Checking the Source Before the Story

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01 VOCABULARY

Advanced Japanese learning song about journalism. 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	**記者は複数の証人にインタビューしました。** Kisha wa fukusuu no shounin ni intabyuu shimashita.	The reporter interviewed several witnesses.	a fact gathered from people
2	**常に情報源を確認するべきです。** Tsune ni jouhougen o kakunin suru beki desu.	We should always check the source.	a rule for good news
3	**この記事は明日発表されます。** Kono kiji wa ashita happyou saremasu.	This article will be published tomorrow.	a passive future
4	**見れば、わかります。** Mireba, wakarimasu.	If you look, you will understand.	a conditional with ba
5	**調べたら、すぐに確認できます。** Shirabetara, sugu ni kakunin dekimasu.	When you check, you can confirm right away.	a conditional with tara
6	**情報源を教えていただけますか。** Jouhougen o oshiete itadakemasu ka.	Could you tell me the source?	a polite request
7	**この記事は先生に読まれました。** Kono kiji wa sensei ni yomaremashita.	This article was read by the teacher.	passive voice
8	**そのニュースは私を驚かせました。** Sono nyuusu wa watashi o odorokasemashita.	That news surprised me.	causative

NEW WORDS (18)

kisha 記者
reporter

fukusuu no 複数の
several

shounin 証人
witness

intabyuu shimashita インタビューしました
interviewed

intabyuu suru インタビューする
to interview

tsune ni 常に
always

jouhougen 情報源
source of information

houdou 報道
news reporting

kiji 記事
article

kiji o happyou suru 記事を発表する
to publish an article

happyou saremasu 発表されます
is published

jijitsu kakunin 事実確認
fact-checking

mireba 見れば
if you look

shirabetara 調べたら
when you check

matte 待って
wait

oshiete 教えて
tell me

yomaremashita 読まれました
was read

odorokasemashita 驚かせました
surprised someone

> **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]

ko

su

ta

mi

ne

[REVIEW]

Shitsurei shimasu.

Pardon me.

Ogenki desu ka?

Are you well?

Mou sukoshi yasuku shite kudasai.

Please make it a little cheaper.

[CHORUS]

Kisha wa fukusuu no shounin ni intabyuu shimashita.

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The reporter interviewed several witnesses.

Kisha wa fukusuu no shounin ni intabyuu shimashita.

Tsune ni jouhougen o kakunin suru beki desu.

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[VERSE 1]

Houdou wa daiji desu ka?

Is news reporting important?

houdou

news reporting

Hai, houdou wa daiji desu.

Yes, news reporting is important.

kisha

reporter

fukusuu no

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[VERSE 2]

Kisha wa shounin ni intabyuu suru.

The reporter interviews the witness.

intabyuu suru

to interview

kiji

article

kiji o happyou suru

to publish an article

Kisha wa kiji o happyou suru.

The reporter publishes an article.

Kono kiji wa ashita happyou saremasu.

This article will be published tomorrow.
happyou saremasu
is published

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[VERSE 3]

Mireba, wakarimasu.
If you look, you will understand.
mireba
if you look
Shirabetara, sugu ni kakunin dekimasu.
When you check, you can confirm right away.
shirabetara
when you check
Jikan ga nai node, matte kudasai.
There is no time, so please wait.
matte
wait
Jouhougen o oshiete itadakemasu ka?
Could you tell me the source?
oshiete
tell me
Kono kiji wa sensei ni yomaremashita.
This article was read by the teacher.
yomaremashita
was read
Sono nyuusu wa watashi o odorokasemashita.

That news surprised me.

odorokasemashita

surprised someone

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[VERSE 4]

Watashi wa houdou ga suki desu.

I like news reporting.

Jijitsu kakunin wa daiji desu.

Fact-checking is important.

jijitsu kakunin

fact-checking

[RECAP]

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Kono kiji wa ashita happyou saremasu.

Mireba, wakarimasu.

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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