

DESU + KA?

Kore wa Takoyaki desu ka?
これはたこやきですか?
Is this Tokoyaki?

S + O + V ?

Japanese sentence structure is usually start with Subject and end with the Verb. No changes to this order in Question form.

“KA” is added after “desu” to make the sentence Question.

Same as English pronunciation, Ka will end with little higher note.

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BASICS >



@Gindako, Shibuya Tokyo

Kore wa Takoyaki desu-ka?
Is this Takoyaki?



@Isshin, Ueno Tokyo

Koko wa sushi-ya desu-ka?
Is this a sushi Restaurant?



Tekka maki desu-ka?
Is this Tuna Roll?

Kore wa Nan desu-ka?
これはなんですか?

What is this?



Kore wa nann desu-ka?
これはなんですか?

What is this?

Kore wa Uni (sea urchin) desu.
これはウニです。
This is Uni (sea urchin).

Nann =What.
You can simply replace the noun from the other sentence, replacing the takoyaki with nann(what) to ask simply ask what is this.

Examples

Kore wa Okome desu-ka?
Nick wa France-jin desu-ka?
A-re wa nann desu-ka?
Kore wa Osake desu-ka?
Sore wa mizu desuka-ka?

Is that rice?
Is Nick French?
What is that?
Is this alcohol?
Is it a water?

Words

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|-------------|--------|----------|---------------------|
| Osake | おさけ | Alcohol | Or can be sake |
| Be-ru | ビール | Beer | |
| okome | おこめ | Rice | Or can be just Kome |
| France-jin | フランスじん | French | Jin is person |
| America-jin | アメリカじん | American | |
| Mizu | みず | Water | |
| Sore | それ | It | |