

Japanese “iru” Practice [13] 01/19/2022

-- [Nihongo] -----

-- [English] -----

Iru : To Exist

The dictionary form iru is used in casual situations,  
and imasu is used in polite situations.

Inu ga iru.  
Otoko ga imasu.

(There is a dog)  
(There is a man.)

iru: to be / to exist  
imasu: ...

Neko ga inai.  
Onna ga imasen.

(There is no cat.)  
(There is no woman.)

inai : no to be / does not exist  
imasu is imasen.

Uma ga ita.  
Shōnen ga imashita.

(There was a horse.)  
(There was a boy.)

ita: past tense  
imashita: ...

Ushi ga inakatta.  
Onna no ko ga imasen deshita.

(There was no cow.)  
(There was no girl.)

inakatta : past tense negative  
imasen deshita : ..