Saving Money: Piggy Bank and Prices

Japanese · preintermediate · kids money · children · 6 min

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LEARN IT IN MUSIC

01 VOCABULARY

Preintermediate Japanese learning song about kids money. 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	ちょきんを ちょきんばこに いれます。 Chokin o chokinbako ni iremasu.	I put my savings in my piggy bank.	a kid dropping coins into a round piggy bank
2	この おもちゃは たかすぎます。 Kono omocha wa takasugimasu.	This toy is too expensive.	a shiny toy robot with a price tag too big to read
3	この ほんは やすいです。 Kono hon wa yasui desu.	This book is cheap.	a stack of picture books on a sale table
4	ねだんを みて。 Nedan o mite.	Look at the price.	a little price tag hanging from a toy car
5	ちょきんばこ。 Chokinbako.	Piggy bank.	a round pink piggy bank with a big smile

NEW WORDS (6)

chokin ちょきん
savings

chokinbako ちょきんばこ
piggy bank

nedan ねだん
price

iremasu いれます
put in

takasugimasu たかすぎます
too expensive

yasui やすい
cheap

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

ko

ne

ya

su

[REVIEW]

Mori no naka de haikingu o shimasu.

We go hiking inside the forest.

Kare wa tomodachi desu.

He is my friend.

Ookii zou o mimasu.

I see a big elephant.

Kimi no ryukku wa karui desu ka?

Is your backpack light?

Takibi wa atsui yo!

The campfire is hot, you know!

Sorekara, minna de neru.

And then, everyone sleeps.

[CHORUS]

Chokin o chokinbako ni iremasu.

Chokin o chokinbako ni iremasu.

I put my savings in my piggy bank.

Kono omocha wa takasugimasu.

Kono omocha wa takasugimasu.

This toy is too expensive.

Kono hon wa yasui desu.

Kono hon wa yasui desu.

This book is cheap.

[VERSE 1]

Okane ga arimasu.

I have money.

okane

money

chokin

savings

chokinbako

piggy bank

Chokin o chokinbako ni iremasu.

I put my savings in my piggy bank.

nedan

price

Nedan wa ikura desu ka?

What is the price?

iremasu

put in

Okane o iremasu.

I put in money.

takasugimasu

too expensive

Kono omocha wa takasugimasu.

This toy is too expensive.

yasui

cheap

Kono hon wa yasui desu.

This book is cheap.

Kono kutsu wa takai desu.

These shoes are expensive.

[CHORUS]

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[VERSE 2]

Mite, chokinbako ga ookii!

Look, the piggy bank is big!

Chokinbako wa kawaii desu.

The piggy bank is cute.

Kono omocha wa yasui desu ka?

Is this toy cheap?

Kono kutsu wa kirei desu.

These shoes are pretty.

Okane o iremasu yo!

Put in the money, you know!

Kyou wa ureshii desu.

Today I am happy.

[CHORUS]

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[VERSE 3]

Ryokou no tame ni okane o junbi shimasu.

For the trip, I get money ready.

Umibe de aisu o tabemasu.

I eat ice cream at the beach.

Ii desu ne!

That's good, right!

Chokin wa ookii desu ne!

The savings are big, right!

Mite, nedan o mite.

Look, look at the price.

Mata ashita!

See you tomorrow!

[CHORUS]

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[RECAP]

Chokin o chokinbako ni iremasu.

Kono omocha wa takasugimasu.

Kono hon wa yasui desu.

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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