Elections and Reform

Japanese · advanced · politics · adult · 6 min

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01 VOCABULARY

Advanced Japanese learning song about politics. 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	**選挙は三月に行われます。** Senkyo wa sangatsu ni okonawaremasu.	The election will be held in March.	a date to remember
2	**誰に投票しますか？** Dare ni touhyou shimasu ka?	Who will you vote for?	a friendly question
3	**政府は新しい改革を提案しています。** Seifu wa atarashii kaikaku o teian shite imasu.	The government is proposing new reforms.	describing a plan
4	**候補者の意見はどうですか？** Kouhosha no iken wa dou desu ka?	What is the candidate's opinion?	asking for a view
5	**改革が必要ですから、投票します。** Kaikaku ga hitsuyou desu kara, touhyou shimasu.	Because reform is necessary, I will vote.	giving a reason

NEW WORDS (8)

seifu 政府
government

senkyo 選挙
election

touhyou suru 投票する
to vote

kouhosha 候補者
candidate

kaikaku 改革
reform

sangatsu 三月
March

okonawaremasu 行われます
will be held

dare 誰
who

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]

sei

fu

sen

kyo

kai

[REVIEW]

Kenkou hoken wa arimasu ka?

Do you have health insurance?

Shougakukin wa itsu moraimashita ka?

When did you receive the scholarship?

Kare wa kyonen gakui o shutoku shimashita.

He earned his degree last year.

Yoyaku o shite imasu.

I have a reservation.

[CHORUS]

Senkyo wa sangatsu ni okonawaremasu.

Senkyo wa sangatsu ni okonawaremasu.

The election will be held in March.

Senkyo wa sangatsu ni okonawaremasu.

Dare ni touhyou shimasu ka?

Dare ni touhyou shimasu ka?

Who will you vote for?

Dare ni touhyou shimasu ka?

[VERSE 1]

Seifu wa atarashii kaikaku o teian shite imasu.

The government is proposing new reforms.

seifu

government

senkyo

election

kaikaku

reform

sangatsu

March

okonawaremasu

will be held

Kouhosha wa dare desu ka?

Who is the candidate?

kouhosha

candidate

dare

who

touhyou suru

to vote

[CHORUS]

Senkyo wa sangatsu ni okonawaremasu.

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The election will be held in March.

Senkyo wa sangatsu ni okonawaremasu.

Dare ni touhyou shimasu ka?

Dare ni touhyou shimasu ka?

Who will you vote for?

Dare ni touhyou shimasu ka?

[VERSE 2]

Watashi wa touhyou shimasu.

I will vote.

Kouhosha no iken wa dou desu ka?

What is the candidate's opinion?

Watashi no iken de wa, kaikaku wa daiji desu.

In my opinion, reform is important.

[CHORUS]

Senkyo wa sangatsu ni okonawaremasu.

Senkyo wa sangatsu ni okonawaremasu.

The election will be held in March.

Senkyo wa sangatsu ni okonawaremasu.
Dare ni touhyou shimasu ka?
Dare ni touhyou shimasu ka?
Who will you vote for?
Dare ni touhyou shimasu ka?

[VERSE 3]

Kaikaku ga hitsuyou desu kara, touhyou shimasu.
Because reform is necessary, I will vote.
Senkyo wa sangatsu ni okonawaremasu ka?
Will the election be held in March?
Hai, sangatsu desu.
Yes, it is March.
Dare ni touhyou shitai desu ka?
Who do you want to vote for?

[CHORUS]

Senkyo wa sangatsu ni okonawaremasu.
Senkyo wa sangatsu ni okonawaremasu.
The election will be held in March.
Senkyo wa sangatsu ni okonawaremasu.
Dare ni touhyou shimasu ka?
Dare ni touhyou shimasu ka?
Who will you vote for?
Dare ni touhyou shimasu ka?

[VERSE 4]

Terebi de nyuusu o mimashita ka?
Did you see the news on TV?
Hai, kaikaku no nyuusu o mimashita.
Yes, I saw the news about reform.

[CHORUS]

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Senkyo wa sangatsu ni okonawaremasu.
The election will be held in March.

Senkyo wa sangatsu ni okonawaremasu.

Dare ni touhyou shimasu ka?

Dare ni touhyou shimasu ka?

Who will you vote for?

Dare ni touhyou shimasu ka?

[VERSE 5]

Dono kouhosha ni touhyou shimasu ka?

Which candidate will you vote for?

Kono kouhosha desu.

It is this candidate.

[CHORUS]

Senkyo wa sangatsu ni okonawaremasu.

Senkyo wa sangatsu ni okonawaremasu.

The election will be held in March.

Senkyo wa sangatsu ni okonawaremasu.

Dare ni touhyou shimasu ka?

Dare ni touhyou shimasu ka?

Who will you vote for?

Dare ni touhyou shimasu ka?

[RECAP]

Senkyo wa sangatsu ni okonawaremasu.

Seifu wa atarashii kaikaku o teian shite imasu.

Dare ni touhyou shimasu ka?

Kaikaku ga hitsuyou desu kara, touhyou shimasu.

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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