

## Particles & Their Uses #1

- **は (wa)** = Indicates the topic of the sentence and emphasizes what comes *after* it

私は学生です。  
I am a student.

- **が (ga)** = Indicates the subject of the sentence & emphasizes what comes *before* it

私が学生です。  
I am a student.

- **の (no)** = Indicates possession

これはたけしさんのペンです。  
This is Takeshi's pen.

- **も (mo)** = Can mean “also”, “too”, and emphasize “any”

私もさくら大学に行きます。  
I will also go to Sakura University.

- **を (wo)** = Indicates a direct object

メアリーさんはコーヒーをのみました。  
Mary drank coffee.

- **に (ni)** = Indicates movement, time, frequency

七時に起きます。  
I wake up at 7:00  
映画館に行きました。  
I went to the movie theater.  
一日に二時間ぐらい勉強します。  
I study about 2 hours per day.

- **で (de)** = Indicates location of an action

田中さんは図書館で勉強します。  
Tanaka studies in the library.

## Particles & Their Uses #2

- **へ (he)** = Emphasizes direction (similar to に)

友達へ手紙を送りました。  
I sent my friend a letter.

- **か (ka)** = Goes at the end of the sentence to make it a question (just like a question mark) or is used to describe choosing between two options (just like “or”)

ケーキが好きですか。  
Do you like cake?  
ラーメンかすしを食べますか。  
Will you eat ramen or sushi?

- **と (to)** = Used to list nouns only when you know everything on the list and & listing it all

スーパーでバナナとパンを買いました。  
I bought bananas and bread at the store.

- **や (ya)** = Used to list nouns when you are not listing everything and there may be things not included

日本のまんがやアニメが大好きです。  
I love manga & anime (and other things) from Japan.

- **よ (yo)** = Used as emphasis/strong declaration

あのアイスクリームはおいしいですよ。  
This ice cream is delicious!

- **ね (ne)** = Gives the feeling of “isn’t it?” & and requests confirmation/agreement from the listener

今日はいいお天気ですね。  
The weather today is good, isn’t it?

