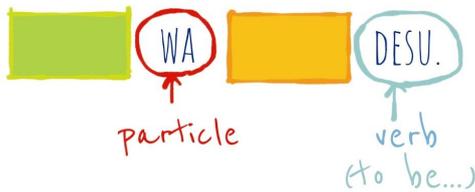
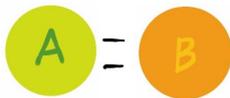


# BASIC GRAMMAR - LESSON 01 NOTES

BASIC FORM: A = B

## A wa B desu. : A is B.

A wa B desu means A is B. You can put a noun (i.e. the name of a thing, place, person, animal, a feeling) or a pronoun (i.e. I, you, he, she, they, we, this, that.) in both A and B.



### <Grammar Points>

A and B are connected with the particle ("wa"). The particle 'wa' is the most common particle to follow topic A.

The sentence ends with the verb 'desu', which means "to be", and is similar to "is" "am" and "are" in English.

### <Speaking Tip>

The "u" of "desu" at the end of sentence should be very quiet. You can pause to breathe after particle 'wa' if you like.

For example...

WATASHI WA SAM DESU.

(=I am Sam.)



### <Vocabulary>

\*Watashi is the most common way to express "I". "Watashi" can be used by boys, men, girls or women for any occasion.

There are other words to express "I"...for example, 'boku' 'ore' 'atashi' and so on.



Generally "boku" is used by boys/men in a standard or casual situation.

"Ore" is used by lads in a pretty casual situation.

"Atashi" is used by girls/women in a standard or casual situation.

I recommend that you simply remember 'watashi' for now.

### Challenge 1)

Please tell me your name in Japanese "I am \_\_\_\_\_"

Hopefully, you said, Watashi wa, then your name, followed by Desu. For example, my name is Aki, so I would say "Watashi wa Aki Desu".

Would you like to put other facts in B rather than your name? This is easy!

For example...



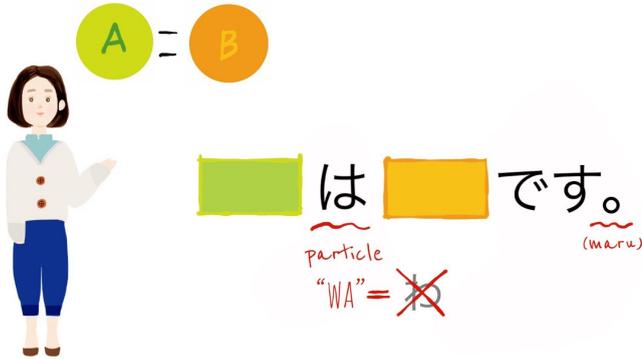
(=I am a student.)

Let's try inserting an occupation.

### Challenge 2)

Can you tell me your occupation?

Please go to our jobs vocabulary page if you need to.



Lastly, let's check how to write this form.  
(If you are not interested in Japanese writing, you can skip this part.)

### <Hiragana Writing>

AはBです。

Please make sure to write “は” (ha) for the particle 'wa'. (pronounced: wa)

Also, please use a 。 (maru), which is like a .(period) in English.