

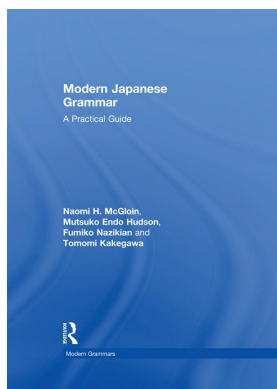
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Intentions and plans

Plans and intentions can be expressed with constructions involving nouns such as **tsumori** ‘intention,’ and **yotee** ‘plan.’ These are nouns, so the content of the intentions and plans are expressed in the sentence modifying these nouns.

▶ 18.7

45.1

Expressing one’s intentions and plans

One’s intentions can be expressed by clause **tsumori+da/desu**.

週末はパーティーをするつもりです。
Shuumatsu wa paatii o suru tsumori desu.
 I intend to give a party on the weekend.

Note that the verb preceding **tsumori** is always in the nonpast tense form in this construction.

To say that one does not have any intention of doing something, use **tsumori wa nai/arimasen** or **tsumori ja nai/arimasen**.

就職するつもりはありません。
Shuushoku suru tsumori wa arimasen.
 I don’t have any intention of getting a (regular) job.

One’s plans can be expressed by S + **yotee da/desu**.

今日は友達とお茶をする予定です。
Kyoo wa tomodachi to o-cha o suru yotee desu.
 I plan to have tea with my friend today.

To say that you do not have any plans to do something, use **yotee wa nai/arimasen**,

今のところ日本に行く予定はありません。
Ima no tokoro Nihon ni iku yotee wa arimasen.
 For now, I don’t have any plans to go to Japan.

Intentions or plans can also be expressed by a volitional form of verbs (such as **shiyoo**, **ikoo**, **tabeyoo**), as in the following examples.

▶ 12.1

来年留学しようと思っています。
Rainen ryuugaku shiyoo to omotte imasu.
 I intend/plan to study abroad next year.
 新しい携帯を買おうと思っているんだけど、どれがいいか教えてくれない？
Atarashii keetai o kaoo to omotte iru n da kedo, dore ga ii ka oshiete kurenai?
 I intend to buy a new cell phone. Would you tell me which one is good?

45.2 Asking about intentions and plans

To ask about the addressee's intentions and plans, the same **tsumori** and **yotee** constructions can be used in question forms.

今度の夏休みは何をするつもりですか。

Kondo no natsuyasumi wa nani o suru tsumori desu ka.

What do you intend to do next summer vacation?

週末は何か予定がありますか。

Shuumatsu wa nani ka yotee ga arimasu ka.

Do you have any plans this weekend?

何か予定ある？

Nani ka yotee aru?

Do you have any plans?

When asking someone superior about his/her intentions and plans, an honorific prefix should be attached as in **go-yotee**.

週末は何かご予定がおありですか。(VF)

Shuumatsu wa nani ka go-yotee ga o-ari desu ka.

Do you have any plans on the weekend?

45.3 Reporting on others' plans

Statements about someone else's intentions and plans have to be presented as conjectures, inferences, hearsay, or a quote.

▶ 28; 33.2

スミスさんは来年留学するつもりだそうです。

Sumisu-san wa rainen ryuugaku suru tsumori da soo desu.

I hear Mr/Ms Smith plans to study abroad next year.

従業員を首にする予定はないらしい。

Juugyooin o kubi ni suru yotee wa nai rashii.

It seems that they do not plan to cut employees.