Reading Books and Gentle Songs

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01 VOCABULARY

Elementary Japanese learning song about kids verbs. 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	ねる まえに ほんを よみます。 Neru mae ni hon o yomimasu.	Before sleeping, I read a book.	cozy bedtime reading under a warm blanket
2	おんがくを ききます。 Ongaku o kikimasu.	I listen to music.	enjoying a calm soothing melody
3	がっこうで にほんごを はなします。 Gakkou de nihongo o hanashimasu.	I speak Japanese at school.	talking happily in Japanese class
4	せんせいと にほんごを はなします。 Sensei to nihongo o hanashimasu.	I speak Japanese with my teacher.	practicing conversation in class
5	パンを たべる。 Pan o taberu.	I eat bread.	enjoying a tasty slice of bread
6	ぎゅうにゅうを のむ。 Gyuunyuu o nomu.	I drink milk.	sipping a fresh cup of milk
7	えんぴつで かく。 Enpitsu de kaku.	I write with a pencil.	writing neatly in a notebook
8	よむ、かく、はなす、きく。 Yomu, kaku, hanasu, kiku.	Read, write, speak, listen.	chanting the four fun learning actions

NEW WORDS (12)

mae まえ
before

yomimasu よみます
read

ongaku おんがく
music

kikimasu ききます
listen

nihongo にほんご
Japanese

hanashimasu はなします
speak

taberu たべる
eat

nomu のむ
drink

yomu よむ
read

kaku かく
write

hanasu はなす
speak

kiku きく
listen

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]

ta

be

no

mu

yo

mu

[REVIEW]

Kono zou wa totemo ookii desu!

This elephant is very big!

Kono ki wa takai desu!

This tree is tall!

Kono kaban wa omoi desu!

This bag is heavy!

Kono fuusen wa karui desu!

This balloon is light!

[VERSE 1]

Neru mae ni hon o yomimasu!

Before sleeping, I read a book!

mae

before

yomimasu

read

Neru mae ni hon o yomimasu!

Before sleeping, I read a book!

Neru mae ni hon o yomimasu!

Before sleeping, I read a book!

Oyasuminasai, ii yume o!

Good night, sweet dreams!

[CHORUS]

Neru mae ni hon o yomimasu!

Before sleeping, I read a book!

Neru mae ni hon o yomimasu!
Before sleeping, I read a book!
Ongaku o kikimasu!
I listen to music!
Ongaku o kikimasu!
I listen to music!

[VERSE 2]

Ongaku o kikimasu!
I listen to music!
ongaku
music
kikimasu
listen
Ongaku o kikimasu!
I listen to music!
Gakkou de nihongo o hanashimasu!
I speak Japanese at school!
nihongo
Japanese
hanashimasu
speak
Gakkou de nihongo o hanashimasu!
I speak Japanese at school!
Sensei to nihongo o hanashimasu!
I speak Japanese with my teacher!

[CHORUS]

Neru mae ni hon o yomimasu!
Before sleeping, I read a book!
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[VERSE 3]

Pan o taberu!

I eat bread!

taberu

eat

Pan o taberu!

I eat bread!

Gyuunyuu o nomu!

I drink milk!

nomu

drink

Gyuunyuu o nomu!

I drink milk!

Taberu, nomu, neru!

Eat, drink, sleep!

[CHORUS]

Neru mae ni hon o yomimasu!

Before sleeping, I read a book!

Neru mae ni hon o yomimasu!

Before sleeping, I read a book!

Ongaku o kikimasu!

I listen to music!

Ongaku o kikimasu!

I listen to music!

[VERSE 4]

Hon o yomu!

I read a book!

yomu

read

Hon o yomu!

I read a book!

Enpitsu de kaku!

I write with a pencil!

kaku

write

Enpitsu de kaku!

I write with a pencil!

Nihongo o hanasu!

I speak Japanese!

hanasu

speak

Ongaku o kiku!

I listen to music!

kiku

listen

Yomu, kaku, hanasu, kiku!

Read, write, speak, listen!

[CHORUS]

Neru mae ni hon o yomimasu!

Before sleeping, I read a book!

Neru mae ni hon o yomimasu!

Before sleeping, I read a book!

Ongaku o kikimasu!

I listen to music!

Ongaku o kikimasu!

I listen to music!

[RECAP]

Neru mae ni hon o yomimasu!

Ongaku o kikimasu!

Gakkou de nihongo o hanashimasu!

Taberu, nomu, neru, yomu, kaku, hanasu, kiku!

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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