Exploring the Map of Japan

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Lyricate
LEARN IT IN MUSIC

01 VOCABULARY

Elementary Japanese learning song about kids map. 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	とうきょうは にほんの しゅとです。 Toukyou wa Nihon no shuto desu.	Tokyo is the capital of Japan.	pointing proudly to the big bright circle on the map of Japan
2	この まちは みなみに あります。 Kono machi wa minami ni arimasu.	This town is in the south.	tracing down towards warm sunny coastal lands on the paper
3	この まちは きたに あります。 Kono machi wa kita ni arimasu.	This town is in the north.	sliding a finger up towards cool snowy mountains at the top
4	この ちずを みてみて。 Kono chizu o mite mite.	Take a look at this map.	unfolding a colorful illustrated paper map on the living room table
5	とうきょうは おおきい まちです。 Toukyou wa ookii machi desu.	Tokyo is a big town.	visualizing bustling streets and glowing towers in the capital
6	にほんの ちずを みます。 Nihon no chizu o mimasu.	I look at a map of Japan.	discovering islands shaped like a curving arc across the blue sea
7	きたと みなみを みます。 Kita to minami o mimasu.	I look at the north and south.	learning cardinal directions by following the map compass rose
8	ちずを みてみて。 Chizu o mite mite.	Take a look at the map.	inviting a curious friend to explore exciting geographic locations

NEW WORDS (7)

nihon にほん
Japan

toukyou とうきょう
Tokyo

chizu ちず
map

kita きた
north

minami みなみ
south

machi まち
town

shuto しゅと
capital

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]

chi

zu

ki

ta

mi

na

[REVIEW]

Shuumatsu doubutsuen ni ikimasu!

On the weekend I go to the zoo!

Kirin no kubi wa totemo nagai desu!

The giraffe's neck is very long!

Saru ga ki ni noborimasu!

Monkeys climb up trees!

Kawaii pengin ga imasu!

There are cute penguins!

[VERSE 1]

Kono chizu o mite mite!

Take a look at this map!

chizu

map

Nihon no chizu o mimasu!

I look at a map of Japan!

nihon

Japan

Kono chizu o mite mite!

Take a look at this map!

Chizu o mite mite!

Take a look at the map!

Chizu o mite mite!

Take a look at the map!

[CHORUS]

Toukyou wa Nihon no shuto desu!
Tokyo is the capital of Japan!
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Tokyo is the capital of Japan!
Kono machi wa minami ni arimasu!
This town is in the south!
Kono machi wa minami ni arimasu!
This town is in the south!

[VERSE 2]

Toukyou wa Nihon no shuto desu!
Tokyo is the capital of Japan!
toukyou
Tokyo
shuto
capital
Toukyou wa Nihon no shuto desu!
Tokyo is the capital of Japan!
Toukyou wa ookii machi desu!
Tokyo is a big town!
machi
town
Toukyou wa ookii machi desu!
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[CHORUS]

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[VERSE 3]

Kono machi wa minami ni arimasu!

This town is in the south!

minami

south

kita

north

Kono machi wa minami ni arimasu!

This town is in the south!

Kono machi wa kita ni arimasu!

This town is in the north!

Kono machi wa kita ni arimasu!

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[VERSE 4]

Kita to minami o mimasu!

I look at the north and south!

Kita to minami o mimasu!

I look at the north and south!

Kono chizu o mite mite!

Take a look at this map!

Kono chizu o mite mite!

Take a look at this map!

Toukyou wa ookii machi desu!

Tokyo is a big town!

Kono machi wa kita ni arimasu!

This town is in the north!

Kono machi wa minami ni arimasu!

This town is in the south!

Toukyou wa Nihon no shuto desu!

Tokyo is the capital of Japan!

[CHORUS]

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[RECAP]

Toukyou wa Nihon no shuto desu!

Kono machi wa minami ni arimasu!

Kono machi wa kita ni arimasu!

Kono chizu o mite mite!

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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