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# Basic Japanese Grammar for Noobs Cheat Sheet

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### <u>A は B</u> です

(A is B.)

は is the particle indicating a topic.

Adding です after B forms a predicate.

e.g.) 私はアンナです。 (I'm Anna.)

#### \_ではありません

form of です.

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です is a polite word that ends a sentence.

e.g.) はい、私は日本人です。 (Yes, I'm a Japanese.) ではありません is the negative

e.g.) いいえ、私は日本人では ありません。 (No, I'm not a Japanese.)

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way we count numbers from one

## Japanese characters

The Japanese language has three types of script: Hiragana, Katakana and Kanji, each with its own specific role.

e.g. 私はジョンです。(Iam John ).

Hiragana: は, です Katakana: ジョン

Kanji: 私

#### Subject は Object を Verb

A typical word order in Japanese is "the subject, the object and the verb." を is a particle indicating the object of an action. e.g.) 私は漫画を読みます。 (I read manga.)

#### **А О** В

の is a particle that links two nouns. In Japanese, you put a modifying word before a noun. e.g.) 東京のお土産 (a souvenir from Tokyo)

### をします

します is a verb that means "to do something."

You can talk about many actions by combining をします with nouns.

e.g.)

勉強 (study) + をします = 勉強をします (I study) 料理 (cooking) + をします

= 料理をします (I cook)

#### 何時

何 is "what" and JI is "time". 時 is a counter indicating a specific hour.

e.g.) 何時ですか。 (What time is

#### て-form verbs

When we use verbs in the middle of sentences, that is, when we add other words after them, we use their conjugated forms.

The verbs that conjugate, ending with て, are called "てform verbs."

e.g.) 覚えます (to memorize) >> 覚えて

# \_はどこですか。

(Where is \_\_\_ ?) どこですか is a phrase that allows you to ask where something is, either a place or

e.g.) トイレはどこですか。 (Where is a restroom?)



to ten changes.

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