What Time Is It? Clock Time with Friends

Japanese · elementary · kids time · children · 6 min

Lyricate
LEARN IT IN MUSIC

01 VOCABULARY

Elementary Japanese learning song about kids time. 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	**いま なんじですか?** Ima nanji desu ka?	What time is it now?	glancing at the big round kitchen clock before breakfast
2	**いちじです。** Ichiji desu.	It is one o'clock.	pointing the short hand straight up at the number one on the wall clock
3	**さんじはんです。** Sanji han desu.	It is three thirty.	the long hand halfway past the three, like a snack break
4	**ひるです。** Hiru desu.	It is noon.	the sun is high and everyone is hungry for lunch
5	**よなかです。** Yonaka desu.	It is midnight.	the room is dark and quiet while the moon shines through the window
6	**くじに ねます。** Kuji ni nemasu.	I go to sleep at nine.	pulling up the blanket with a yawn when the clock says nine

NEW WORDS (7)

nanji なんじ
what time

ima いま
now

ichiji いちじ
one o'clock

han はん
half

yonaka よなか
midnight

kuji くじ
nine o'clock

nemasu ねます
go to sleep

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]

na

ji

ichi

ku

yo

ha

n

[REVIEW]

Kyou wa getsuyoubi desu.

Today is Monday.

Doyoubi wa ichinichijuu asobimasu.

On Saturday I play all day long.

Asagohan no jikan desu.

It is breakfast time.

Hirugohan no jikan desu.

It is lunch time.

Mou neru jikan da yo.

It is already bedtime.

Oyasuminasai, ii yume o.

Good night, sweet dreams.

[CHORUS]

Ima nanji desu ka?

What time is it now?

Ima nanji desu ka?

What time is it now?

Sanji han desu.

It is three thirty.

Sanji han desu.

It is three thirty.

[VERSE 1]

Ima nanji desu ka?

What time is it now?

nanji

what time

ima

now

Ima nanji desu ka?

What time is it now?

Ichiji desu.

It is one o'clock.

ichiji

one o'clock

Ichiji desu.

It is one o'clock.

Sanji han desu.

It is three thirty.

han

half

Sanji han desu.

It is three thirty.

Ima nanji desu ka?

What time is it now?

[CHORUS]

Ima nanji desu ka?

What time is it now?

Ima nanji desu ka?

What time is it now?

Sanji han desu.

It is three thirty.

Sanji han desu.

It is three thirty.

[VERSE 2]

Hiru desu.

It is noon.

Hiru desu.

It is noon.

Yonaka desu.

It is midnight.

yonaka

midnight

Yonaka desu.

It is midnight.

Kuji ni nemasu.

I go to sleep at nine.

kuji

nine o'clock

nemasu

go to sleep

Kuji ni nemasu.

I go to sleep at nine.

Kuji ni nemasu.

I go to sleep at nine.

Ichiji desu.

It is one o'clock.

Hiru desu.

It is noon.

[CHORUS]

Ima nanji desu ka?

What time is it now?

Ima nanji desu ka?

What time is it now?

Sanji han desu.

It is three thirty.

Sanji han desu.

It is three thirty.

[VERSE 3]

Ima asagohan no jikan desu.

It is breakfast time now.

Ima asagohan no jikan desu.

It is breakfast time now.

Ima hirugohan no jikan desu.

It is lunch time now.

Ima hirugohan no jikan desu.

It is lunch time now.

Sanji han ni ohanashi o shite.

Tell me a story at three thirty.

Sanji han ni ohanashi o shite.

Tell me a story at three thirty.

Ima yoru desu.

It is night now.

Mou neru jikan da yo.

It is already bedtime.

Yonaka ni nemasu ka?

Do you sleep at midnight?

Kuji ni nemasu.

I go to sleep at nine.

Ii yume o mite ne.

Have sweet dreams, okay?

Ii yume o mite ne.

Have sweet dreams, okay?

[CHORUS]

Ima nanji desu ka?

What time is it now?

Ima nanji desu ka?

What time is it now?

Sanji han desu.

It is three thirty.

Sanji han desu.

It is three thirty.

[RECAP]

Ima nanji desu ka?

Sanji han desu.

Kuji ni nemasu.

Oyasumi.

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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