Taller, Faster, Better: Comparing Things

Japanese · preintermediate · kids comparisons · children · 6 min

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01 VOCABULARY

Preintermediate Japanese learning song about kids comparisons. 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	おにいちゃんは ぼくより せが たかいです。 Oniichan wa boku yori se ga takai desu.	My big brother is taller than me.	a tall big brother standing next to a little boy with a measuring stick
2	この ゲームは あっちより いいです。 Kono geemu wa acchi yori ii desu.	This game is better than that one over there.	two game boxes side by side, one glowing brighter
3	ともだちと おなじくらい はやく はしります。 Tomodachi to onaji kurai hayaku hashirimasu.	I run as fast as my friend.	two kids racing neck and neck across a sunny field
4	この ほうが いいです。 Kono hou ga ii desu.	This one is better.	a kid pointing at the shinier of two toy cars
5	くらべます。 Kuraberimasu.	We compare them.	a girl holding two rulers side by side and measuring

NEW WORDS (9)

hou ほう
one

warui わるい
bad

se せ
height

onaji おなじ
same

acchi あっち
over there

kuraberu くらべる
to compare

kuraberimasu くらべます
compare

yorimo よりも
more than

hodo ほど
as much as

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]

yo

ri

mo

ku

ra

[REVIEW]

Ii desu ne!

That's good, right!

Doyoubi ni uchi ni kitai?

Do you want to come to my house on Saturday?

Yorokonde iku yo!

Gladly, I will go!

Imouto wa boku yori hayaku hashirimasu.

My little sister runs faster than me.

Ookii zou o mimasu.

I see a big elephant.

Kawaii neko ga imasu.

There is a cute cat.

[CHORUS]

Oniichan wa boku yori se ga takai desu.

Oniichan wa boku yori se ga takai desu.

My big brother is taller than me.

Kono geemu wa acchi yori ii desu.

Kono geemu wa acchi yori ii desu.

This game is better than the one over there.

Tomodachi to onaji kurai hayaku hashirimasu.

Tomodachi to onaji kurai hayaku hashirimasu.

I run as fast as my friend.

[VERSE 1]

Kono hou ga ii.

This one is better.

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Kono geemu wa acchi yorimo tanoshii.

This game is more fun than the one over there.

Oniichan wa boku yori se ga takai desu.

My big brother is taller than me.

Kuraberimasu.

We compare them.

[CHORUS]

Oniichan wa boku yori se ga takai desu.

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I run as fast as my friend.

[VERSE 2]

Boku wa tomodachi hodo hayaku hashirimasu.

I run as fast as my friend.

Kono hou wa warui desu.

This one is bad.

Kono hou ga ii desu.

This one is the better one.

Oniichan wa boku yori se ga takai desu.

My big brother is taller than me.

Oniichan wa boku yori se ga takai desu.

My big brother is taller than me.

Kimi no hou ga takai desu ka?

Is yours the taller one?

Kono geemu wa acchi yorimo tanoshii.

This game is more fun than the one over there.

[CHORUS]

Oniichan wa boku yori se ga takai desu.

Oniichan wa boku yori se ga takai desu.

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Kono geemu wa acchi yori ii desu.

Kono geemu wa acchi yori ii desu.

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Tomodachi to onaji kurai hayaku hashirimasu.

Tomodachi to onaji kurai hayaku hashirimasu.

I run as fast as my friend.

[VERSE 3]

Mite, kono ki wa kirin yori takai desu.

Look, this tree is taller than the giraffe.

Ookii zou to chiisai tori.

A big elephant and a small bird.

Kimi wa hayai ne!

You are fast, right!

Tomodachi to onaji kurai hayaku hashirimasu.

I run as fast as my friend.

Ii desu ne!

That's good, right!

Mata ne!

See you again!

Oyasumi, mata ne.

Good night, see you again.

[CHORUS]

Oniichan wa boku yori se ga takai desu.

Oniichan wa boku yori se ga takai desu.

My big brother is taller than me.

Kono geemu wa acchi yori ii desu.

Kono geemu wa acchi yori ii desu.

This game is better than the one over there.

Tomodachi to onaji kurai hayaku hashirimasu.

Tomodachi to onaji kurai hayaku hashirimasu.

I run as fast as my friend.

[RECAP]

Oniichan wa boku yori se ga takai desu.

Kono geemu wa acchi yori ii desu.

Tomodachi to onaji kurai hayaku hashirimasu.

Kono hou ga ii desu.

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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