



Episode 21: いとこ

itoko – cousin

きのうは、わたしのいとこが泊まりに^と来^きました。たくさん^{あそ}遊^びました。

kinou wa, watashi no itoko ga tomari ni kimashita. takusan asobimashita.

As for yesterday - my - cousin - (subject marker) - to stay - for the purpose of - came. much - played.

Yesterday, my cousin came over. We had a lot of fun.

VOCABULARY

- きのうは yesterday; as for yesterday [きのう (yesterday); は (contrast marker; adding an emphasis on きのう); きのう (without は) would also work here with no issue; は is sort of setting the stage for the following statement]
- いとこ my cousin [いとこ (cousin); “my” can be omitted; it’s usually “my” (author’s/ the speaker’s) when not specified]
- 泊まりに for sleepover; for stay overnight; for overnight stay [泊まり is masu-stem of 泊まる (to stay overnight); に indicates a purpose (masu-stem + に)]
- 来ました came (for sleepover) [from 来る (to come); 泊まりに来る is “to come for sleepover” and 泊まりに行く is “to go for sleepover”]
- たくさん遊びました (we) had a lot of fun together; (we) had a great time together [たくさん (a lot; used as adverb to modify the following verb); 遊びました from 遊ぶ (to play); 遊ぶ is mainly used for children “to have fun together” by doing different activities or just by spending time together]