです。<br>Ichiba wa koko desu. | The market is here. | pointing the way to the market |
| 3 | このトマトは新鮮ですか。<br>Kono tomato wa shinsen desu ka? | Is this tomato fresh? | checking the produce before you buy |
| 4 | 高すぎます。<br>Takasugimasu. | It is too expensive. | when the price is more than you expected |
| 5 | もう少し安くしてください。<br>Mou sukoshi yasuku shite kudasai. | Please make it a little cheaper. | friendly bargaining at a stall |

## NEW WORDS (8)

**ichigo** いちご
strawberries

**ichiba** 市場
market

**tomato** トマト
tomato

**shinsen** 新鮮
fresh

**takasugimasu** 高すぎます
too expensive

**mou** もう
more

**sukoshi** 少し
a little

**yasuku** 安く
cheaper

**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]

i

chi

ba

shin

sen

ku

[REVIEW]

Ringo o ichi kiro kudasai.

One kilo of apples, please.

Kore wa ikura desu ka?

How much is this?

Sen gohyaku en desu.

It is one thousand five hundred yen.

Chiizu wa arimasu ka?

Do you have cheese?

Hai, arimasu.

Yes, we have it.

[CHORUS]

Ichigo o ichi kiro kudasai.

Ichigo o ichi kiro kudasai.

One kilo of strawberries, please.

Ichigo o ichi kiro kudasai.

[VERSE 1]

Ichigo o ichi kiro kudasai.

One kilo of strawberries, please.

ichigo

strawberries

Ichiba wa koko desu.

The market is here.

ichiba

market

Ichigo o ichi kiro kudasai.
One kilo of strawberries, please.

**[CHORUS]**

Ichigo o ichi kiro kudasai.
Ichigo o ichi kiro kudasai.
One kilo of strawberries, please.
Ichigo o ichi kiro kudasai.

**[VERSE 2]**

Kono tomato wa shinsen desu ka?
Is this tomato fresh?
tomato
tomato
shinsen
fresh
Hai, shinsen desu.
Yes, it is fresh.
Kono tomato wa ikura desu ka?
How much is this tomato?
Hyaku en desu.
It is one hundred yen.
Kono tomato wa shinsen desu ka?
Is this tomato fresh?

**[CHORUS]**

Ichigo o ichi kiro kudasai.
Ichigo o ichi kiro kudasai.
One kilo of strawberries, please.
Ichigo o ichi kiro kudasai.

**[VERSE 3]**

Takasugimasu.
It is too expensive.
takasugimasu
too expensive

Takasugimasu, mou sukoshi yasuku shite kudasai.

Too expensive, please make it a little cheaper.

mou

more

sukoshi

a little

yasuku

cheaper

Mou sukoshi yasuku shite kudasai.

Please make it a little cheaper.

**[CHORUS]**

Ichigo o ichi kiro kudasai.

Ichigo o ichi kiro kudasai.

One kilo of strawberries, please.

Ichigo o ichi kiro kudasai.

**[VERSE 4]**

Ichigo wa shinsen desu ka?

Are the strawberries fresh?

Hai, shinsen desu.

Yes, they are fresh.

Ichigo wa oishii desu.

Strawberries are delicious.

Ichigo ga daisuki desu.

I really like strawberries.

**[CHORUS]**

Ichigo o ichi kiro kudasai.

Ichigo o ichi kiro kudasai.

One kilo of strawberries, please.

Ichigo o ichi kiro kudasai.

**[VERSE 5]**

Sumimasen, ichigo wa ikura desu ka?

Excuse me, how much are the strawberries?

Sen en desu.

It is one thousand yen.

Takasugimasu.

It is too expensive.

Mou sukoshi yasuku shite kudasai.

Please make it a little cheaper.

Hai, gohyaku en desu.

Yes, it is five hundred yen.

Ichigo o ichi kiro kudasai.

One kilo of strawberries, please.

Arigatou, sayounara.

Thank you, goodbye.

**[CHORUS]**

Ichigo o ichi kiro kudasai.

Ichigo o ichi kiro kudasai.

One kilo of strawberries, please.

Ichigo o ichi kiro kudasai.

**[RECAP]**

Ichigo o ichi kiro kudasai.

Kono tomato wa shinsen desu ka?

Takasugimasu.

Mou sukoshi yasuku shite kudasai.

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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