

# #4 Japanese Essential Verbs

For English Speakers





1  
食(た)べる  
Eat



彼(かれ)はりんごを食(た)べています。  
He is eating an apple.

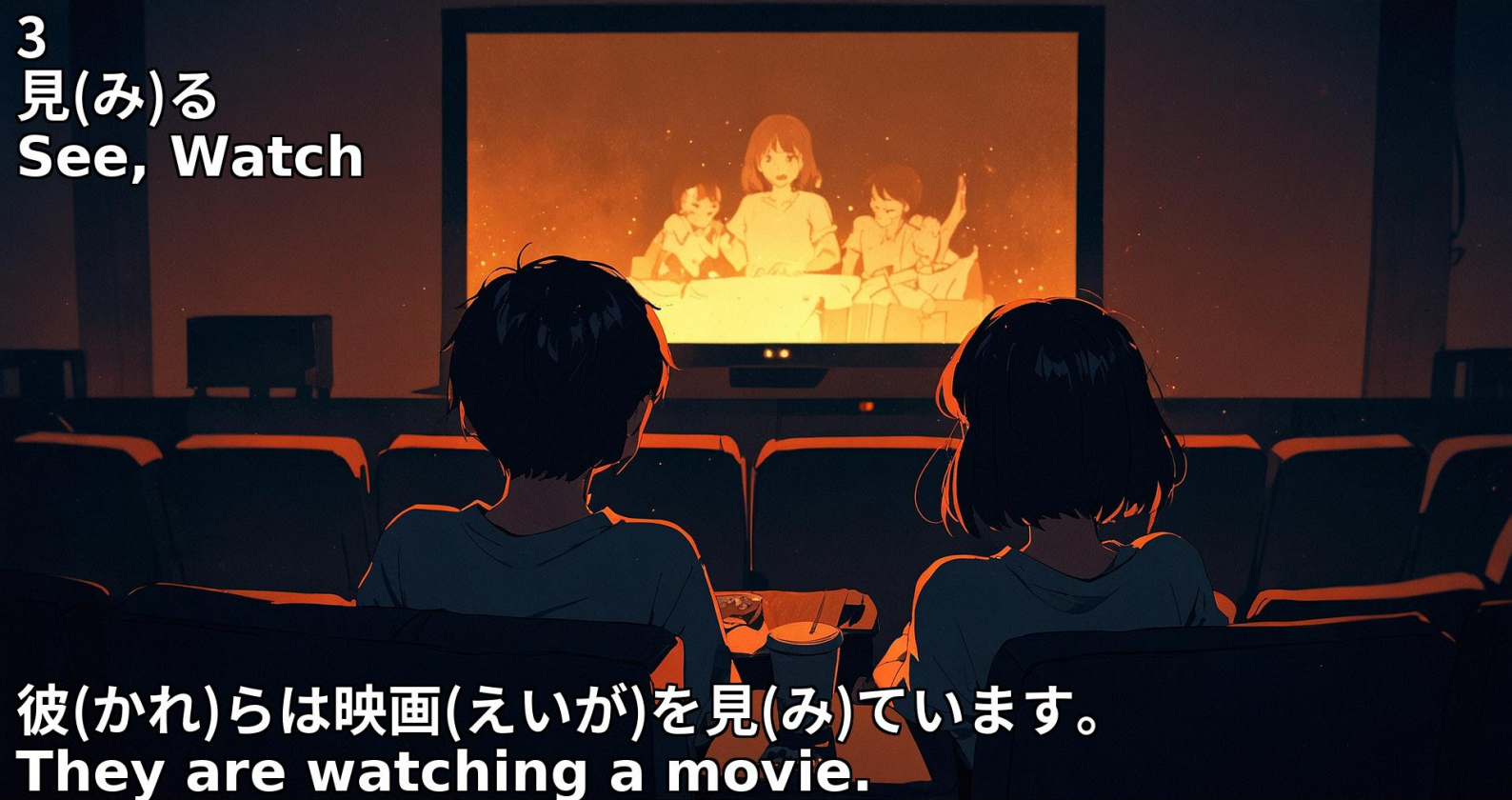
2  
飲(の)む  
Drink



彼女(かのじょ)はお茶(ちゃ)を飲(の)みました。  
She drank tea.

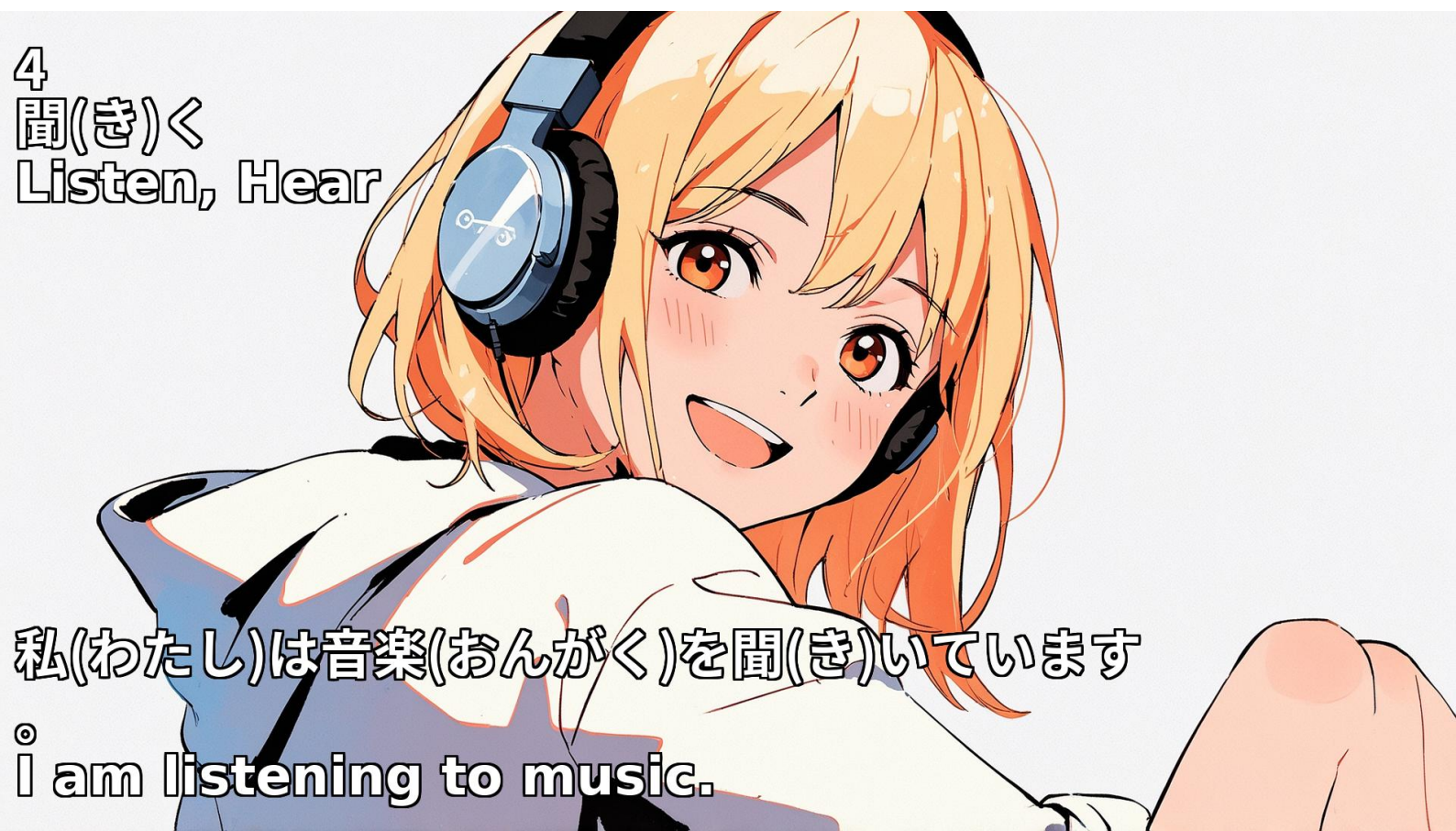


3  
見(み)る  
See, Watch



彼(かれ)らは映画(えいが)を見(み)ています。  
They are watching a movie.

4  
聞(き)く  
Listen, Hear



私(わたし)は音楽(おんがく)を聞(き)いています  
I am listening to music.



5  
話(はな)す  
Speak



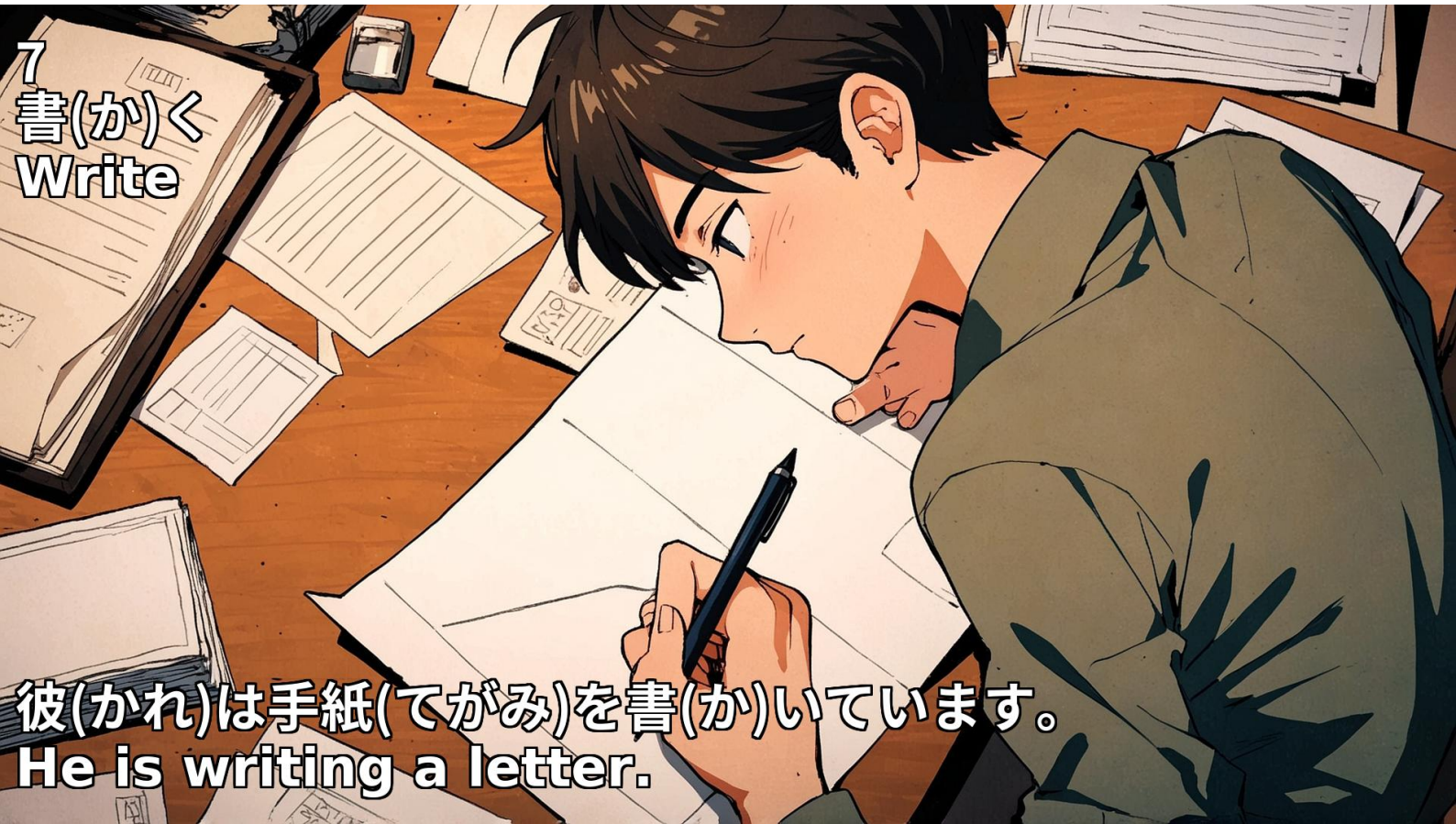
彼(かれ)は英語(えいご)を話(はな)します。  
He speaks English.

6  
読(よ)む  
Read



彼女(かのじょ)は本(ほん)を読(よ)んでいます。  
She is reading a book.





7  
書(かく)  
Write

彼(かれ)は手紙(てがみ)を書(か)いています。  
He is writing a letter.



8  
行(い)く  
Go

彼女(かのじょ)は学校(がっこう)に行(い)きます。  
She goes to school.



9  
来(くる)  
Come



彼(かれ)は今(いま)、家(いえ)に来(き)ていま  
す。  
He is coming home now.

10  
帰(かえ)る  
Return



彼(かれ)は家(いえ)に帰(かえ)ります。  
He returns home.



11  
歩(ある)く  
Walk

An illustration of a woman with short brown hair, wearing a white t-shirt and blue shorts, walking away from the viewer on a paved path in a park. The path is lined with large, leafy green trees, and the ground is dappled with sunlight and shadows. The background shows a bright, sunny day with a clear blue sky.

私(わたし)は公園(こうえん)を歩(ある)きます。  
I walk in the park.

12  
走(はし)る  
Run

An illustration of a woman with long brown hair, wearing a white tank top and black shorts, running on a dirt path. She is running towards the left, away from the viewer. The background features a vibrant sunrise over a body of water, with mountains in the distance. The sky is filled with colorful clouds in shades of orange, yellow, and blue. The sun is low on the horizon, casting a warm glow over the scene.

彼女(かのじょ)は毎朝(まいあさ)走(はし)ります。  
She runs every morning.



13  
寝(ね)る  
Sleep



彼(かれ)は早(はや)く寝(ね)ました。  
He went to bed early.

14  
起(お)きる  
Wake Up, Get Up



私(わたし)は毎朝(まいあさ)6時(ろくじ)に起(お)きます。  
I wake up at 6 a.m. every morning.

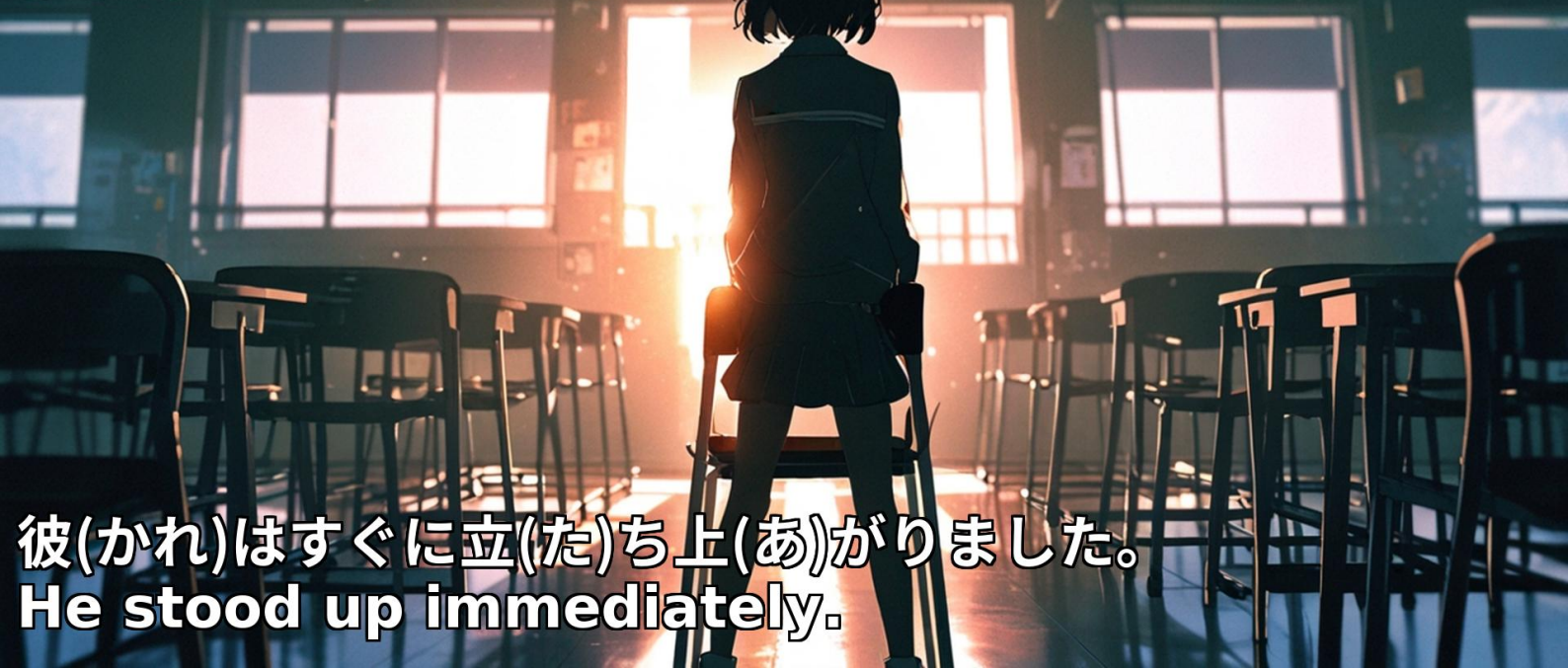


15  
座(すわ)る  
Sit



彼女(かのじょ)は椅子(いす)に座(すわ)ります。  
She sits on a chair.

16  
立(た)つ  
Stand



彼(かれ)はすぐに立(た)ち上(あ)がりました。  
He stood up immediately.



17  
買(かう)  
Buy



私(わたし)は新(あたらし)しい靴(くつ)を買(か)いました。  
I bought new shoes.

18  
使(つか)う  
Use



彼(かれ)はパソコンを使(つか)っています。  
He is using the computer.



19  
作(つ)くる  
Make, Create



彼女(かのじょ)はケーキを作(つく)りました。  
She made a cake.

20  
始(は)じめる  
Start, Begin



彼(かれ)らは会議(かいぎ)を始(は)じめました。  
They started the meeting.



21  
終(お)わる  
Finish, End

映画(えいが)はもう終(お)わりました。  
The movie has already ended.

22  
持(も)つ  
Hold, Have

彼(かれ)はかばんを持(も)っています。  
He is holding a bag.



23  
置(おく)  
Put, Place



彼女(かのじょ)は本(ほん)を机(つくえ)に置(お)きました。  
She placed the book on the desk.

24  
取(と)る  
Take, Get



彼(かれ)は写真(しゃしん)を取(と)ります。  
He takes photos.



25  
知(し)る  
Know



私(わたし)はそのニュースを知(し)っています。  
I know that news.

26  
分(わ)かる  
Understand



私(わたし)はあなたの言(い)っていることが分(わ)かります。  
I understand what you are saying.



27  
教(おし)える  
Teach, Tell



彼女(かのじょ)は私(わたし)に日本語(にほんご)  
を教(おし)えます。  
She teaches me Japanese.

28  
学(まな)ぶ  
Learn



彼(かれ)は新(あた)らしいスキルを学(まな)んで  
います。  
He is learning new skills.



29  
探(さが)す  
Search, Look For

An illustration of a man with dark hair, wearing a dark jacket, sitting at a desk covered in papers and documents. He is looking down at a pair of keys on the desk. A black coffee cup is also on the desk. The scene is lit with warm, golden light, suggesting a late afternoon or early morning setting.

私(わたし)は鍵(かぎ)を探(さが)しています。  
I am looking for my keys.

30  
会(あ)う  
Meet

An illustration of two young women sitting at a table in a cafe or restaurant. They are both smiling and waving their hands. The woman on the left has dark hair and is wearing a dark jacket over a light-colored top. The woman on the right has brown hair with a red hair tie and is wearing a brown jacket. There are drinks on the table in front of them. Large windows in the background show a bright, sunny day with green trees and buildings outside.

彼女(かのじょ)は友達(ともだち)に会(あ)います。  
She meets her friend.



31  
確認(かくにん)する  
Check



彼(かれ)はカレンダーを確認(かくにん)します。  
He checks the calendar.

32  
さす  
Use (Eye Drops)



私(わたし)は目薬(めぐすり)をさします。  
I use eye drops.



33  
洗(あら)う  
Wash



彼女(かのじょ)は顔(かお)を洗(あら)います。  
She washes her face.

34  
磨(みが)く  
Brush



彼(かれ)は歯(は)を磨(みが)きます。  
He brushes his teeth.





35  
つける  
Apply

彼女(かのじょ)はリップクリームをつけます。  
She applies lip balm.



36  
拭(ふ)く  
Wipe

私(わたし)はタオルで顔(かお)を拭(ふ)きます。  
I wipe my face with a towel.



37  
乾(かわ)かす  
Dry



彼(かれ)は髪(かみ)を乾(かわ)かします。  
He dries his hair.

38  
着(き)る  
Put on (Clothes)



彼女(かのじょ)はコートを着(き)ます。  
She puts on a coat.



39  
履(は)く  
Put on (Shoes/Socks)

彼(かれ)は靴(くつ)を履(は)きます。  
He puts on shoes.



40  
はめる  
Put on (Gloves)

彼女(かのじょ)は手袋(てぶくろ)をはめます。  
She puts on gloves.





41  
出(で)かける  
Go out



彼(かれ)は傘(かさ)を持(も)って出(で)かけま  
す。  
He goes out with an umbrella.

42  
入(い)れる  
Put in



私(わたし)は傘(かさ)を傘立(かさた)てに入(い)  
れます。  
I put the umbrella in the umbrella stand.

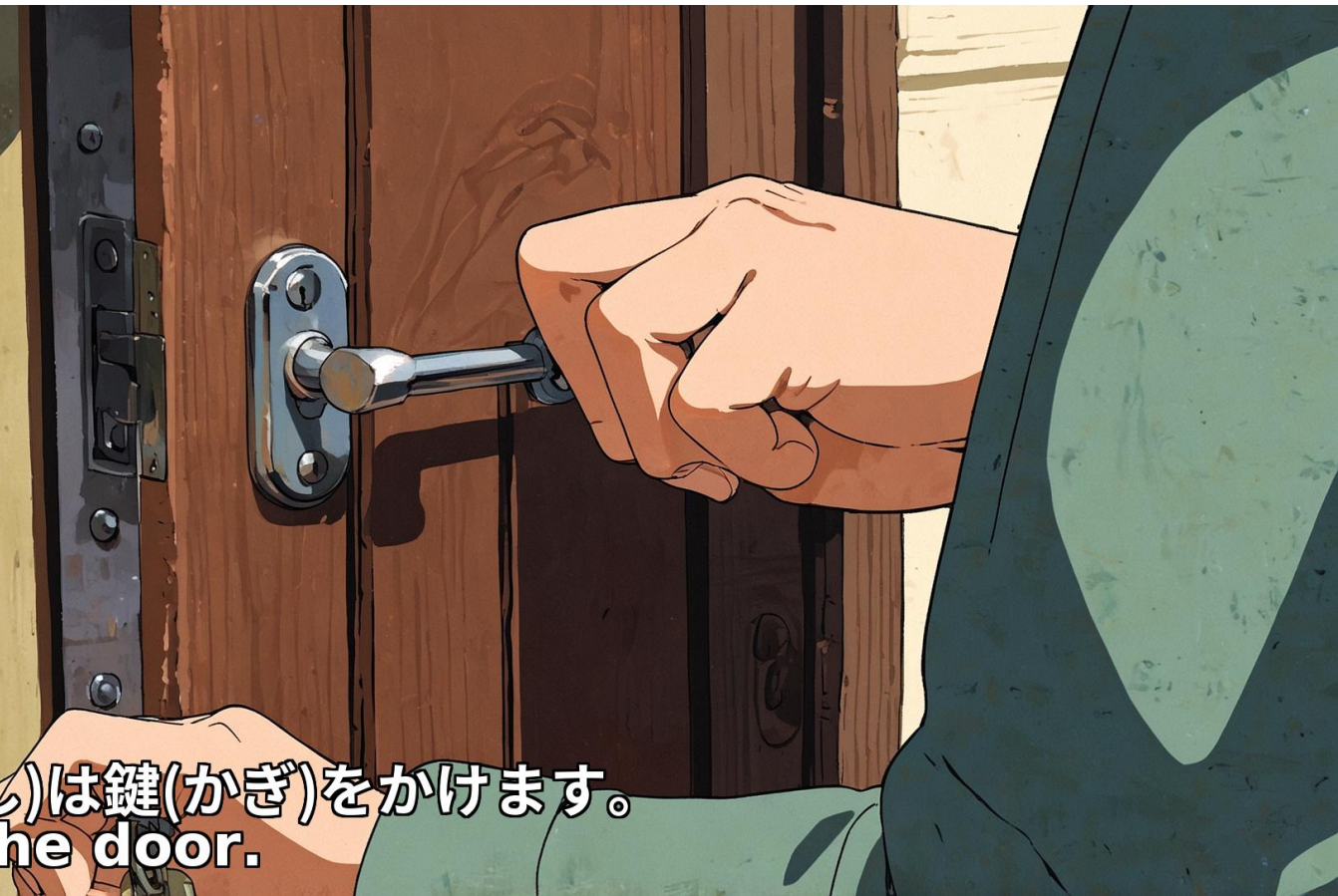


43  
出(で)る  
Leave



彼(かれ)は玄関(げんかん)を出(で)ます。  
He leaves the entrance.

44  
かける  
Lock



私(わたし)は鍵(かぎ)をかけます。  
I lock the door.



45  
持(も)って行(い)く  
Take along



彼(かれ)は鞆(かばん)を持(も)って行(い)きます。  
He takes the bag along.

46  
整理(せいり)する  
Organize



彼女(かのじょ)は荷物(にもつ)を整理(せいり)します。  
She organizes the luggage.



47  
参加(さんか)する  
Attend

An illustration of a meeting in progress. Several people in business attire are seated around a long table in a dimly lit room with large windows overlooking a city at night. The scene is focused on the participants, with a man in a dark suit in the foreground seen from behind, looking towards the other attendees.

彼(かれ)は会議(かいぎ)に参加(さんか)します。  
He attends the meeting.

48  
確認(かくにん)する  
Check

An illustration of a woman with dark hair tied back, wearing a brown cardigan over a light-colored top. She is sitting at a desk, looking intently at a laptop screen. Her hands are on the keyboard. The background shows a bookshelf and a plant, suggesting a home or office environment.

彼女(かのじょ)はメールを確認(かくにん)します。  
She checks her email.



49  
使(つか)う  
Use



私(わたし)はパソコンを使(つか)います。  
I use the computer.

50  
歌(うた)う  
Sing



彼(かれ)はカラオケで歌(うた)うのが好き(す)き  
です。  
He likes to sing at karaoke.



51  
踊(おど)る  
Dance



私(わたし)たちは音楽(おんがく)に合わせて踊(おど)りました。  
We danced to the music.

52  
笑(わら)う  
Laugh, Smile



彼女(かのじょ)のジョークでみんなが笑(わら)いました。  
Everyone laughed at her joke.



53  
泣(な)く  
Cry



彼(かれ)は映画(えいが)を見(み)て泣(な)いて  
しまいました。  
He cried while watching the movie.

54  
怒(おこ)る  
Get Angry



彼女(かのじょ)は遅刻(ちこく)したことに怒(おこ)  
りました。  
She got angry because he was late.



55  
遊(あそ)ぶ  
Play

An illustration of several children running happily on a paved path in a park. The path is lined with large, leafy trees, and the scene is bathed in bright, warm sunlight, creating dappled shadows on the ground. The children are dressed in casual summer clothes, and their expressions are joyful and energetic.

子供(こども)たちは公園(こうえん)で遊(あそ)んで  
います。  
The children are playing in the park.

56  
働(はたら)く  
Work

An illustration of a man in a light-colored shirt and tie sitting at a desk in an office. He is looking down at a document on his desk, holding a pen. The desk is cluttered with stacks of papers, a calculator, and a pen holder. The background shows a wall covered with various papers and a desk lamp. The overall atmosphere is one of busy, focused work.

彼(かれ)は毎日(まいにち)8時間(はちじかん)働  
(はたら)きます。  
He works 8 hours a day.



57  
休(やす)む  
Rest, Take a Break

A woman with dark hair in a ponytail, wearing a light blue dress, is sitting on a dark blue park bench. She is looking towards the left. The background is a lush green park with large trees and sunlight filtering through the leaves. A city building is visible in the distance.

疲(つか)れたので少(すこ)し休(やす)みましょう  
。 Let's take a break since we're tired.

58  
見(み)せる  
Show

Two anime-style women are in a clothing store. The woman on the left has short dark hair and is wearing a white tank top under a red cardigan. She is holding up a light blue t-shirt. The woman on the right has long dark hair in a ponytail and is wearing a brown long-sleeved shirt. They are both smiling. In the background, there is a clothing rack with various items of clothing.

彼女(かのじょ)は新(あた)らしい服(ふく)を見(み)せてくれました。  
She showed me her new clothes.



59  
送(おく)る  
Send



彼(かれ)は手紙(てがみ)を友達(ともだち)に送(おく)りました。  
He sent a letter to his friend.

60  
引(ひ)く  
Pull



ドアを引(ひ)いて開(あ)けてください。  
Please pull the door to open it.



61  
押(お)す  
Push

An illustration of a hand reaching towards an elevator control panel. The panel is mounted on a wooden door and features a call button at the top, followed by three floor buttons, and a silver circular button at the bottom. The hand is positioned to press the call button.

そのボタンを押(お)してエレベーターを呼(よ)んで  
ください。  
Please push the button to call the elevator.

62  
感(かん)じる  
Feel

An illustration of a young woman with long brown hair, wearing a brown jacket over a purple shirt, sitting at a desk. She has a weary expression, resting her head on her hand. On the desk in front of her is a laptop, a keyboard, and a white mug with steam rising from it. The background is a simple grey wall.

今日(きょう)はとても疲(つか)れを感(かん)じま  
す。  
I feel very tired today.



63  
答(こた)える  
Answer

A young woman with short black hair, wearing a white shirt and a dark blue vest, is raising her right hand in a classroom. She has a confident and happy expression. In the background, other students are seated at their desks, some looking towards her. The classroom has wooden desks and a light-colored wall.

彼(かれ)はすぐに質問(しつもん)に答(こた)えま  
した。  
He answered the question immediately.

64  
尋(たず)ねる  
Ask, Inquire

A young man with black hair, wearing a light blue shirt, is looking towards a police officer. He has a slightly worried or urgent expression. The police officer is partially visible on the right side of the frame. They are outdoors, with a white car and a street in the background. There are trees and a fence in the distance.

道(みち)を尋(たず)ねるために警察(けいさつ)に  
話(はな)しかけました。  
I asked the police for directions.



65  
助(たす)ける  
Help, Assist



彼(かれ)は私(わたし)が引(ひ)っ越(こ)しを手  
伝(てつだ)ってくれました。  
He helped me with the move.

66  
止(と)める  
Stop



車(くるま)を駐車場(ちゅうしゃじょう)に止(と)  
めました。  
I parked the car in the parking lot.



67  
飛(と)ぶ  
Fly, Jump

鳥(とり)が空(そら)を飛(と)んでいます。  
The birds are flying in the sky.

68  
住(す)む  
Live, Reside

彼(かれ)は東京(とうきょう)に住(す)んでいます。  
He lives in Tokyo.