

ほど Functions N3

Pseudonoun: "To the extent of/that..."

✖✖Except for NOUNS, the other forms (verb, quantity, demonstrative) can take either negative or affirmative predicate.

IF USED AS:

Noun:

(A) は (B) ほど...ない (negative only) "(N) as not as (adj) ... as (N)" 父は母ほど【料理】りょうりが上手じゃありません。My father is not as good as my mother at cooking.

(Topic - X) ほど (Adj modifying N) は~ない (things) / いない (people) "There is nothing more (adj)...as X" 日本ほどきれいな国はありません。There is no country as beautiful as Japan.

Demonstrative Pronoun:

あれ、それ、どれ + ほど "A is not as...as this, that..." どれほど【物価】ぶっかが上がるかは誰も知りません。 - Nobody knows to what extent prices will go up.

Verb:

V-る + ほど (I could...) "I was (verb) to the point/to the extent that... (exaggeration)" 寝られないほどうるさかった。It was so noisy to the extent that I couldn't sleep.

ほど~ない (Negative) "Not as... I (expected)" 思っていたほど怖くなかった。It wasn't as scary as I thought it would be.

ほど vs の方が more than / less than

FORMATION:

Noun は Noun + 程 (ほど) +

V-ない

Adj ぬ - くない

Adj な - じゃない

Fix phrase: いつもほど。。。ない : Not as... as usual

👉(Noun-X) は (Noun-Y) ほど...ない

👉(Noun-X) の方が + (Noun-Y) より

👉(Noun-X) は (Noun-Y) ほど...ない

"(N) as not as ... as (N)"

"(X) is more (Adj/V) than..."

"(N) as much as ... as (N)"

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ほど vs の方が more than / less than (cont)

映画は本ほど面白くない。映画は本ほど面白くない。	本の方が映画より面白いです。	(私は)お相撲さんほど食べません。
Movies are not as good as books.	Books are better than movies.	I don't eat as much as a sumo wrestler.
プラハはロンドンほど高くない。	ロンドンの方がプラハより高いです。	(私は)【同僚】どうりょうほど飲まない。
Prague is not as expensive as London.	London is more expensive than Prague.	I don't drink as much as my colleagues.
(私は)【看護師】かごしの友達ほど忙しくありません。	かごしの友達の方が私より忙しい。	
I'm not as busy as my friend who is a nurse.	My friend who is a nurse is busier than I am.	
父は母ほど【料理】りょうりが上手じゃありません。	母の方が父より【料理】りょうりが上手です。	
My father is not as good as my mother at cooking.	My mother is better at cooking than my father.	
寒い日に熱いお茶を飲むほど【快適】かいてきなことはない。		
There's nothing as comfortable as drinking hot tea on a cold day.		

ほど vs 一番 "There is nothing more; BEST"

🚩(Topic - X) ほど (Adj modifying N) は~ない (things) / いない (people)	🚩(Noun) は一番 + Adj
"There is nothing more...as X"	"The most..."
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.
あなたほど綺麗な人はいません。 There is no one more beautiful than you.	あなたが一番綺麗な人です。 You are the most beautiful person.
日本ほど綺麗な国はない。 There is no country as (more) beautiful as Japan.	日本が一番きれいな国です。 Japan is the most beautiful country.
OR 日本ほど綺麗な国はありません。	



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ほど vs 一番 "There is nothing more; BEST" (cont)

寒い日に熱いお茶を飲むほど【快適】かいてきなことはない。There's nothing as comfortable as drinking hot tea on a cold day.

(Length of time/Distance/Counter) + ほど

-In Japanese, it is considered culturally impolite to specify exact numbers as it's like forcing the listener into a box. You want to give your listener a choice. Therefore, it is more polite to say approximate numbers instead.

👉(Length of time/Distance) + ほど...

"Approximately; about"

!□!□Note: Shall not be used for point time (moment; ON THE DOT)

👉(Length of time/Distance) + くらい / くらい...

"Approximately; about"

!□!□Note: Shall not be used for point time (moment; ON THE DOT)

👉(Time/Distance) + ばかり

"For about..."

-This meaning only applies when used with a noun that indicates time or distance.

5分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.

一年ほど日本に住んでいます。

I've been living in Japan for about a year.

一年くらい日本に住んでいます。

I've been living in Japan for about a year.

3時間ほど待たされました。

I was made to wait about 3 hours.

👉(COUNTER) + ほど...

"About" (how many things + counters)

-Used after Japanese counters

本を【8冊】はっさつほど読みました。

I read about eight books.

五千円ほど【貸す】かして下さいますか。



(Length of time/Distance/Counter) + ほど (cont)

Would you please lend me about ¥5,000?

バナナを 1キロほど買ってください。

Please buy about a kilo of bananas.

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!□!□Note: ほど / くらい / ぐらい cannot be used for point time (moment; ON THE DOT) + ほど / ぐらい。 Instead, you have to use 【頃】 ごろ (formal) / ぐらいに (inf)。

Ex.

×1時ほど / ぐらい

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

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

"Exact (amount of thing) ばかり / ほど

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** / ~~くらい~~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.

"To the extent/point that..." (Exaggeration)

👉Verb (plain) V-る/ない + ほど (I could...)

"I was (verb) to the point/to the extent that... (exaggeration)"

"Whether the action happened/not... ほど I could (exaggerate)..."

死ぬほど【心配】しんぱいした。

I was worried to death.

(Lit. I was worried to the point I could die.)

死ぬほど【疲れた】つかれた。

I'm tired to death.

(Lit. I'm so tired to the point I could die.)

よだれが【出る】でるほどおいしい。

It's so delicious to the point I could drool.

(= It's extremely delicious.)

あくびが出るほどつまらない。

It's so boring to the point I could yawn.

(= It's extremely boring.)

【動けない】うごけなくなるほど食べた。

I ate so much that I could hardly move.

(Lit. I ate to the point I became unable to move.)

【お腹】おなかが痛くなるほど食べた。

I ate so much that my stomach hurts.



"To the extent/point that..." (Exaggeration) (cont)

(Lit. I ate to the point my stomach hurts.)

息【いき】を【呑む】のむほど【美しい】うつくしい。

息【いき】: breath

【呑む】のむ: to drink;swallow but it usually means to conceal (like you keep it inside of you)

息【いき】を【呑む】のむ: To gasp (like when something takes your breath away)

It's breathtakingly beautiful.

(Lit. It's so beautiful to the point that it takes my breath away.)

(Lit. It's so beautiful to the point that I conceal/swallow my breath.)

"To the extent/point that..." (Surprised)

👉 Verb (plain) V-る/ない + ほど

"...is incredibly/unbelievably...;"

"To the extent that..."

(Demonstrative) あれ、それ、どれ + ほど
"To WHAT extent..."

"A is/is not... as this, that..."

このショッピングモールはびっくりする-
ほど大きい。

寝られないほどうるさかった。

どれほど【物価】ぶっかが上がるかは誰-
も知りません。

This shopping mall is surprisingly big.

It was so noisy to the extent that I couldn't sleep.

Nobody knows to what extent prices will
go up.

(Lit. It's so big to the extent that I'm
surprised.)

この薬は試飲時られないほど【効く】き
く。

A. あなたは日本語が上手ですね。

This medicine works unbelievably well.

Your Japanese is good!

(Lit. It's so effective to the point that I
can't believe it.)

ミサ先生は信じられないほど日本語を
教えるのが上手です。

B. いいえ、それほどではありません。

Misa-sensei is an incredibly good at
teaching Japanese.

Not to that extent (you're saying).

【数えれない】かぞえきれないほど人が-
【多い】おおい。

去年の冬は【暖房】だんぼうを入れなかったほど
【暖かい】あたたかかったです。

There are more people I can count.

Last year's winter was so warm (to the extent) that I
didn't turn on the heater.



"To the extent/point that..." (Surprised) (cont)

(Lit. There are so many people to the extent that it's countless/I can't count.) 【数える】かぞえる : to count; to enumerate その仕事は誰でもできるほど難しくありません。

星の【数】かぞほど男はいる。

That job is so easy (not difficult) that anyone can do it.

There are as many men as the number of stars.

【地震】じしんは【建物】たてものが【倒れる】たおれたほど強かったです。

国にいけないほどびっくりしました。

The earthquake was so strong that the buildings collapsed.

I was so surprised (to the extent) that I couldn't say anything.

泣きたいほど心配したんです。

I was so worried (to the extent) that I wanted to cry.

Famous Expressions "To the point that"

✓びっくりするほど

✓痛いほど

Surprisingly... (It's so... to the extent I'm surprised.)

Truly / fully (to the point it hurts)

✓死ぬほど

✓【想像】そうぞうしたほど...ない

To the point that I could die

Not as... as I expected

✓数えれない【かぞえきれない】ほど

✓思ったほど...ない

To the point it's countless

Not as... as I thought

✓星の【数】かぞほど

✓心配したほど...ない

As many as the number of stars

Not as... as I worried

✓山ほど

✓口ほどにもない

"Countless" (Lit. As many as mountains = gazillion)

All bark and no bite. (Lit. It's not as much as your mouth) (Lit. Not as true as "the mouth" claims)

ほど "Not as... as... expected" vs 通り

👉(V-plain) ほど~ない (Negative)

👉(V-plain) とおり~ (Affirmative)

"Not as... I (expected)"

"Just as I (expected)"

-Something happens as planned/thought

V-る/た とおり / Noun + どおり



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ほど "Not as... as... expected" vs 通り (cont)

思っていたほど怖くなかった。It wasn't as scary as I thought it would be.

心配した【通り】とおり【怖かった】こわかった。It was scary just as I 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.

心配したほどひどい怪我じゃない。The wound/injury is not as bad as I worried.

心配したほど痛くなかった。It's not as painful as I worried.

"Getting more and more"

👉 Verb / Adj えば / なら + ほど "The more... the more..."

👉 V-ていく "It will get/become more and more" (About the future)

👉 V-てきた "Getting / becoming more and more; the beginning of a gradual change"

ていく → Present to Future

てくる → Past to Present

-Focuses on the the fact that the change will continue; not necessarily that change has already happened

ピリピンの食べ物を食べれば、食べるほど食べたくなるんです。

【太って】ふってきた。I'm starting to gain weight.

The more you eat Philippine food, the more you'll crave for it.

ニンニクをたくさんつけば、入れるほど美味しいと思います。I think the more garlic you use, the more delicious it is.

もっと暑くなっていきます。It's going to start getting even hotter. (It's already hot now but it will keep getting hotter.)

気持ち悪くなってきた。I'm starting to feel sick.

【危害】きがいボタンが【少ない】すくなければ少ないほどいいです。

10月【頃】ごろから寒くなっていく。From around October, it's going to get colder.

暑くなってきた。It's getting hotter. (It's starting to get hot; the beginning of change but also implying that it's changing gradually)

The less buttons in the machine, the better.

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"Getting more and more" (cont)

10月【頃】ごろから寒くなる。From around October, it's going to get hot. (It will become hot and doesn't imply anything about the change or the progress)

暑くなって【始めた】はじめた。It began to get hot. (Focuses on the beginning)

痛くなってきた。It's starting to hurt.

VOCABS:

【危害】きがい : injury; harm; danger

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