

<Conversation - 1>

<English>

A1: Hajime mashite. []

B1: Hajime mashite. []

A2: _____ no _____ desu. []
(A's belonging) (A's last name)

B2: _____ no _____ desu. []
(B's belonging) (B's last name)

A3: Doozo yoroshiku onegai shimasu. []

B3: Kochira koso, doozo yoroshiku. []

Q.1 What is the original meaning of "Doozo yoroshiku"? Why is it the greeting word in the language?

<Conversation - 2>

A1: _____ How do you do?

B1: _____ How do you do?

A2: _____ no _____ desu. []
(A's belonging) (A's last name)

_____ to yonde kudasai. []
(A's nick name)

B2: _____ san desu ne. []
(A's nick name)

A3: Hai.

B3: _____ no _____ desu. []
(B's belonging) (B's name)

_____ to yonde kudasai. []
(B's nick name)

A4: _____ san desu ne. []
(A's nick name)

_____ Nice to meet you.

B4: _____ Nice to meet you too.

Q.2 Why does the Japanese talk about their belongings when introducing themselves? Why is it important in the language? _____

<“Really, Really Good to Know”: Polite forms>

<English>

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| 1) _____. | | Nice to meet you. |
| 2) Ie, ie. | [|] |
| 3) Soo desu ka? | [|] |
| 4) Wakarimashita. | [|] |
| 5) Daijoubu desu ka? | [|] |
| 6) Gambatte kudasai. | [|] |
| 7) Chotto... | [|] |
| 8) _____. | | Excuse me / I am sorry. |
| 9) Kekkoo desu. | [|] |
| 10) Doomo arigatoo gozaimasu. | [|] |

Q.3 Why do you need polite forms of these expressions? What if you use plain forms instead?

<Conversation – 3>

(A knows B & C while B and C does not know each other)

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| A1: _____ san, _____ no _____ desu. | |
| (C's name) (B's belonging) (B's name) [|] |
| _____ no _____ san. [|] |
| (C's belonging) (C's name) | |
| B1: Hajime mashite. _____ no _____ desu. | |
| (B's belonging) (B's name) [|] |
| C1: _____ no _____ desu. [|] |
| (C's belonging) (C's name) | |
| B2: Doozo yoroshiku. | [] |
| C2: Kochirakoso, doozo yoroshiku. | [] |
| A2: Isshoni gambari mashoo. | [] |
| B3 & C3: Hai, gambari mashoo. | [] |

Q.4 Although introducing others is also common in English, it has another function in Japanese language. What is it? They say that the Japanese rarely talk to a stranger. Why is this?