

# Japanese for Busy people II

## Lesson 4

### 2. Asking for and Offering Explanations (1)

I am going to go to a town.

まちに 行きます。

Where are you going to go to?

どこに 行きますか。

Where are you going to go to?

(At this time!?! Explain yourself!)

どこに 行くんですか。

どこに 行くんですか？



## 2. Asking for and Offering Explanations (1)

You use **んです** to ask about another person's circumstances, and **んです** to make someone else better understand your own.

Asking for explanations

Feel surprise, suspicious, interesting, worried...

Where are you going to go to? どこに **行きますか**。

Why are you going to go out?

**行くんですか**

Emphasize

Giving explanations

たばこを かいに **行きます**。

It is because

たばこを かいに **行く**んです。

I am going to go to buy some cigarettes.

Plain form なんです

## Plain form

	Present	
	Affirmative	Negative
	Dictionary form	Nai form
To write	かく	かかない
To eat	たべる	たべない
To do	する	しない
To come	くる	こない

A. You are early , aren't

はい ですね。

Do you come at this time every morning?

毎朝、この時間に来るんですか。

B. Yes, it is because.....

ええ、..... なんです。

eg. Yes, it is because I have a Japanese lesson every morning.

ええ、毎朝 にほんごの  
レッスンが あるんです。

No, it is because.....

いいえ、..... なんです。

eg. No, it is because today I am going to prepare for the meeting (from) now.

いいえ、今日はこれから  
かいぎのじゅんびを するんです。

To prepare じゅんびを します

Look at some conversations in P56.

Use the expression んです

## Notes

ならいます to learn

ならってます to have been learning - Te form + います  
(It has been going in some period of time)

すきます to become empty

すいています ...is empty - Te form + います  
(State)

Masu form  
～ています

Plain form  
～ている

Masu form  
ならってています

Plain form  
～ならっている

Look at 'PARTICLE REVIEW' in P65.

Can you identify what these  
particles marking?