Big Elephants and Speedy Racers

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LEARN IT IN MUSIC

01 VOCABULARY

Elementary Japanese learning song about kids describe. 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 ぞうは とても おおきいです。 Kono zou wa totemo ookii desu.	This elephant is very big.	pointing at a huge gentle elephant at the zoo
2	いもうとは ぼくより はやく はしります。 Imouto wa boku yori hayaku hashirimasu.	My little sister runs faster than me.	racing happily across the playground
3	この かばんは おもいです、てつだって。 Kono kaban wa omoi desu, tetsudatte.	This bag is heavy, help me.	asking a friend to help lift a heavy backpack
4	この きは たかいです。 Kono ki wa takai desu.	This tree is tall.	looking up at a tall tree in the park
5	この はなは ひくいです。 Kono hana wa hikui desu.	This flower is short.	bending down to see a low flower in the grass
6	この ふうせんは かるいです。 Kono fuusen wa karui desu.	This balloon is light.	holding a light floating balloon by the string
7	この とりは ちいさいです。 Kono tori wa chiisai desu.	This bird is small.	watching a tiny sweet bird in the garden
8	でんしゃは とても はやいです。 Densha wa totemo hayai desu.	The train is very fast.	watching a speedy train zoom down the tracks

NEW WORDS (10)

zou ぞう
elephant

takai たかい
tall

hikui ひくい
low

omoi おもい
heavy

karui かるい
light

imouto いもうと
little sister

yori より
than

hayaku はやく
quickly

hashirimasu はしります
runs

tetsudatte てつだって
help me

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]

zo

u

ta

ka

o

mo

[REVIEW]

Kono ki wa totemo ookii desu!

This tree is very big!

Densha wa totemo hayai desu!

The train is very fast!

Boku no booru wa chiisai desu!

My ball is small!

Kyou wa totemo ureshii desu!

Today I am very happy!

[VERSE 1]

Kono zou wa totemo ookii desu!

This elephant is very big!

zou

elephant

Kono zou wa totemo ookii desu!

This elephant is very big!

Kono ki wa takai desu!

This tree is tall!

takai

tall

Kono ki wa takai desu!

This tree is tall!

Kono hana wa hikui desu!

This flower is short!

hikui

low

Kono hana wa hikui desu!

This flower is short!

[CHORUS]

Kono zou wa totemo ookii desu!

This elephant is very big!

Kono zou wa totemo ookii desu!

This elephant is very big!

Kono kaban wa omoi desu, tetsudatte!

This bag is heavy, help me!

Kono kaban wa omoi desu, tetsudatte!

This bag is heavy, help me!

[VERSE 2]

Kono kaban wa omoi desu, tetsudatte!

This bag is heavy, help me!

omoi

heavy

tetsudatte

help me

Kono kaban wa omoi desu, tetsudatte!

This bag is heavy, help me!

Kono fuusen wa karui desu!

This balloon is light!

karui

light

Kono fuusen wa karui desu!

This balloon is light!

[CHORUS]

Kono zou wa totemo ookii desu!

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Kono kaban wa omoi desu, tetsudatte!

This bag is heavy, help me!

Kono kaban wa omoi desu, tetsudatte!

This bag is heavy, help me!

[VERSE 3]

Imouto wa boku yori hayaku hashirimasu!

My little sister runs faster than me!

imouto

little sister

yori

than

hayaku

quickly

hashirimasu

runs

Imouto wa boku yori hayaku hashirimasu!

My little sister runs faster than me!

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[CHORUS]

Kono zou wa totemo ookii desu!

This elephant is very big!

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Kono kaban wa omoi desu, tetsudatte!

This bag is heavy, help me!

Kono kaban wa omoi desu, tetsudatte!

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[VERSE 4]

Kono tori wa chiisai desu!

This bird is small!

Kono zou wa totemo ookii desu!

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Kono ki wa takai desu!

This tree is tall!

Kono hana wa hikui desu!

This flower is short!

Kono kaban wa omoi desu!

This bag is heavy!

Kono fuusen wa karui desu!

This balloon is light!

Densha wa totemo hayai desu!

The train is very fast!

Imouto wa boku yori hayaku hashirimasu!

My little sister runs faster than me!

[CHORUS]

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This elephant is very big!

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Kono kaban wa omoi desu, tetsudatte!

This bag is heavy, help me!

[RECAP]

Kono zou wa totemo ookii desu!

Imouto wa boku yori hayaku hashirimasu!

Kono kaban wa omoi desu, tetsudatte!

Takai, hikui, omoi, karui, ookii, chiisai!

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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