

(1) patterns – nominal predicate

- *identity*: N1 wa N2 desu
- *negation*: N1 wa N2 dewa arimasen
- *question*: N1 wa N2 desu ka?
- *interrogation*: nan*, dara/donata, doko
- *connection*: N1 no N2

demonstration

thing	place	dest.	pren.	adject.	adverb.	adv
kore	koko	kochira	kono	konna	konna-ni	koo
sore	soko	sochira	sono	sonna	sonna-ni	soo
are	asoko	achira	ano	anna	anna-ni	aa
dore	doko	dochira	dono	donna	donna-ni	doo

(2) patterns – adjectival predicate

- *description*: N wa {A/Na} desu – A:(i-J)/Na:(na-C)
- *negation*: N wa {A-ku nai desu/ Na dewa arimasen}
- *noun-modifier*: { A / Na(-na) } + N
- *adverbs of degree*: taihen, totemo, taitei, amari
- *sentence-final particles*: ne, yo

(3) patterns – existence, location, quantity

- *existence*: (location) N ga (quantity) arimasu/imasu
- *focus*: N wa (location) (quantity) arimasu/imasu
- *relative position*: N no { ue, shita, mae, ushiro, naka, soto, hidari, migi, soba } ni N
- *exhaustive join*: N1 to N2 ... to Nn
- *non-exhaustive*: N1 ya N2 ,, ya Nn

count

hito- futa- mi- yo(n)- itsu- mu- nana- ya- kokono- too-
ichi ni san shi go roku shichi hachi ku/kyuu juu

- *counters*: -mai (thin), -hon (long, slender), -satsu (books), -dai (machines), -hiki (small animals), -wa (birds)
- *people*: -nin (hito-ri, futa-ri, ..., yo-nin)
- *shapeless(!)*: -tsu (J numerals)

(4) patterns – actions and events

- N wa/ga (time) (place) (dir.) (object) V-masu
- *negation*: N wa ... V-masen
- *direct object*: N o (+Vt)
- *point of time*: N ni
- *direction*: N e – to
- *start/end*: N kara ... N made
- *instrument*: N de
- *conjunctions*: soshite, sore kara, shikashi, keredomo
- *approx.* goro (point of time), hodo/gurai (quantity)

(5) patterns – events in the past

- *past event*: N wa ... V-mashita
- *negation*: N wa V-masen deshita

- *adverbs (2)*: moo, mada, mettani
- *movement out of*: N o +V
- *movement into*: N ni +V
- *walking,..., passing*: N o +V
- *place of action*: N de +V
- *nominal use of conjunctive form*: ikimasu – iki

(6) patterns – past tense of predicate

- *existence*: N wa N1 deshita
- *negation*: N wa N2 dewa arimasen deshita
- *adjectival*: N wa { Na deshita / A-katta desu }
- *negation*: Na dewa arimasen
- *neg-(J)*: A-ku { nakatta desu / arimasen deshita }
- *joint actions*: N to (V) – (do ...) with N
- *purpose*: N/V(conj) + ni {iki/ki/kaeri}-masu
- *conjunctive particles*: S1 + { ga / kara } S2
- *prenom. i-A exceptions*: ooku no hito – ooi desu

(7) patterns – progressive form of verbs

- *action, state, condition*: ... V-te-imasu
- *succession*: ... V-te, (... V-te) ... V-masu/-mashita
- *alternatives*: .. V-tari,.. V-tari-shimasu/shimashita
- *after doing ...*: ... V-te kara ... – (explicit)

(8) patterns – polite vs plain – verbs**(9) patterns – requests**

- *thing, action*: {N o/.. V-te/V-(a)naide} kudasai
- *order, command*: V(Conj)-nasai
- *obligation, duty*: V-(a)-nakereba narimasen
- *prohibition*: V-tewa ikemasen – must not do
- *permission*: V-temo ii desu – you may do
- *advice*: V-ta hoo ga ii desu
- *negative*: V-(a)nai hoo ga ii desu
- *offering*: V-mashoo, V-mashoo ka?

(10) patterns – time

- *at*: { kono/sone/ano, N no, Na-na, A(Dict), V(Dict), V-ta, V-te-iru } + toki (ni) – at, when, ... time
- *while*: { N no, V-te-iru } + aida – during
- *before*: { N no, V(Dict) } + mae (ni)
- *after*: { N no,V-ta } + ato (de)
- *simultaneous*: V1(Conj)-nagara V2
- *as ... is*: V1-ta + mama V2 – (and, while)
- *conjoin*: ... { A-kute / Na de / N de }, ... – and

(11) patterns – about

- *quoting*: N wa/ga ... to iimasu – N says
- *thinks*: N wa ... to omoimasu – N thinks ..
- *naming*: (N wa) X o Y to iimasu – (N) calls X Y
- *nominal*: Y to iu X – X (which is) called Y

(12) patterns – comparison

- *more*: N1 wa N2 yori A/Na desu
- *question*: N1 to N2 to dochira ga A/Na desu ka?
- *answer*: N1 no hoo ga A/Na desu – N1 is more ...
- *superlative*: { N1 to N2 to ... Nn, X } no naka/uchi de N1 ga ichiban A/Na desu
- *scope or limit*: N de – e.g. zenbu de
- *expressions*: onaji (the same), ... hodo (to the extent), A-bai (A-times as), A-bun no B (B/A)

(13) patterns – mood

- *desire*: N1 wa { N2 ga hoshii desu, (N2 ga/o) V-tai desu
- *like/dislike*: N1 wa N2 ga suki/kirai desu
- *intimacy*: no?, wa (women); kai?/ ... dai? (men)

(14) patterns – ability (koto)

- N1 wa N2 ga { deki-masu, joozu desu, heta desu, tokui desu, nigate desu, wakarimasu } – can do ...
N1 wa (N2 o) V(Dict) koto ga suki/kirai desu
(N o) V(Dict) koto wa (N o) V(Dict) koto yori A/Na desu
N1 wa (N2 o) V(Dict) koto { dekimasu, joozu desu, ... }

(15) patterns – possession

- N1 wa/niwa N2 ga { arimasu, ooi desu, sukunai desu }
- *experience*: N1 wa ... V-ta koto ga arimasu
- *whole/part*: N1 wa N2 ga – (usually adj.predicate)

(16) patterns – verb construction

- *passive*: N1 wa N2 {ni, ni yotte, kara} V-(r)are-ru
- *causative*: N1 wa/ga N2 o/ni V {-ase/-sase}-ru

(17) patterns – giving and receiving/acts

- *N to Y*: X ga Y ni N o agemasu/sashiagemasu
- *N from Y*: X ga Y ni/kara N o moraimasu/itadakimasu
- *N to X*: Y ga X ni N o kuremasu/kudasaimasu
- *for Y*: X ga Y ni (... o) V-te-agemasu
- *has Y do*: X ga Y ni (... o) V-te-moraimasu
- *Y does*: Y ga X ni (... o) V-te-kuremasu

(18) patterns – will or intent

- *present or volitional*: ik-oo, tabe-yoo, shiyoo, koyoo
- (watashi wa) V(Volit) to omoimasu/omotte-imasu
- (watashi wa) V(Dict) tsumori desu – I intend to do

(19) patterns – guessing

- *guess*: { N/Na, A, V } deshoo – tabun, osoraku
- *possible*: -kamo shiremasen/shirenai – (deshoo)
- *adverbs*: hyotto suru to, moshi ka suru to – (pred.)
- *certain*: -ni chigai arimasen/nai – kitto

(20) patterns – ability

- *koto*: X wa (N o) V(Dict) koto ga dekimasu

- *potential*: X wa V(Stem){-e/-rare}-masu – 1th/2nd

(21) patterns – V-te + aux

- V-te-aru (state), V-te-oku (put or leave), V-te-iku (do and go), V-te-kuru (do and come), V-te-shima(w)u (finish ...), V-te-miru (do and see)

(22) patterns – adverbs

- {A-ku/Na-ni} + V, {A-i/Na-na} + N
- *nouns*: A-ku as N – ... no chikaku ni ...
- *onomatopoeia*: hakkiri (to) [clearly], yukkuri (to) [slowly], don-don [rapidly], shikkari [hard]
- *idiomatic*: ato iu ma ni [while I was saying], soro-soro

(23) patterns – conditional expressions

- {V-tara, A-kattara, N/Na dattara}, ... – (if)
- V {-(r)eba, sureba, kureba}, ... – (if)
- A-kereba, ... / N/Na nara, ... – (if)
- {V, A, N/Na da} V(Plain)-to, ... – (if then)

(24) patterns – sentence

- *noun-modifier*: -ta form, interrogative – doo ka

(25) patterns – koto/no

- *indication*: S + koto – that S
- *decision*: V (Dict) koto ni shimasu/narimasu
- *no as koto*: S + no – that S
- *emphatic*: ... no wa ... desu
- *focus*: N ga/no Y no o mimasu/kikimasu – see, hear
- *explanatory*: S + no/n desu

(26) patterns – tokoro/tame ni/hodo/toori/-tte

- { V(Dict), V(Past), V-te-iru } tokoro desu – (place)
- Pred (-(r)eba) Pred (Dict) hodo ... – (more)

(27) patterns – hazu/wake/noni

- S + hazu/wake desu – should/reason
- N/Na desu + noni = N/Na na noni – in spite of ...

(28) patterns – observation/hearsay/appearance

- {V(Conj), A, Na} + soo desu, N no yo desu – it looks
- *hearsay*: S + soo desu
- *appearance*: V/A/Na/N rashii desu – it seems
- *like*: {V, A, Na-na/datta, N no/datta} yoo-na/-ni

(29) patterns – ga suru/shite-iru

- (yoo-na) {aji, nioi, kanji, ki} ga shimasu
- (yoo-na) {katachi, iro, kao, kakkoo} o shite-imasu

(30) patterns – honorifics/humble forms

- {iki/ki/i}-masu: irassha-imasu / oide ni narimasu
- *imasu*: osshaimasu, *mimasu*: go-ran ni nar-imasu
- mosh-imasu (iimasu), mair-imasu (ikimasu), itash-imasu (shimasu)

conjugation – verbs, aux, adj. and copula

	<i>conj+masu</i>	<i>dict</i>	<i>neg</i>	<i>-te</i>	<i>-ta</i>	<i>vol.</i>
	kak-imasu	kak-u	kak-anai	kai-te	kai-ta	kak-oo
	oyog-imasu	oyog-u	oyog-anai	oyoi-de	oyoi-da	oyog-oo
	hanas-himas	hanas-u	hanas-anai	hanashi-te	hanashi-ta	yom-oo
	shin-imasu	shin-u	shin-anai	shin-de	shin-da	shin-oo
	tob-imasu	tob-u	tob-anai	ton-de	ton-da	tob-oo
	mac-himasu	mat-su	mat-anai	mat-te	mat-ta	mat-oo
	nor-imasu	nor-u	nor-anai	not-te	not-ta	nor-oo
	ka-imasu	ka(w)-u	kaw-anai	kat-te	kat-ta	ka-oo
	tabe-masu	tabe-ru	tabe-nai	tabe-te	tabe-ta	tabe-yoo
	mi-masu	mi-ru	mi-nai	mi-te	mi-ta	mi-yoo
	shimasu	suru	shinai	shite	shita	shi-yoo
	kimasu	kuru	konai	kite	kita	koyoo
<i>polite:</i>	-masu	...	masen	mashite	mashita	-mashoo
<i>passive:</i>	-(r)are-ru	-(r)are	-(r)arenai	-(r)arete	-(r)areta	-(r)areyoo
<i>causative:</i>	-(s)ase-ru	-(s)ase	-(s)asenai	-(s)asete	-(s)aseta	-(s)ase-yoo
<i>adjective:</i>	A-i	A-ku	A-ku nai	A-kute	A-katta	A-karoo
<i>copula:</i>	da	...	de(wa) nai	de	datta	daroo
<i>polite:</i>	desu	...	de(wa) arimasen	deshite	deshita	deshoo

- *ik-u*: iki, itte, itta, ittara, ittari, ikoo, ikeba, ikanai, ikareru, ikeru, ikaseru

stative verbs

- *exist*: ar-u, i-ru
- *need*: ir-u
- *know/have*: dekiru – ability
- *know*: shite-imasu
- *have*: motte-imasu

(8) patterns – *polite vs plain*

- V: tabemasu/taberu, tabemasen/tabenai
- past: tabemashita/tabeta, tabemasen deshita/tabenakatta
- A: osoi desu/osoi, {osoku nai desu, osoku arimasen}/osoku nai
- past: osokatta desu/osokatta, {osoku nakatta desu, osoku arimasen deshita}/osoku nakatta
- N/Na + Cop: ame desu/ame {da, de aru}, ame dewa arimasen/ame de(wa)nai
- past: ame deshita/ame {datta, de atta}, { ame dewa arimasen deshita, ame dewa nakatta desu }/ame de(wa) nakatta

verbs

- ak-u – open
- aruk-u – walk
- asob-u – play
- atsume-ru – collect
- awate-ru – make haste
- azuke-ru – give in trust
- chiga-u – be different
- de-ru – leave, go out
- fuk-u – blow
- hair-u – enter
- hajimar-u – start (Vi)

- hajime-ru – begin, start (Vt)
- hanashi-a-u – talk with eachother
- hiki-uke-ru – accept an offer
- hik-u – pull
- hikkos-u – move (to another house)
- ike-ru – arrange
- isog-u – haste(n)
- iwa-u – celebrate
- kae-ru – change
- kakar-u – span
- kake-ru – hang
- kangae-ru – think, consider
- kanji-ru – feel
- kayo-u – commute
- kik-u –listen,hear
- ki ni ir-u – catch one’s fancy
- ki ni suru – worry about
- kinji-ru – forbid
- kir-u – cut
- kotae-ru – answer, reply
- kuras-u – live, spend time
- makase-ru – leave with, trust
- manek-u – invite
- ma ni a-u – be in time
- matome-ru – arrange,complete (Vt)
- mir-u – see
- mise-ru – show
- mooshitsuke-ru – give orders
- motsu – hold
- motte-ik-u – take, bring

- nagare-ru – flow
- naos-u – mend, fix
- nara-u – learn
- nar-u – become
- nasar-u = suru – do (honorific)
- nayam-u – be vexed
- nayamas-u – afflict, annoy
- nega-u – wish (o-negai)
- ne-ru – sleep
- nobi-ru – extend, postpone
- nobor-u – climb
- nug-u – take off
- nure-ru – get wet
- odorok-u – be surprised
- odor-u – dance
- oki-ru – get up
- okure-ru – be late
- omoi-ukabe-ru – imagine, recollect
- omo-u – think
- orare-ru = i-ru – exist (hon.)
- ori-ru – get off
- osshar-u = i-u – say, tell, name (hon.)
- oshie-ru – teach
- oshim-u – hold dear, regret
- owar-u – end
- sakeb-u – cry out, shout
- sas-u – stick, pierce
- shaber-u – speak, chatter
- shimar-u – close
- shirase-ru – inform (everyone)
- shir-u – get to know
- shitte-i-ru – know
- soro-u – complete preparations
- sugi-ru – go past
- su-u – inhale
- sutare-ru – go out of use, decline
- tats-u – elapse
- tazune-ru – inquire
- todoke-ru – deliver
- too-u – show, let see
- tor-u – take (dori)
- tsuka-u – use
- tsukare-ru – get tired
- tsuke-ru – habitually do
- tsukur-u – make, produce

- tsuk-u – arrive
- tsutome-ru – work for a company
- tsutsum-u – wrap, pack
- tsuzuk-u – continue
- uke-ru – take, receive
- ushina-u – imagine, recollect
- uta-u – sing
- uttae-ru – complain, file a suit
- wasure-ru – forget
- yam-u – stop
- yasum-u – rest, have a holiday
- yar-u = suru – do, play (sport)
- yatte-kuru – come
- yom-u – drink
- yorokob-u – be glad
- yor-u – drop
- yos-u = yame-ru – stop, refrain from
- yo-u – get drunk (yotte)

nouns

- adana – nickname
- bara – rose
- betsu – something different
- densetsu – legend
- e-hagaki – picture postcards
- gochisoo – good food
- hatsuon – pronunciation
- hoo – side, direction
- hoodoo – news report
- imi – meaning
- inaka – country-side
- jiken – incident, affair
- jishin – self confidence
- junbi – preparation
- kanban – billboard, signboard
- karada – body, health
- kenbutsu-nin – onlooker
- kibo – scale, scope
- kibun – mood
- kookai – regret
- komatta (koto) – trouble, difficulty
- koten – classics
- kotoba – word, expression
- kyuuyoo – urgent business
- man-in – full of people
- mokuteki – purpose

- mondai – problem
- nayami – trouble, worry
- ronbun – thesis, essay
- ryookin – fee, fair
- shikata – means
- shinpai – worry
- shitaku – preparations
- shuumuu – hobby
- sokudo – speed
- tango – word
- taku – residence
- wa – ring
- wasure mono – something left behind
- yakusha – actor
- yume – dream

adjectives

- atataku – warm(er)
- atarashi-i – new, fresh
- benri – convenient
- chika-i – near
- chisai-i – small
- furu-i – old
- hima – free
- hitsuyoo – necessary
- ichijirushi-i – remarkable
- igi-buka-i – significant
- ii = yo-i – good
- isogashi-i – busy
- ita-i – painful
- karada ga daru-i – feel run down
- karu-i – light, not heavy
- kawairashi – cute
- kawai soo – pityful
- kekkoo – satisfactory
- kindai-teki – modern (Na)
- kiraku – easy going, carefree (Na)
- kirei – pretty
- mezurashi-i – rare
- muzukashi-i – difficult
- naga-i – long
- nigiyako – lively (Na)
- ninki – popular
- oishi-i – delicious
- oo-i – many, much
- okashii – strange, funny

- oki-i – large
- omo-i – heavy
- omoshiro-i – interesting
- oso-i – late, slow
- rippa – excellent
- sabishi-i – lonely, forlorn
- saku – last
- sawagashi-i – noisy
- shizuka – silent, quiet (Na)
- subarashi-i – wonderful
- sugu – near
- suzushi-i – cool
- tadashi-i – correct, right
- -tai-i – want to
- tanoshi-i – pleasant
- too-i – far
- torazu – less than
- tsumeta-i – cold
- tsuyo-i – strong
- uma-i – skillful
- urayamashi-i – envious
- waka-i – young
- waru-i – bad
- yasu-i – cheap
- yukkuri – leisurely
- zehi – by all means

adverbs

- choodo – just
- chotto – little, a while
- daibu = daibun – fairly, largely
- hodo – approximately
- hotondo – most, almost
- ichido – one
- ichido mo ... nai – never
- ... ijoo – more than
- itsumo – always
- izen – before
- kanari – rather
- kantan-ni – easily
- kitto – surely
- kongo – from now on
- mai-do – everytime, always
- ma-mo-naku – soon
- mata – and also, again
- mattaku – totally

- mettani ... nai – seldom
- motto – more
- mottomo – most
- mukoo – over there
- -nagara – while
- nochi – later, after
- sakan – more
- sassoku – right now
- sugu(-ni) – soon, immediately
- tabun – probably
- tada – only
- tada-ima – this moment
- taitei – mostly
- takusan – many
- tashika – surely (if I remember well)
- tokidoki – sometimes
- toki niwa – sometimes
- tokuni – especially, particularly
- wariai – comparatively
- yoku – very well
- zutto – all the time
- zutsu – each

expressions

- ara – oh, dear
- are hodo – that much
- aru – one of
- bakari ka – not only, but also
- bon yari – absent-minded
- choo-kan – for a long time
- chotto – say, ...
- daijobu – OK, it is alright
- dake da naku – not only ... but
- dakedo – however
- ... demo – or something
- denwa ga karar-u/ar-u – get a call
- denwa o kake-ru/suru – make a call
- dewa ... – well, then
- doo demo – what do you say?
- doo itashimashita – not at all
- doo iu ... what kind of
- doo ka shite iru – something must be wrong
- doo shimashita – what is the matter?
- doo shimasho – what shall we do? ,liꞤ doo shite mo
– at any cost
- doo-tte (doo to iu) koto wa nai – nothing to get
excited about

- dozo kochira e – this way
- gomen-kudasai – anybody home?
- gomen-nasai – I am sorry, really
- go zonji – being informal
- hajimemashite – how do you do?
- hiki-uketa – I'll do it!
- hisashi buri – a long time
- hoka – other
- hora – look there
- ii tenki desu ne – it is a nice day, ...
- iie, kekko desu – no thank you (or accept)
- ikaga – how do you like
- ikura – how much
- iku-tsu – how many
- ima demo – even now
- ima nimo – at any moment
- ippai – filled
- issai – everything else
- issho (ni) – together
- isshoo kenmei – with all one's might
- issoo – all the more
- itsu ka – some time, some day
- itsu made mo – forever
- iwazu ni – without saying
- iyaa – well, no
- iyaa ... sore hodo demo arimasu – no, not really
- jitsu wa – the fact is, to tell the truth
- kado ga tats-u – the corners stick out
- ka doo ka – whether ... or ...
- kamo shirenai – it may be that
- kanarazu-shimo ...nai – not necessarily
- kawari ni – instead
- kesshite ... nai – never
- ki o tsuka-u – be attentive, considerate
- ki o tsuke-ru – be careful
- kokoro kara – heartily
- kondo – this time
- kono goro – these days
- kono tsugi – next time
- kore hodo – as, to this degree
- kore kara wa – from now on
- koro – the time, days of
- kyuū ni – incidentally
- maa – anyway
- mae motte – in advance

- mazu – firstly, before anything else
- me o mawas-u – be stunned
- moo – yet
- moshi – if, provided
- mochiron – of course
- mooshiwake arimasen – I am sorry
- nado – and some more
- naka naka dekimasen – have difficulty with
- nakereba narana-i – have to
- nakanaka – (not) easily, verily, considerably
- nan demo – anything, whatever
- nan-do mo – many times
- nani ka to – somehow, in various ways
- nanka = nado – or the like
- nan-nari to – anything, whatever it is
- nan toka suru – manage to do
- nara – if
- naru hodo – oh, I see
- naze – why
- naze nara – because
- nen-juu – all year round
- ni chigai na-i – it is certain that, it must be
- -nikui – difficult to
- ni tsuite – next
- ... ni yoreba – according to ...
- nobi-nobi-to – in a relaxed manner
- no sei – due to
- no wari ni – considering
- o-daiji-ni – take good care (sick person)
- o-... ni nar-u = suru – to do (honor.)
- (o)-sewa ni nar-u – receive kindness
- (o)-tagai ni – each other, mutually
- -rashisa – -ness, characteristic quality
- rei no – that ... in question
- renraku ga tsuk-u – get in touch with
- saa – OK
- sate – well
- sekkaku ... noni – with much effort (in vain)
- shibaraku o-machi-kudasai – please wait a minute
- shikata ga nai – it can't be helped
- shin shin to mo – in mind and body
- shite kara – after (time) has passed
- soitsu – that one (thing, person)
- sono go – after that
- sono uchi – before long

- sore dewa – in that case
- sore jaa – then
- sore kara – and then, after that
- sore mo soo – I guess you're right
- sore ni – besides
- sore tomo –or else
- sorewa-sorewa – really, so much
- sore yori – rather than that
- sore zore – each, respectively
- soro-soro – slowly (onomat.)
- soshite – and, and then
- suruto – then
- tatoeba – for example
- -te-choodai = -t-kudasai (colloq.)
- -te goran(-nasai) – why don't you
- ... -te mir-u – do ... and see
- ... to ieba – speaking of
- to i-u – called, named
- to iu yori – rather than
- toki ori – occasionally
- to kooji ni – at the same time
- tokorode – by the way
- tokoro ga – however
- ... tomo – for sure
- tootei ... nai – by no means
- totsuzen – suddenly
- tsui – in spite of one self
- ushi na warete-iku – be lost, disappear
- ware – myself
- wazawaza – going out of ones way (adv)
- yagate – presently, soon
- yaru = ya – for example, ... and
- yoo – same way (style, manner of)
- zannen nagara – while it seems a shame
- zehi – please,
- zenbu – all, whole ...

sayings

- sen-ri no michi mo ippo kara – a journey of thousand miles must begin with the first step