

Asking Questions + これ, それ, あれ

Just go with the flow and answer the questions / do the translations. This practice sheet is going to be on the simpler side, since it's pretty basic grammar, but still check to make sure you're doing it right!

Change the following from “formal/neutral” to “casual” Japanese:

1 . これ は ねこ です

2 . あれ は じてんしゃ です

3 . かのじょ は きれい でした

4 . この はなし は おもしろかった です

5 . この メロン は あおくなかった です

6 . The Big Lebowski は たのしかった です

7 . この ペン は べんり じゃありません

Check the answers for 1-7 and see if you did anything wrong. When you've figured out what you did wrong (if anything) move on to the next section, where you'll start doing some translating / your own writing.

1. これはねこだ
2. あれはじてんしゃだ
3. かのじょはきれいだった
4. このはなしはおもしろかった
5. このメロンはあおくなかった
6. The Big Lebowski は たのしかった
7. このペン は べんり じゃない

For the following, translate the question, then answer it with your own answer. *What* you say in your answer doesn't particularly matter as long as it could make sense and it's grammatically correct (i.e. you use the stuff you learned!)

1 . それ は ペン ?

Translate: _____

Answer: _____

2 . えいが (movie) は おもしろかった ?

Translate: _____

Answer: _____

3 . この じてんしゃ は べんり ?

Translate: _____

Answer: _____

Here's the answers for the above questions / translations. The translation is exact, but the "Answer" portion might not be what you said. I just put some possibilities so you had some ideas on what could be said. If your grammar is the same, then you're probably doing okay.

1. Translation: Is that a pen?

1. Answers: はい、ぺんだ ... or ... いいえ、ペンじゃない

2. Translation: Was the movie interesting?

2. Answers: おもしろかった！

3. Translate: Is this bicycle convenient?

3. Answers: べんり だ よ ... or ... べんり だ！