

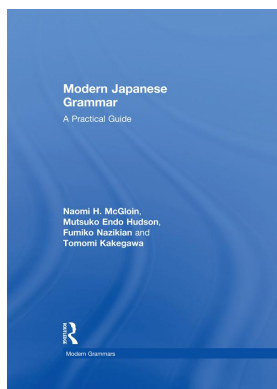
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## Shopping

### 87.1 Asking whether something is in the store

**X wa arimasu ka** or **X wa arimasen ka** is commonly used in asking whether an item is in the store. The difference between **X wa arimasu ka** or **X wa arimasen ka** is that the latter (the negative question) sounds less direct and therefore more polite.

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### 87.2 Asking the price of something

The price of something can be asked by **X wa ikura desu ka** ‘regarding X how much is it?’.

これはいくらですか。

**Kore wa ikura desu ka.**

How much is this?

このカードは一枚いくらですか。

**Kono kaado wa ichimai ikura desu ka.**

How much is one of these cards?

### 87.3 Purchasing something

When purchasing something, **X o kudasai** is commonly used. The particle **o** is often omitted in natural conversations.

これ (を) ください。

**Kore (o) kudasai.**

I will take this.

これ (を) おねがいします。

**Kore (o) o-negai shimasu.**

May I take this?

**Kore o onegai shimasu** sounds more polite and indirect than **kore o kudasai**.

### 87.4 Asking how long the store is open

To ask how long the store is open, use the expression **aite imasu** ‘be open’ or the copula **desu**.

日曜日は何時から何時まで開いていますか。

**Nichiyoobi wa nanji kara nanji made aite imasu ka.**

From what time to what time is (the store) open on Sunday?

日曜日は何時から何時までですか。

**Nichiyoobi wa nanji kara nanji made desu ka.**

From what time to what time is (the store) open on Sunday?

## 87.5 Complaining about a purchase

If you need to complain after making a purchase, explain the reason for the complaint by ... **n desu + kedo/ga** ...

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At a shop/department store

すみません、この皿、昨日買って、家で開けてみたら、2枚、ふちのところがかけてたんですけど。

**Sumimasen, kono sara kinoo katte ie de akete mitara, ni mai fuchi no tokoro ga kakete ta n desu kedo ...**

Excuse me, I bought these plates yesterday. When I opened the box at home, I found that two plates were chipped on the edge ...

このみかん、腐ってるんですけど...。換えてもらえますか。

**Kono mikan, kusatte ru n desu kedo ... Kaete moraemasu ka.**

This orange is rotten ... Can I exchange it?

これ、きのう買ったんですけど、賞味期限すぎてるようなんですけど...。

**Kore, kinoo katta n desu kedo, shoomi kigen sugite ru yoo na n desu kedo ...**

I bought this yesterday, but it looks like the expiration date/sell-by date has already past ...