## Japanese Particles 08: mo

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- 1. Indicates that two words are equal in weight "also, too".
- [1] Kore wa sakura desu. Kore mo sakura desu. *This is a cherry tree. This is also a cherry tree too.*
- Pōru-san wa Nihon-go o benkyō shite imasu. Nanshii-san mo Nihon-go o benkyō shite imasu. Paul is studying Japanese. Nancy is also studying Japanese.
- 2. Showing similar nouns in parallel construction "and, as well as, both"
- [3] Watashi no kaisha ni wa, Amerika-jin mo Chūgoku-jim moe imasu. *There are both Americans and Chinese at my company.*
- [4] Hanako-san wa, sushi mo tempura mo suki desu yo. *Hanako likes both sushi and tempura*.
- 3. Indicates an addition: "as well as, in addition"
- [5] Kore wa kuro desu ga, shiroi kutsu mo arimasu yo, These are black, but we have white shoes as well.
- Nihon de wa kodomo dake de naku, otona mo manga o yon-de imasu. In Japan, not only children [read manga], but adults read manga too.
- 4. Shows emphasis or absence of doubt concerning a question of time, quantity, etc. "any number of times, continually"
- [7] Ano eiga wa nando mo mimashita.

  I've seen that movie any number of times.
- [8] Kono resutoran wa, itsu mo konde imasu. *This restauraunt is always crowded.*
- 5. Indicates total negation concerning a question of quality or quantity, accompanied by a negative verb ("no, nothing").
- nani mo arimasen ga, meshiagatte kudasai.

  There is nothing [we have nothing to offer], but please help yourself.
- [10] ano heya ni wa, dare mo imasen yo.

  There is no one in that room over there.
- 6. To emphasize the extent of a number "all of, as much as, as many as".
- [11] sumisu-san wa, kanji o go sen mo shitte imasu. Mr Smith knows all 5 thousand kanji.
- sono apāto no yachin wa, ikkagetsu kyūjū-man-en mo suru sō desu. ?? " suru sō desu"

  The rent for that apartment, for one month, is said to be as high as 900,000 Yen.
- 7. Indicates approximation (by showing the approx upper limit), "around, up to".
- ichi-jikan mo areba, hoteru kara kūkō e ikemasu.

  If you have about an hour, you can get [go] from the hotel to the airport.
- [14] go-man-en mo daseba, ii kamera ga kaimasu yo.

  If you spend up to 50,000 Yen, you can get [buy] a good camera.

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Nouns: sakura cherry tree kaisha company kutsu shoe kuro black

kuro black eiga movie

nando how many times go sen 5,000 apāto apartment yachin rent man 10,000 en yen (currency)

kyūjū-man-en yen (currency) yen (currency)

hoteru / ホテル hotel  $k\bar{u}k\bar{o}$  airport kamera / カメラ kamera resutoran / レストラン restaurant

**Pronouns:** dare who

Adjectives: shiroi white

kuroi black

Adverbs: dake only

dake de naku "not only"

**Verbs:** benkyō shimasu / benkyō shite imasu to study / studying

arimasu (aru) / atte imasu to exist (not moving on it's own)

to know / knowing

komimasu (komu) / konde imasu to become crowded. meshiagarimasu (meshiagaru) / meshiagatte imasu to eat / eating

shirimasu (shiru) / shitte imasu

kaimasu (kau) / katte imasu to buy / buying

**Expressions:** areba "if there is"

daseba"if you put it out"apāto no achin"apartment's rent"go sen mo"as many as 5,000"

Counters: ikkagetsu one month