



Show notes for lesson#73: Giving presents

Basic phrases used when giving presents to people in Japan

1)

これはカナダのクッキーです。よかったらどうぞ。  
Kore ha kanada no kukii desu. yokattara douzo.  
*These are Canadian cookies. Please have one.*

2)

いちばん  
カナダの一番おいしいクッキーです。よかったらどうぞ。  
Kanada no ichiban oishii kukii desu. yokattara douzo.  
*These are the most delicious cookies from Canada. Please have one.*

3)

ぼく た  
これは僕がいつも食べているメープルシロップなんですけどよかったら食べてみて下さい。  
Kore ha boku ga itsumo tabeteiru maple syrup nan desu kedo yokattara tabete mite kudasai.  
*I always eat this Maple syrup (back home). Please try it.*

4)

ぼく いちばんす いちど た  
これは僕が一番好きなクッキーなんですけど一度食べてみて下さい。  
kore ha boku ga ichiban suki na kukkii nan desu kedo ichido tabete mite kudasai.  
*These are my favorite cookies. Please try them (one time).*

5)

わざわざありがとう  
wazawaza arigatou  
*Thank you for taking the trouble.*

NOTE:

1) ちょっとつまらないものですが(chotto tsumaranai mono desu ga...) is a phrase traditionally used when giving presents. It literally means "this is a boring thing" showing the modesty of the person giving the present. However, according to Waka sensei and Beb, these days, this phrase may sound a little old fashioned or perhaps a little too formal.

2) When giving presents the pattern is to usually introduce the thing you are giving. These are cakes from England etc. Then you could say, よかったらどうぞ (yokattara douzo) literally, if it is OK, please go ahead (and have one). This is a common pattern used in the examples above.

3) In the examples above the word <sup>ぼく</sup>僕 (boku) or I, were used. However you can substitute that for <sup>わたし</sup>私 (watashi) to be a little more formal.

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