At the Post Office Counter

Japanese · intermediate · post office · adult · 6 min

Lyricate
LEARN IT IN MUSIC

01 VOCABULARY

Intermediate Japanese learning song about post office. 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	**この荷物を書留で送りたいです。** Kono nimotsu o kakitome de okuritai desu.	I want to send this package by registered mail.	requesting registered mail service at the post office counter
2	**国際切手はいくらですか?** Kokusai kitte wa ikura desu ka?	How much is an international stamp?	asking the price of international postage stamps
3	**届くまでどのくらい時間がかかりますか?** Todoku made dono kurai jikan ga kakarimasu ka?	How long does it take until it arrives?	inquiring about delivery time for a package
4	**荷物を送る。** Nimotsu o okuru.	I send a package.	stating the action of sending a package
5	**国際切手をください。** Kokusai kitte o kudasai.	Please give me international stamps.	purchasing international stamps
6	**書留で送りたいです。** Kakitome de okuritai desu.	I want to send it by registered mail.	choosing registered mail shipping
7	**どのくらい時間がかかりますか?** Dono kurai jikan ga kakarimasu ka?	How much time does it take?	asking about required time
8	**この荷物を送る。** Kono nimotsu o okuru.	I send this package.	sending this particular parcel

NEW WORDS (9)

nimotsu 荷物
package

kakitome 書留
registered mail

okuritai 送りたい
want to send

okuru 送る
send

kokusai 国際
international

kitte 切手
stamp

todoku 届く
arrive

kurai くらい
approximately

kakarimasu かかります
takes

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]

ni

mo

tsu

ki

t

te

[REVIEW]

Futsuu kouza o hirakitai desu.

I want to open a standard account.

Kaigai ni soukin suru houhou wa?

What is the method to send money overseas?

Eetiiemu ga kaado o nomikomimashita.

The ATM swallowed my card.

Tenpu fairu o gokakunin kudasai.

Please check the attached file.

[CHORUS]

Kono nimotsu o kakitome de okuritai desu.

Kono nimotsu o kakitome de okuritai desu.

I want to send this package by registered mail.

Kono nimotsu o kakitome de okuritai desu.

Kokusai kitte wa ikura desu ka?

Kokusai kitte wa ikura desu ka?

How much is an international stamp?

Kokusai kitte wa ikura desu ka?

[VERSE 1]

Kono nimotsu o kakitome de okuritai desu.

I want to send this package by registered mail.

nimotsu

package

kakitome

registered mail

okuritai

want to send

Kokusai kitte wa ikura desu ka?

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kokusai

international

kitte

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[CHORUS]

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[VERSE 2]

Todoku made dono kurai jikan ga kakarimasu ka?

How long does it take until it arrives?

todoku

arrive

kurai

approximately

kakarimasu

takes

Nimotsu o okuru.

I send a package.

okuru

send

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[CHORUS]

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[VERSE 3]

Kokusai kitte o kudasai.
Please give me international stamps.
Kakitome de okuritai desu.
I want to send it by registered mail.
Dono kurai jikan ga kakarimasu ka?
How much time does it take?
Kono nimotsu o okuru.
I send this package.
Kono nimotsu o kakitome de okuritai desu.
I want to send this package by registered mail.
Hai, arigatou gozaimasu.
Yes, thank you very much.

[CHORUS]

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Kono nimotsu o kakitome de okuritai desu.
I want to send this package by registered mail.
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Kokusai kitte wa ikura desu ka?
How much is an international stamp?
Kokusai kitte wa ikura desu ka?

[VERSE 4]

Kono nimotsu o kakitome de okuritai desu.

I want to send this package by registered mail.

Kokusai kitte wa ikura desu ka?

How much is an international stamp?

Todoku made dono kurai jikan ga kakarimasu ka?

How long does it take until it arrives?

Kokusai kitte o kudasai.

Please give me international stamps.

Dono kurai jikan ga kakarimasu ka?

How much time does it take?

Nimotsu o okuru.

I send a package.

[CHORUS]

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[RECAP]

Kono nimotsu o kakitome de okuritai desu.

Kokusai kitte wa ikura desu ka?

Todoku made dono kurai jikan ga kakarimasu ka?

Nimotsu o okuru.

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

03 STUDY SHEET

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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