

# Desu, Iru, Aru

## Desu

- ◆ Used to make a polite form of sentence
- ◆ Not used to masu sentence since it is already polite form
- ◆ Add after nouns and adjectives; it acts like "be verbs" (am, is, are, etc.)
- ◆ States that something (a noun) is something (a noun or adjective)

For examples:

This is an apple = Kore wa ringo **desu**

I am Canadian = Watashi wa kanadajin **desu**

This bank is old = Kono ginkou wa furui **desu**

This is beautiful flowers = kore wa kireina hana **desu**

\*\*\* The plain form of **desu** is da. This is used by small kids and some adults.

Iya da !! = no, I do not want to!

Mite ! wombat da ! = Look! That is wombat!!

## Iru and aru

- ◆ "to be (in a certain place)" or "to exist."
- ◆ Iru is used for people and animals, and Aru for everything else

For examples:

The book is on the desk = Hon wa tsukue no ue ni **aru**

She is in the library = Kanojyo wa tosyokan ni **iru**

Is Mr. Tanaka there? = tanaka san wa soko ni **imasuka** ?

He is not here = kare wa koko ni **imasen**