HERITAGE LANGUAGE FOR BEGINNERS PART 2

BOOKLET 8 | WEEK 8 | DAYS 15 & 16



Day 1 - Dialogue

Hana, Leo, and Ema are having breakfast together at their hotel. Hana and Ema are the planner type, so Leo asks what's on the agenda for their first day in Matsushima.



Romaji

Reo: Kyō no yotei wa nan desuka?

Hana : Ēto, sakini otera ni itte, shashin o tori mashō! Matsushima wa takusan otera ga arimasu kara.

Ema : Īdesu ne! Sono ato, machi de kai mono o shi masen ka? Yūmei na mise ga arimasu! Soko de omiyage o kai mashō.

Reo: Īdesu ne! Nanka waku waku shite ki mashita. Hayaku tabete, iki mashō!

English translation

Leo: What are plan for today?

Hana: Uhm, first let's go to the temple and take pictures!

(Because) Matsushima has many temples!

Ema: Sounds good! Afterwards, how about we go to the city to do some shopping.

There is a well-known store! Let's buy some souvenirs there.

Leo: Sounds good! I'm getting excited!

Let's quickly eat and get going!

Day 16 - Reading



Boku wa lwate de umare mashita. lwate ga dai suki desu. Demo, kodomo no toki wa taihen deshita. Tamani gakkō de jinshu sabetsu o uke mashita. Burajiru jin to

nihon jin no hāfu desu kara. Kodomo no toki wa chotto sabishi katta desu. Demo ima wa takusan tomodachi ga imasu. Totemo ureshī desu.

I was born in Iwate prefecture. I love Iwate but growing up there was tough. Because I am half Brazilian and half Japanese, I sometimes experienced racism. When I was little, I was a little lonely. But now, I have many friends. I am very happy.

わたし う そだ とろんと こども とき わたし にほんご はな 私 の生まれ育ちはトロントです。子供の時、私 は日本語を話すのが きょうみ がっこう 嫌いでした。日本の文化にもあまり興味がありませんでした。よく学校で いま にほん まんが よ す ともだち いじめられましたから。でも、今は日本の漫画を読むのが好きです。友達 と日本語を話すのも好きです。



Watashi no umare sodachi wa Toronto desu. Kodomo no toki watashi wa nihongo o hanasu no ga kirai deshita. Nihon no bunka ni mo amari kyōmi ga ari masen deshita. Yoku gakkō de ijime rare mashita kara. Demo, ima wa nihon no manga o yomu no ga suki desu. Tomodachi to nihongo o hanasu no mo suki desu.

I was born and raised in Toronto. When I was a child, I didn't like speaking Japanese. I also didn't have much interest in the culture because I was teased a lot at school. But now, I like to read Japanese manga. I also like to speak Japanese with my friends.



Watashi wa Amerika jin desu ga, nihon jin no kuōtā desu. Kodomo no toki amari nihon go wo hanase masen deshita. Demo, mainichi isshōkenmei benkyō shi mashita. Sore kara maishū no doyōbi ni nihongo gakkō ni kayoi mashita. Soshite, san nen mae nihon ni hikkoshi mashita. Nihongo o benkyō shite yokatta desu.

I am American, but I am a quarter Japanese. When I was a child, I couldn't speak much Japanese. But I studied hard every day. I also went to a Japanese school every Saturday. Then three years ago, I moved to Japan. I'm glad I studied Japanese.



Reading log Practice makes perfect! Record the number of times you read the passage above. Try using the rōmaji as a guideline and do your best to identify and read the hiragana! Listen to the audio and try shadowing!

Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Day 4	Day 5

Vocabulary in context

子供の時	kodomo no toki	When you/I was a child	
^{ねんまえ} ~年前	~nen mae	~many years ago	
_{じんしゅさべつ} う 人種差別を受けました	jinshu sabetsu o uke mashita l experienced racism		
ぶんか 文化	bunka	culture	
興味	kyōmi	interest	

がっこう 学校	gakkō	school
いじめ	ijime	bullied; teased
いっしょうけんめい 一生懸命	isshōkenmei	to work very hard; utmost
^ひ こ 引っ越し たまに	hikkoshi	effort to move
かよう(U verb)	tamani	sometimes
^{さび} 寂しい	kayou	to attend; to commute
^{うれ} 嬉しい	sabishī	lonely
·	ureshī	happy

Using the vocabulary and concepts we have learned so far. Write a brief bio about yourself using the enikki or in your own notebooks. What do you like doing on the weekends? What do you like/dislike to eat? Where were you born? Where do you work? and so on.