Unit 2

Grammar notes

This, that, and what it is not

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This, that, over there

これ・それ・あれ

Date _____

By the end of this part, you can:

- ☐ Point at something and say what it is
- ☐ Ask what something is (なん ですか)
- ☐ Ask where something is (どこ ですか)

A conversation you can have in Japanese

You	What is this?
Tanaka	That is a watch.
You	And that one over there?
Tanaka	That is a bag.

GRAMMAR 1

This, that, over there

これ, それ and あれ are the thing itself — this one, that one, that one over there. Before a noun they change shape: この ほん, その ほん, あの ほん. The distance is from the speaker: これ is by me, それ is by you, あれ is away from both of us.

1 See how it works

PATTERN

this one		that one		that one over there
これ kore	/	それ sore	/	あれ are

this / that / that over there

this one	(topic)	book	(polite)
これ kore	は wa	ほん hon	です desu

This is a book.

that one		notebook	
それ sore	は wa	ノート nooto	です desu

That is a notebook.

that one over there		watch	
あれ are	は wa	とけい tokei	です desu

That over there is a watch.

2 Build the piece これ → この + noun

Do each one the same way as the example. Write your answer on the line.

e.g.	これ です kore desu it is this one	→	この かばん です kono kaban desu it is this bag
1.	それ です sore desu it is that one	→	_____ it is that book
2.	あれ です are desu it is that one over there	→	_____ it is that watch
3.	どれ ですか dore desu ka which one is it?	→	_____ which pen is it?

3 Say it in Japanese

1. Is this a pen?

2. What is that?

3. Where is the company?

SUMMARY — this part at a glance

Grammar 1 — This, that, over there

これ / それ / あれ

これ は ほん です
kore wa hon desu
This is a book.

Drills

1. _____ は ほん です。
wa hon desu

2. _____ かばん は かいしゃ の かばん です。
kaban wa kaisha no kaban desu

3. かいしゃ は _____ ですか？
kaisha wa desu ka

1. This is a book.

2. What is that?

3. Where is the company?

Also

も

Date _____

By the end of this part, you can:

- ☐ Say “me too”, “this one too” (も)
- ☐ Add someone or something to what was just said

A conversation you can have in Japanese

Tanaka	I am an office worker.
You	I am an office worker too.
Tanaka	Ms. Suzuki is an engineer.
You	Is Mr. Sato an engineer too?

GRAMMAR 1

Also

も replaces は and means “too”. It says the same thing about one more person or one more thing, so you never repeat the whole sentence — わたし も, これ も.

1 See how it works

PATTERN

noun	too も mo

~ too

I わたし watashi	(topic) は wa	office worker かいしゃいん kaishain	(polite) です desu

I am an office worker.

↓

Ms. Suzuki すずきさん suzukisan	too も mo	かいしゃいん kaishain	です desu

Ms. Suzuki is an office worker too.

2 Build the piece は → も

Do each one the same way as the example. Write your answer on the line.

e.g.	わたし は watashi wa I	→	わたし も watashi mo me too
1.	これ は kore wa this one	→	this one too
2.	たなかさん は tanakasan wa Mr. Tanaka	→	Mr. Tanaka too
3.	あれ は are wa that one over there	→	that one too

3 Say it in Japanese

1. This is a book too.

2. Is Mr. Tanaka Japanese too?

SUMMARY — this part at a glance

Grammar 1 Also

noun も

すずきさん も かいしゃいん です
suzukisan mo kaishain desu

Ms. Suzuki is an office worker too.

Drills

1. わたし _____ かいしゃいん です。
watashi kaishain desu

2. これ _____ ノート です。
kore nooto desu

3. あれ _____ とけい ですか？
are tokei desu ka

1. I am an office worker too.

2. Is Mr. Tanaka Japanese too?

Saying what it is not

じゃありません

Date _____

By the end of this part, you can:

- ☐ Say what something is not (じゃ ありません)
- ☐ Correct someone politely
- ☐ Say who you are not, when someone has you wrong

A conversation you can have in Japanese

Tanaka	Are you a teacher?
You	No, I am not a teacher. I am an office worker.
Tanaka	Is this your bag?
You	No, that is not my bag.

GRAMMAR 1

Saying what it is not

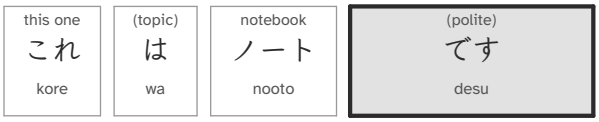
To say what something is not, です becomes じゃ ありません. Nothing else moves. じゃ ありません is what people say; では ありません is the same thing in writing.

1 See how it works

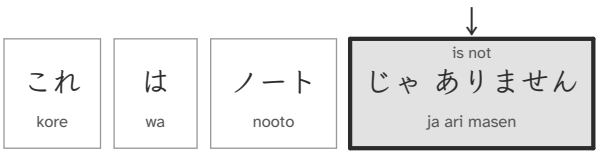
PATTERN



It is not ~.



This is a notebook.



This is not a notebook.

2 Build the piece です → じゃ ありません

Do each one the same way as the example. Write your answer on the line.

e.g.
これ は ほん です。
kore wa hon desu
This is a book.
→
これ は ほん じゃ ありません。
kore wa hon ja ari masen
This is not a book.

1.
たなかさん は がくせい です。
tanakasan wa gakusei desu
Mr. Tanaka is a student.
→
Mr. Tanaka is not a student.

2.
それ は とけい です。
sore wa tokei desu
That is a watch.
→
That is not a watch.

3.
わたし は にほんじん です。
watashi wa nihonjin desu
I am Japanese.
→
I am not Japanese.

3 Say it in Japanese

1. I am not a teacher.

2. That is not a watch.

SUMMARY — this part at a glance

Grammar 1 — Saying what it is not

noun じゃ ありません

これ は ノート じゃ ありません
kore wa nooto ja ari masen
This is not a notebook.

Drills

1. これ は ノート _____ ありません。
kore wa nooto ari masen

2. わたし は せんせい _____ ありません。
watashi wa sensei ari masen

3. あれ は とけい _____ 。
are wa tokei

1. This is not a notebook.

2. I am not a student.
