Camping Under the Stars: Tent and Campfire

Japanese · preintermediate · kids camping · children · 6 min

Lyricate
LEARN IT IN MUSIC

01 VOCABULARY

Preintermediate Japanese learning song about kids camping. 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	よるに なる まえに テントを たてます。 Yoru ni naru mae ni tento o tatemasu.	Before night comes, we put up the tent.	a family pitching a bright orange tent in a grassy field
2	たきびで マシュマロを やきます。 Takibi de mashumaro o yakimasu.	We roast marshmallows over the campfire.	a child holding a marshmallow on a stick above a glowing fire
3	みんなで ほしを みます。 Minna de hoshi o mimasu.	Everyone looks at the stars.	kids lying on their backs under a sky full of stars
4	ねぶくろで ねます。 Nebukuro de nemasu.	I sleep in a sleeping bag.	a cozy sleeping bag with a sleepy teddy bear
5	ほしが きれいです。 Hoshi ga kirei desu.	The stars are pretty.	a bright moon above a quiet campsite

NEW WORDS (7)

tento テント
tent

nebukuro ねぶくろ
sleeping bag

takibi たきび
campfire

mashumaro マシュマロ
marshmallow

naru なる
become

tatemasu たてます
put up

yakimasu やきます
roast

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]

te

ne

ta

ki

ma

[REVIEW]

Doyoubi ni uchi ni kitai?

Do you want to come to my house on Saturday?

Chizu de michi o yoku mite ne.

Look carefully at the path on the map, okay?

Mori no naka de haikingu o shimasu.

We go hiking inside the forest.

Konpasu o motte kite.

Bring the compass.

Ookii zou o mimasu.

I see a big elephant.

Ii desu ne!

That's good, right!

[CHORUS]

Yoru ni naru mae ni tento o tatemasu.

Yoru ni naru mae ni tento o tatemasu.

Before night comes, we put up the tent.

Takibi de mashumaro o yakimasu.

Takibi de mashumaro o yakimasu.

We roast marshmallows over the campfire.

Minna de hoshi o mimasu.

Minna de hoshi o mimasu.

Everyone looks at the stars.

[VERSE 1]

Kono yoru wa soto de neru.

Tonight we sleep outside.

tento

tent

tatemasu

put up

naru

become

Yoru ni naru mae ni tento o tatemasu.

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nebukuro

sleeping bag

Nebukuro de neru.

I sleep in a sleeping bag.

takibi

campfire

mashumaro

marshmallow

yakimasu

roast

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The stars are pretty.

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[CHORUS]

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[VERSE 2]

Tento wa ookii desu ka?

Is the tent big?

Mashumaro wa oishii desu.

Marshmallows are delicious.

Nebukuro wa attakai desu.

The sleeping bag is warm.

Takibi wa atsui yo!

The campfire is hot, you know!

Ii yume o mite ne.

Have sweet dreams, okay?

Oyasumi, tomodachi.

Good night, friend.

[CHORUS]

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[VERSE 3]

Kimi wa mashumaro ga suki desu ka?

Do you like marshmallows?

Boku daisuki desu!

I really like them!

Mite, ookii hoshi!

Look, a big star!

Sorekara, minna de neru.

And then, everyone sleeps.

Oyasumi, mata ashita.

Good night, see you tomorrow.

Ii yume o.

Sweet dreams.

[CHORUS]

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Minna de hoshi o mimasu.

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[RECAP]

Yoru ni naru mae ni tento o tatemasu.

Takibi de mashumaro o yakimasu.

Minna de hoshi o mimasu.

Oyasumi, mata ashita.

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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