


## 1.1

## Greetings

## Aisatsu

 **ACTIVITY 1** is on the recording.

**ACTIVITY 2**

What is the weather for each time of day mentioned?

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| 1 day     | a cold and horrible |
| 2 evening | b good weather      |
| 3 morning | c hot               |

**DIALOGUE 1**

- Shimada san, konnichiwa.
- Ito san! Konnichiwa.
- Ii tenki desu ne.
- So desu ne. Ii tenki desu ne.
- Yoshida san, konbanwa.
- Konbanwa. Atsui desu ne.
- E. Atsui desu ne.
- Yamada san, ohayo gozaimasu.
- Ohayo. Iya-na tenki desu ne.
- So desu ne. Samui desu ne.

VOCABULARY
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hajime ni	first of all, at first
aisatsu	greetings
... san	Mr, Mrs, Ms ...
konnichiwa	hello, good afternoon
ii tenki	nice weather
desu	am, is, are
so desu	that's right; it's so
ne	isn't it!
konbanwa	good evening
atsui	hot
e	yes (informal)
ohayo gozaimasu	good morning
ohayo	morning! [ <i>informal</i> ]
iya-na tenki	horrible weather
samui	cold

## LANGUAGE BUILDING

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### ✔ **desu** – am, is, are

The word **desu** is very versatile. It can mean '(I) am', '(you) are', '(we) are', or '(he/she/it) is'. The words for 'you' or 'I', etc., are often omitted when it's obvious from the context who or what you're talking about.

Like all Japanese verbs, **desu** generally comes at the end of the sentence.

Ii tenki **desu**. It's nice weather.

Yoshida san **desu**. That's Yoshida san.

### ✔ **ne** – isn't it?

You can add **ne** to the end of a sentence to make a tag question ('isn't it?', 'aren't they?', etc.).

Atsui desu **ne**. It's hot, isn't it?

Ii desu **ne**. It's nice, isn't it?

So desu **ne**. It is, isn't it? / That's right, isn't it?

### ✔ **Talking about the weather**

Japanese people do not often use the equivalent of 'How are you?' when they meet, except when they haven't seen each other for a while, or are genuinely enquiring after someone's health. Instead, they tend to comment on the weather when greeting each other.

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### ACTIVITY 3

Which of these comments on the weather would you make where you are today?

- 1 Ii tenki desu ne.
- 2 Iya-na tenki desu ne.
- 3 Samui desu ne.
- 4 Atsui desu ne.

🎧 Now do activities 4 and 5 on the recording.