

ほど Functions N3

"X is not as... as Y."	(Noun - X) は (Noun - Y) ほど...ない	映画は本ほど面白くない。There is no country as beautiful as Japan.
"There's nothing more... as X"	(Noun - X) ほど (Noun - Y) は~ない	日本ほどきれいな国はありません。There is no country as beautiful as Japan.
"Approximately; about"	(Amount) ほど (Noun - Y) は~ない	5 ほどお待ちください。Please wait for about 5 minutes.
"To the extent that...; to the point..."	(V-る / ない) + ほど	死ぬほど【心配】しんぱいした。I was worried to death. (Lit. To the point I could die, I was worried.)
		心配したほど【怖く】こわくなかった。It was not as scary as I was worried.

Verb (casual, non-past)

Noun

な-adjective + な + 程 (ほど)

い-adjective

ほど vs の方が vs 一番 Compare things

(Noun-X) は (Noun-Y) ほど...ない	(Noun-X) の方が + (Noun-Y) より	(Noun-X) ほど (Noun-Y) は...ない	(Noun) は一番 + Adj
"There is nothing more as ... (N)"	"(X) is more (Adj/V) than..."	"There is nothing more...as X"	"The most..."
映画は本ほど面白くない。映画は本ほど面白くない。Movies are not as good as books.	ロンドンの方がプラハより高いです。London is more expensive than Prague.	日本ほどきれいな国はありません。There is no country as beautiful as Japan.	日本が一番きれいな国です。Japan is the most beautiful country.

"Approximately; about"

(Time/Distance/Counter) ほど...	(Time/Distance/Counter) くらい / ぐらい	(Time/Distance) ばかり	(point time (moment) ころ...
"Approximately; about"	"Approximately; about"	"Approximately; about"	"Approximately; around; about"

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"Approximately; about" (cont)

5 ほどお待ちください。 Please wait for about 5 minutes.	5 分くらいお待ちください。 Please wait for about 5 minutes.	5 分ばかりこの道を行けば、右手にその店があります。 If you continue on this road for about 5 minutes, that shop will be on your right.	午後 (ご) 1 時ごろ会おう。 Let's meet up around 1PM.
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!□!□Note: This grammar is cannot be used for point time (moment) + ほど / くらい. ごろ / くらいに are used instead.

Ex.

×1時ほど / くらい

□□午後 (ご) 1 時ごろ会おう。 Let's meet up around 1PM.

□□ 1 時ぐらゐにゲームをする。 I'll play around (at roughly) 1 o'clock.

Difference between ばかり / ほど / くらい

ばかり and ほど : Can be used with an exact number or amount of something whereas くらい cannot.

Ex. そのリンゴを二つばかり / ほど / ぐらゐください。

Please give me two of those apples.

!□!□Note: The speaker does not want *About* two apples but *exactly* two apples, and in this くらい cannot be used.



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