Weighing Both Sides of a Debate

Japanese · advanced · philosophy · adult · 6 min

Lyricate
LEARN IT IN MUSIC

01 VOCABULARY

Advanced Japanese learning song about philosophy. 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	**この問題についてのあなたの視点は？** Kono mondai ni tsuite no anata no shiten wa?	What is your point of view on this problem?	asking for an opinion
2	**彼らは何時間も議論しました。** Karera wa nanjikan mo giron shimashita.	They debated for many hours.	a long debate
3	**この哲学者は私たちの信念に疑問を投げかけます。** Kono tetsugakusha wa watashitachi no shinnen ni gimon o nagekakemasu.	This philosopher raises doubts about our beliefs.	questioning what you believe
4	**考えれば、この視点はいいです。** Kangaereba, kono shiten wa ii desu.	If you think about it, this point of view is good.	a gentle if
5	**疑問があるので、説明をいただけますか。** Gimon ga arimasu no de, setsumei o itadakemasu ka?	Because I have a doubt, could I have an explanation?	a polite request with a reason
6	**その説明は信じられます。** Sono setsumei wa shinjirareru desu.	That explanation can be believed.	a passive feeling of trust
7	**この小説は私を考えさせました。** Kono shousetsu wa watashi o kangaesasemashita.	This story made me think.	a causative, making someone think

NEW WORDS (22)

karera 彼ら
they

nanjikan 何時間
many hours

giron shimashita 議論しました
debated

tetsugakusha 哲学者
philosopher

shinnen 信念
belief

gimon o nagekakemasu 疑問を投げかけます
raises a doubt

mondai 問題
problem

shiten 視点
point of view

ronten 論点
main point of debate

fukuzatsu na kangae 複雑な考え
complicated thinking

kangaereba 考えれば
if you think about it

kangaetara 考えたら
when you think

kangaeru to 考えると
when you think about it

node ので
because

gimon 疑問
doubt

setsumei 説明
explanation

sensei 先生
teacher

kudasaimasu くださいます
will kindly give

kangaesasemashita 考えさせました
made someone think

shinjirareru 信じられる
can be believed

giron suru 議論する
to debate

gimon o nagekakeru 疑問を投げかける
to raise a doubt

> **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]

ka

ro

gi

shi

ten

[REVIEW]

Konnichiwa, ogenki desu ka?

Hello, how are you?

Mou sukoshi yasuku shite kudasai.

Please make it a little cheaper.

Ii tenki desu ne.

Nice weather, isn't it?

[CHORUS]

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[VERSE 1]

Kono mondai ni tsuite no anata no shiten wa?

What is your point of view on this problem?

mondai

problem

shiten

point of view

ronten

main point of debate

Ronten wa mondai desu.

The main point is the problem.

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[VERSE 2]

Kono tetsugakusha wa fukuzatsu na kangae desu.

This philosopher has complicated thinking.

fukuzatsu na kangae

complicated thinking

kangaereba

if you think about it

Kangaereba, kono shiten wa ii desu.

If you think about it, this point of view is good.

kangaetara

when you think

Kangaetara, tetsugakusha ga gimon o nagekakemasu.

When you think, the philosopher raises doubts.

kangaeru to

when you think about it

Kangaeru to, ii ronten desu ne.

When you think about it, that is a good main point, right?

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[VERSE 3]

Kono shousetsu wa omoshiroi node, yomitai desu.

This novel is interesting, so I want to read it.

node

because

Gimon ga arimasu no de, setsumei o itadakemasu ka?

Because I have a doubt, could I have an explanation?

setsumei

explanation

sensei

teacher

Sensei wa setsumei o kudasaimasu.

The teacher will kindly give the explanation.

kudasaimasu

will kindly give

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[VERSE 4]

Kono shousetsu wa watashi o kangaesasemashita.

This novel made me think.

kangaesasemashita

made someone think

Sono setsumei wa shinjirareru desu.

That explanation can be believed.

shinjirareru

can be believed

Sensei wa irasshaimasu ka?

Is the teacher here?

Hai, irasshaimasu.

Yes, the teacher is here.

Mou sukoshi setsumei o itadakemasu ka?

Could I have a little more explanation?

Kono shousetsu wa watashi ni gimon o nagekakeru.

This novel raises a doubt in me.

gimon o nagekakeru

to raise a doubt

Watashi wa giron suru no ga suki desu.

I like to debate.

giron suru

to debate

[RECAP]

Karera wa nanjikan mo giron shimashita.

Kono tetsugakusha wa watashitachi no shinnen ni gimon o nagekakemasu.

Kangaereba, kono shiten wa ii desu.

Sono setsumei wa shinjirareru 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

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