



# Learn Japanese Pod with Ami and Alex

## Podcast 37: How to use the verb kureru in Japanese

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In this lesson you will learn the following:

- ✓ Learn how to ask people to do things for you
- ✓ Learn how to use the verb kureru naturally in Japanese conversation

LEVEL: Lower intermediate

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## Introduction

In this lesson you'll learn how to use the verb *kureru*. *Kureru* is a verb you use when asking someone to do something for you. It translates roughly as do something for me. Check out the main dialogue on the next page to see how it is used naturally in conversation in Japanese.

## How to study

This lesson includes the main podcast lesson, PDF show notes and an extra audio drill. You can find all of these resources by going to <https://learnjapanesepod.com> and clicking on the title for this lesson.

In the main podcast lesson Ami Sensei and Alex demonstrate the main dialogue, briefly explain the grammar and talk about other Japan related topics.

Then you can use these show notes to read through and study in more depth. We include grammar and vocabulary explanations to better understand the main lesson dialogue.

Finally, you can use the Japanese dialogue only audio file to practice your listening. You can listen to the audio phrase by phrase and then repeat afterwards to practice your speaking and listening skills.

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## Main Dialog 1 - Kureru

- A: あのね、ちょっとお願いしていい？  
B: 何？  
A: 今日晩御飯作ってくれる？  
B: え？また？  
A: 食料は僕が買って来るから！  
B: まあいいけど、次は作ってね！  
A: はああい！

## Main Dialog 1 - Kureru (Pronunciation)

- A: Ano ne, chotto onegai shite ii?  
B: Nani?  
A: Kyō bangohan tsukutte kureru?  
B: Eh? Mata?  
A: Shokuryō wa boku ga katte kuru kara!  
B: Maa, ii kedo, tsugi wa tsukutte ne!  
A: Haa!

## Main Dialog 1 - Kureru (English)

- A: Hey, can I ask a favor?  
B: What?  
A: Can you make dinner tonight?  
B: Eh? Again?  
A: I'll buy the ingredients.  
B: Well, OK but next time you make it.  
A: Yes!



## Kureru - Grammar break down

When asking to do something for you, using the verb くれる *kureru* is really helpful. Here are a few examples of how you can use it:

### 1) Noun + kureru = Please give me something

Simply say the thing you want followed by *kureru* like this:

- a) 水くれる - Mizu kureru - Could you give me some water?
- b) 本くれる - Hon kureru - Could you give me the book?

### 2) Noun + shite kureru

You can create a lot of verbs using a noun + *shite*. For example, *sōji* means cleaning but *sōji shite* means, do the cleaning. Add *kureru* to the end and you can ask people to carry out actions for you like this:

- a) 掃除してくれる - Sōji shite kureru - Could you do the cleaning for me?
- b) 予約してくれる - Yoyaku shite kureru - Could you make a reservation for me?
- c) 注文してくれる - Chuumon shite kureru - Could you order for me?
- d) 買い物してくれる - Kaimono shite kureru - Could you do some shopping for me?

### 3) ~TE form verbs + Kureru

You can use the TE form of a verb + *kureru* to ask people to do things for you like this:

- a) 作ってくれる - Tsukutte kureru - Can you make it for me?
- b) 買ってくれる - Katte kureru - Can you buy it for me?
- c) やってくれる - Yatte kureru - Can you make it for me?

### Note:

Don't forget:

- 1) Using *kureru* is casual
- 2) It should be used between friends and family
- 3) If you are using *kureru* to ask someone to do a favor for you, remember to make your intonation go up at the end to show it's a question.



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