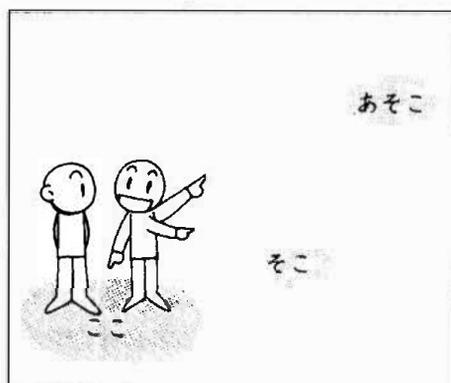


1. ここ／そこ／あそこ／こちら／そちら／あちら

The demonstratives これ, それ and あれ that are discussed in Lesson 2 refer to a thing, while ここ, そこ and あそこ refer to a place. ここ is the place where the speaker is, そこ is the place where the listener is, and あそこ is the place far from both the speaker and the listener.

こちら, そちら and あちら are demonstrative words referring to direction. こちら, そちら and あちら are also used to refer to location, in which case, they are politer than ここ, そこ and あそこ.

[Note] When the speaker regards the listener as sharing his/her territory, the place where they both are is designated by the word ここ. Under this situation, そこ designates the place a little distant from the speaker and listener, and あそこ designates an even more distant location.



2. N₁は N₂(place)です

Using this sentence pattern, you can explain where a place, a thing or a person is.

- ① お手洗^{てあらい}いは あそこです。
- ② 電話^{でんわ}は 2階^{にがい}です。
- ③ 山田^{やまだ}さんは 事務所^{じむしょ}です。

The rest room is there.

The telephone is on the second floor.

Mr. Yamada is in the office.

3. どこ／どちら

どこ means "where," and どちら means "which direction." どちら can also mean "where," in which case it's politer than どこ.

- ④ お手洗^{てあらい}いは どこですか。
…あそこです。
- ⑤ エレベーター^{エレベーター}は どちらですか。
…あちらです。

Where's the rest room?

…It's there.

Where's the elevator?

…It's in that direction. (It's there.)

どこ or どちら is also used to ask the name of a country, company, school or any place or organization a person belongs to. You cannot use なん(what).
 どちら is politer than どこ.

⑥ 学校は どこですか。 What's the name of your school?

⑦ 会社は どちらですか。 What company do you work for?

4. N_1 の N_2

When N_1 is the name of a country and N_2 is a product, it means that N_2 is made in that country. When N_1 is the name of a company and N_2 is a product, it means that N_2 is made by that company. In this structure, どこ is used to ask where or by whom N_2 is made.

⑧ これは どの コンピューターですか。

…日本の コンピューターです。

…IMCの コンピューターです。

Where is this computer made?/ Who is the maker of this computer?

…It's made in Japan.

…IMC is.

5. The こ/そ/あ/ど system of demonstrative words

	こ series	そ series	あ series	ど series
thing	これ	それ	あれ	どれ (L. 8)
thing person	この N	その N	あの N	どの N (L. 16)
place	ここ	そこ	あそこ	どこ
direction place (polite)	こちら	そちら	あちら	どちら

6. お^{くに}国

The prefix お is added to a word concerning the listener or a third person in order to express the speaker's respect to the person.

⑨ [お]国は どちらですか。 Where are you from?