Understanding prices in yen

1 2•16 Listen to these key phrases.

Ikura desu ka. How much is it?/How much are they?
Ringo wa ikura desu ka. How much are the apples?
¥240 (ni-hyaku yon-jū en) desu. It's/they're 240 yen.

2 2•17 Counting large numbers in Japanese is not difficult. A hundred is hyaku, so can you tick the numbers below as you hear them?

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Nihongo de wa ...

large numbers are made up of combinations of the numbers 1 to 9 with hyaku 100, sen 1000 and man 10,000.

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There are a few combinations where the pronunciation changes.

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3 2•18 Listen to four short conversations and circle the correct prices.

- ringo
- painappuru
- meron
- tomato

- apples ¥420 ¥200 ¥240
- pineapples ¥890 ¥980 ¥870
- melon ¥2700 ¥2770 ¥2270
- apple, pineapple, tomato, melon ¥5100 ¥4500 ¥4100

4 2•19 Listen to these key phrases.

Sandoitchi wa arimasu ka. Do you have any sandwiches?
Hamu sando ga gozaimasu. We have ham sandwiches. (formal)
... wa gozaimasen. We don't have ... (formal)
Zenbu de ikura desu ka. How much is it altogether?

5 2•20 Ikeda-san is going to Nagoya today for a meeting. He buys some things for the journey at a kiosk on the station platform. Tick the items you hear mentioned.

- ham sandwich
- chocolate (chokorēto)
- apple juice
- cola
- cheese sandwich
- orange juice
- beer
- mixed (mikkusu) sandwich
- newspaper (shinbun)

Listen again and now circle the items he actually bought.

Nihongo de wa ...

people who work in shops, restaurants and hotels use very polite forms of language, so it helps if you can recognise these forms. You don't need to use them yourself.

Gozaimasu is the polite form of arimasu (have, there is/are).
De gozaimasu is the polite form of desu (is/are).
Japan Times wa gozaimasen. We don't have the Japan Times. (an English-language newspaper)
Zenbu de ¥500 de gozaimasu. That'll be ¥500 altogether.

6 2•21 On the train back to Tokyo, Ikeda-san buys some things from the trolley being wheeled up and down the train.

What does he buy to drink? Can you guess what poteto chippu means? How much change (o-tsuri) is he given?