

Reading and Writing Practice: Verbs

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For each verb, there is a plain form and a formal form in Japanese. The plain form, in parentheses, is used in informal situations, typically between friends and families. They are also used in dictionaries and legal documents. The formal forms are marked by **-masu** ます and its variations, and are used when talking politely. The verb **suru/-shimasu** can be added to nouns to make the noun into a verb.

1. かたづけます (かたずける)	katazukemasu (katazukeru)	to tidy up
2. ふろにはいります (はいる)	furo ni hairimasu (hairu)	to take a bath
3. はをみがきます (みがく)	ha o migakimasu (migaku)	to brush one's teeth
4. よろこびます (よろこぶ)	yorokobimasu (yorokobu)	to be pleased; be happy
5. おどろきます (おどろく)	odorokimasu (odoroku)	to be surprised
6. おちこみます (おちこむ)	ochikomimasu (ochikomu)	to be depressed
7. やすみます (やすむ)	yasumimasu (yasumu)	to rest; sleep
8. つうきんします (する)	tsūkin shimasu (suru)	to commute to work
9. つうがくします (する)	tsūgaku shimasu (suru)	to commute to school
10. そうじします (する)	sōji shimasu (suru)	to clean
11. せんたくします (する)	sentaku shimasu (suru)	to do laundry
12. がまんします (する)	gaman shimasu (suru)	to bear; persevere
13. けんかします (する)	kenka shimasu (suru)	to fight; quarrel

Adverbs

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1. すごく	sugoku	very; awfully
2. ほとんど	hotondo	mostly; almost all
3. だいたい	daitai	approximately; mostly
4. あまり (あんまり)	amari (anmari)	(not) very much
5. けっして	kesshite	never; (not) at all
6. ぜんぶ	zenbu	all
7. みんな	minna	everyone; all
8. めったに	metta ni	rarely
9. もうすこし	mō sukoshi	a little more
10. もうちょっと	mō chotto	a little more