

JOSHI “NO”

Korewa Watashi-no kutsu desu
これはわたしのくつです

This is my shoes*

Joshi is a Japanese particle that helps to connect with words and give meaning.

No is a joshi to provide the ownership/possession. Whose shoes are those? It's what I own or it's what she/he owns.

*In Japanese, we don't usually change shoes to plural term like "THESE" unless you have 2 pairs of shoes.



Remember “dare” from lesson 4?
dare (who) + “no” possession

Kore wa dare no kutsu desuka?
これはだれのくつですか？

Whose shoes is this?*

kore wa Nick No Kutsu desu.
これはニックのくつです。

This is Nick's shoes.*

kutsu no kakato
くつのかかと

Heel of the shoe/shoe's heel

*The ownership does not have to be a person. It is also used to describe something's something.
(Ex. Keitai no apuri/cellphone's app)*

Other Phrases

○ Ano saifu wa dare-no desuka
あのさいふはだれのですか？
Whose wallet is that?

○ sore wa watashi no desu.
それはわたしのです。
That is mine.

○ Kore wa nick-no gakkou desuka?
これはニックのがっこうですか？
Is this Nick's school?

○ kore wa nihon-no densha desu.
これはにほんのでんしゃです。
This is Japanese train.

New Words

English	Romaji	Kana	Past	Future/formal
shoes	Kutsu	くつ		
Wallet	Saifu	さいふ		
Heel	Kakato	かかと		
School	Gakkou	がっこう		
(cellphone)App	Apuri	アプリ		
Train	Densha	でんしゃ		
Japan	Nihon	にほん		

The way we think about translating Japanese train is “Japan's Train”.