

1. おばあさんは 日本人ですか？ そうです。

Your grandmother is very good at speaking Japanese, isn't she?

2. はい、日本人ですか？ はい、そうです。

My mother is not very good at speaking Japanese.

3. 「あなたは ว่ายน้ำ ですか。」 Are you good at swimming?

「まあ、いいです。」 I'm so, so (at it).

4. はい、バスケットボールが 上手です。 I am a little weak at basketball. [I cannot do it well and I do not like it so much.]

5. はい、テニスも 好きですが、日本人は そうです。 I love tennis but I am not good at all at it.

● 【文化ノート】

1. Karaoke

カラオケ KARAOKE is a word which originated in Japan. カラオケ KARAOKE means "empty" and オケ OKE is a short form of オケストラ OOKESUTORA which means "orchestra." Literally, it means "empty orchestra." People enjoy singing with taped background music even if a live orchestra is present. Karaoke is now popular in other countries and people have adapted it to fit their own music.

2. そうです。

It is still inadequate, this is the appropriate response to give. In general, Japanese people are modest and refuse to accept compliments from other people.

【ペアワーク】

A. Pair Work

Compliment your partner on at least three things. Your partner will respond by giving a modest reply. Switch roles.

Ex. 「日本人ですか？ そうです。」

「はい、日本人は そうです。」

or 「いいえ、そんなことはないです。」