

Understanding prices in yen

1 **2•16** Listen to these key phrases.

Ikura desu ka.	How much is it?/How much are they?
Ringo wa ikura desu ka.	How much are the apples?
¥240 (ni-hyaku yon-jū en) desu.	It's/they're 240 yen.

2 **2•17** Counting large numbers in Japanese is not difficult. A hundred is **hyaku**, so can you tick the numbers below as you hear them?

400 550 200 780 120 930

Nihongo de wa ...

large numbers are made up of combinations of the numbers 1 to 9 with **hyaku** 100, **sen** 1000 and **man** 10,000.

450	yon-hyaku go-jū
2450	ni-sen yon-hyaku go-jū
32,450	san-man ni-sen yon-hyaku go-jū

There are a few combinations where the pronunciation changes.

300 san-byaku	600 rop-pyaku	800 hap-pyaku
3000 san-zen		8000 has-sen

3 **2•18** Listen to four short conversations and circle the correct prices.



ringo



painappuru



meron



tomato

- apples ¥420 ¥200 ¥240 ● pineapples ¥890 ¥980 ¥870
- melon ¥2700 ¥2770 ¥2270
- apple, pineapple, tomato, melon ¥5100 ¥4500 ¥4100

... and asking for items

4 **2•19** Listen to these key phrases.

Sandoitchi wa arimasu ka.	Do you have any sandwiches?
Hamu sando ga gozaimasu.	We have ham sandwiches. (formal)
... wa gozaimasen.	We don't have ... (formal)
Zenbu de ikura desu ka.	How much is it altogether?



5 **2•20** Ikeda-san is going to Nagoya today for a meeting. He buys some things for the journey at a kiosk on the station platform. Tick the items you hear mentioned.

- ham sandwich chocolate (**chokorēto**) apple juice
 cola cheese sandwich orange juice beer
 mixed (**mikkusu**) sandwich newspaper (**shinbun**)

Listen again and now circle the items he actually bought.

Nihongo de wa ...

people who work in shops, restaurants and hotels use very polite forms of language, so it helps if you can recognise these forms. You don't need to use them yourself.

Gozaimasu is the polite form of **arimasu** (*have, there is/are*).

De gozaimasu is the polite form of **desu** (*is/are*).

Japan Times wa gozaimasen. *We don't have the Japan Times.*
(an English-language newspaper)

Zenbu de ¥500 de gozaimasu. *That'll be ¥500 altogether.*

6 **2•21** On the train back to Tokyo, Ikeda-san buys some things from the trolley being wheeled up and down the train.

What does he buy to drink? Can you guess what **poteto chippu** means? How much change (**o-tsuri**) is he given?