

Episode 14: 遊びに来る asobi ni kuru – come for a visit

きのうは、おとうさんとおかあさんが家に遊びに来ました。楽しかったです。

kinou wa, otousan to okaasan ga ie ni asobi ni kimashita. tanoshikatta desu.

as for yesterday - father - and - mother - (subject marker) - (my) house - to - play - for - came. fun - it was

My parents visited my house yesterday. I had a great time.

VOCABULARY

- きのうは yesterday [きのう (yesterday); は (contrast marker which is not really necessary here but adds emphasis to きのう)]
- おとうさんとおかあさん my father and my mother; my dad and my mom [私の両親 or 両親 would work here but might sound somewhat formal]
- 家に (visited) my house [家 (house; it is understood to be the speaker's house from the context); に (direct object marker for "visited" which indicate location/direction); 私の家に also works here, of course]
- 遊びに来ました visited [from 遊びに来る asobi ni kuru which literally means "to come to play" but it actually means "to come visit"; a compound verb (遊ぶ+来る); 遊び from 遊ぶ (to play; to hang out); ~に (for the purpose of ~; in order to do something; indicates purpose and to modify the following verb; "masu-stem verb + に"); 遊びに (in order to hang out; to hang out) itself is an adverbial phrase; 来ました from 来る (to come)]
- 楽しかったです it was fun; (I) had a good time [past of 楽しいです (it is fun); 楽しかった past of 楽しい (fun; enjoyable); です (polite copula)]