Helping Our Neighborhood: Volunteers Together

Japanese · preintermediate · kids volunteering · children · 6 min

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01 VOCABULARY

Preintermediate Japanese learning song about kids volunteering. 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	かれは まいしゅうまつ ボランティアを します。 Kare wa maishuumatsu borantia o shimasu.	He does volunteer work every weekend.	a kind young man helping carry boxes at a park
2	ちいきの だんたいを てつだいます。 Chiiki no dantai o tetsudaimasu.	I help the local group.	kids in matching vests cleaning up a neighborhood park
3	ふくの しゅうしゅうを けいかくして います。 Fuku no shuushuu o keikaku shite imasu.	We are planning a clothes collection.	a clipboard with a list and a stack of folded shirts
4	きょうりょくします。 Kyouryoku shimasu.	We work together.	two kids passing a box between them
5	かれは ともだちです。 Kare wa tomodachi desu.	He is my friend.	a boy waving with a smile beside a new friend

NEW WORDS (9)

borantia ボランティア
volunteer

kare かれ
he

maishuumatsu まいしゅうまつ
every weekend

chiiki ちいき
local area

dantai だんたい
group

tetsudaimasu てつだいます
help

keikaku けいかく
plan

shuushuu しゅうしゅう
collecting

kyouryoku きょうりょく
cooperation

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]

bo

ran

ti

shu

ku

[REVIEW]

Yoru ni naru mae ni tento o tatemasu.

Before night comes, we put up the tent.

Takibi de mashumaro o yakimasu.

We roast marshmallows over the campfire.

Konpasu o motte kite.

Bring the compass.

Chizu de michi o yoku mite ne.

Look carefully at the path on the map, okay?

Ryokou no tame ni suutsukeesu o junbi shimasu.

For the trip, I get my suitcase ready.

Ii yume o mite ne.

Have sweet dreams, okay?

[CHORUS]

Kare wa maishuumatsu borantia o shimasu.

Kare wa maishuumatsu borantia o shimasu.

He does volunteer work every weekend.

Chiiki no dantai o tetsudaimasu.

Chiiki no dantai o tetsudaimasu.

I help the local group.

Fuku no shuushuu o keikaku shite imasu.

Fuku no shuushuu o keikaku shite imasu.

We are planning a clothes collection.

[VERSE 1]

Kare wa borantia desu.

He is a volunteer.

borantia

volunteer

maishuumatsu

every weekend

Kare wa maishuumatsu borantia o shimasu.

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Fuku no shuushuu o keikaku shite imasu.

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kare

he

kyouryoku

cooperation

Kare to kyouryoku shimasu.

We work together with him.

[CHORUS]

Kare wa maishuumatsu borantia o shimasu.

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He does volunteer work every weekend.

Chiiki no dantai o tetsudaimasu.

Chiiki no dantai o tetsudaimasu.

I help the local group.

Fuku no shuushuu o keikaku shite imasu.

Fuku no shuushuu o keikaku shite imasu.
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[VERSE 2]

Kare wa tomodachi desu.
He is my friend.
Chiiki no ko to asobimasu.
I play with local kids.
Fuku wa kirei desu ka?
Are the clothes pretty?
Kyou wa ureshii desu.
Today I am happy.
Minna de kyouryoku shimasu.
We all work together.
Shuushuu wa tanoshii yo!
Collecting is fun, you know!

[CHORUS]

Kare wa maishuumatsu borantia o shimasu.
Kare wa maishuumatsu borantia o shimasu.
He does volunteer work every weekend.
Chiiki no dantai o tetsudaimasu.
Chiiki no dantai o tetsudaimasu.
I help the local group.
Fuku no shuushuu o keikaku shite imasu.
Fuku no shuushuu o keikaku shite imasu.
We are planning a clothes collection.

[VERSE 3]

Sorekara, kare to kyouryoku shimasu.
And then, we work together with him.
Chiiki no dantai o tetsudatte, ii desu ne!
Helping the local group, that's good, right!
Kare wa ii hito desu ne.
He is a good person, right.
Ii desu ne!

That's good, right!

Mite, minna tanoshii desu.

Look, everyone is having fun.

Mata ne!

See you again!

[CHORUS]

Kare wa maishuumatsu borantia o shimasu.

Kare wa maishuumatsu borantia o shimasu.

He does volunteer work every weekend.

Chiiki no dantai o tetsudaimasu.

Chiiki no dantai o tetsudaimasu.

I help the local group.

Fuku no shuushuu o keikaku shite imasu.

Fuku no shuushuu o keikaku shite imasu.

We are planning a clothes collection.

[RECAP]

Kare wa maishuumatsu borantia o shimasu.

Chiiki no dantai o tetsudaimasu.

Fuku no shuushuu o keikaku shite imasu.

Mata ne!

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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