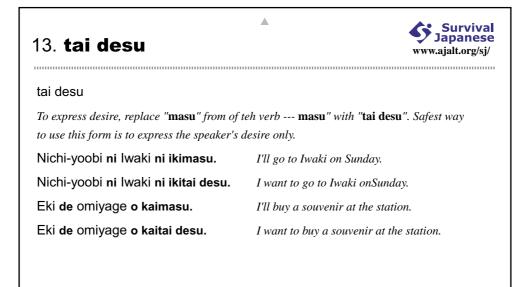
12. desu/masu form



desu/masu form

In Japanese, you must change the way you speak according to whom you are speaking, either casually or politely. The difference appears by how you end each sentence.

Japanese language education usually begins by teaching you how to speak with sentences ending with "desu/masu". "Desu/masu" is a polite way of speaking. There are other ways to speak, more casually or with more respect, but this is what you will usually use when speaking with someone who is older than you, or whom you have met for the first time.



14. masen ka/mashoo	Survival Survival www.ajalt.org/sj/
masen ka mashoo	
The speaker makes a suggestion by using the "verb -masen ka " form. The "Verb -mashoo " form shows a stronger volition. In accepting the invitation, the "verb- mashoo " form is used.	
A : Keeki o tabe masen ka.	A : Would you like some cake?
B : Ee, itadakimasu.	B : Yes, I'd like some.
A : Biiru o nomi masen ka.	A : Would you like some beer?
B : lie, kekkoo desu.	B : No thank you.
A : Tenisu o shi masen ka.	A : Would you like to play tennis?
B : Ee, shi mashoo.	B : Yes, let's.
A : Kaeri mashoo.	A : Let's go home.
B : Ee, kaeri mashoo.	B : Yes, let's.