Situational Usage

1. Ask a stranger what time it is now.

(Sumimases.) Ima nanji desu ka. (すみません。)( 今 何 時 ですか。) "(Excuse me.) What time is it?"

2. Your colleague brought a souvenir from a trip. Thank him

Arigatoo gozaimasu. (ありがとうございます。) "Thank you very much."

3. You are at a party. Ask someone you don’t know what his/her name is.

Oname wa?/ Onamae wa nan desu ka. (お 名 前 は？) "What is your name?"

4. Someone just asked you if you are a graduate student. How would you respond if you are a college student.

Iie, daigakusei desu. (いいえ、 大学生 です。) "No, I am a college student."

5. Ask your classmate which year of college he/she is in.

Nannensei desu ka. ( 何 年 生 ですか。) "Which year of college are you in?"

6. You got a notice that there will be a meeting at 8 tomorrow. Find out if it’s 8:00 am.

Gozen hachiji desu ka. ( 午 前 8時 ですか。) "Is it 8am?"

7. Tanaka is talking about his siblings. Find out what his younger sister’s major is.

Imootosan no senkoo wa nan desu ka. (妹 さんの 専 門 は 何 ですか。) "What is your younger sister’s major?"

8. Find out Prof. Ito’s phone number.

Itoo-sensei no denwabangoo wa nanban desu ka. (伊 藤 先 生 の 電 話 番 号 は 何 番 ですか。) "What is Prof. Ito’s telephone number?"

9. Your acquaintance asked about your friend Takahashi. Tell him/her that Takahashi’s mother is Chinese.

Tanaka-san no okaasan wa chuugokujin desu. ( 田 中 さんのお 母 さん は 中 国 人 です。) "Mr. Tanaka’s mother is Chinese."

10. You’ve just met someone for the first time. What would you say?

Hajimemashite. Doozo yoroshiku. (はじめまして。どうぞよろしく。) "Nice to meet you."

11. You’ve been asked what Tanaka does for living. Tell him that he is a high school English teacher.

Koukou no eigo no sensei desu. ( 高 校 の 英 語 の 先 生 です。) "He is a high school English teacher."

12. Tell a new international student that the international relations class is at 1:30.
13. Find out if Ms. Kim is an international student of Tokyo University.

Kimu-san wa tokyoo daigaku no ryuugakusee desu ka. (キムさんは 東京大学 の 留学生ですか。)

14. Find out if Mr. Yamada’s major is economics.

Yamada-san no senmon wa keezai desu ka. (山田さんの 専門は 経済ですか。)

15. Your colleagues are talking about Mr. Smith. Tell them that he is your college friend and that he is British.

Sumisu-san wa daigaku no tomodachi desu. Igirisu-jin desu. (スミスさんは 大学の 友です。イギリス人です。)

16. Find out if Suzuki is 19 years old.

Suzuki-san wa jyuukyuu-sai desu ka? (鈴木さんは 十九歳ですか。)

17. Someone asked you what time it is. Tell him that it’s 4:25 now.

Ima, yo-ji nijyuugo hun desu. (今、4時２５分です。)

18. Find out if Stoo’s father is an office worker.

Satoo-san no otoosan wa kaisyain desu ka? (佐藤さんの父さんは 会社員ですか。)

19. Find out Ms. Lee’s nationality.

Li-san wa nanijin desu ka? (リーさんは 何人ですか。)

20. Find out how old Mr. Yamada is.

Yamada-san wa nansai desu ka? (山田さんは 何歳ですか。)

21. Find out where Ms. Kim is from.

Kimu-san no goshusshin wa? (キムさんの 出身 は？)