## まいしゅう ひょうげん

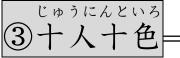
## 毎週の表現(6)

## ①<br /> すみません

"Sumimasen" could, perhaps, be the most important word in Japanese. Why? It can be used to express politely three things: "I'm sorry", "Thank you very much", and "Excuse Me".

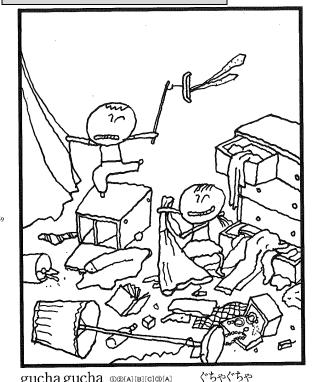
Why so many meanings? Let's look at the structure and literal meaning of the word. "Sumimasen" ends in ~masen, right?! It is the negative form of a verb. Translated literally, it means "my obligation to you does not end." So, whether you are apologizing or expressing gratitude, you are acknowledging your connect to this other person. Seems like a bit of an exaggeration in the dominant culture here in America, but it is very appropriate in Japanese culture.

Use "**sumimasen**" often!!! Apologizing or saving thank you more than once for the same thing is very common in Japanese culture. It's actually expected. Add a "deshita" if you are apologizing for something that has already happened.



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- 1) 友達はねこが好きだけど、私は犬が好き。友達は算数が好きだけど、私は理 科が好き。みんな違っていて \_\_\_\_ですね。
- 2) 角谷先生:「バインダーから、昨日のワークシートを出してください。」 A さん:「バインダーが\_\_\_\_\_で、見つかりません。」
- 3) 昨日雨がたくさん降ったから、公園は\_\_\_\_\_です。
- 4) (ベルがなる) A さん:「\_\_\_\_\_。おそくなりました。」

角谷先生:「次は気をつけてください。」

5) (レストランで) 「 。お水ください。」