A MANGA LANGUAGE JOURNEY

Rice, Kōji & Kanpai!

ラーフルと愛子の酒蔵めぐり



Rahul & Aiko at the sake brewery

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The rice gets a new shape



1 Rice polishing machine
seimaiki

2 Polished rice
seimai shita kome

1 RAHUL

これは何ですか。

Kore wa nan desu ka.

What is this?

2 BREWER

精米した米です。

Seimai shita kome desu.

It is polished rice.

Read 1, then 2. Japanese → romaji → English. Practice follows the two comics.

The rice gets a new shape

01 Polish → 02 Wash



RAHUL
これは何ですか。

What is this?

BREWER
精米した米です。

It is polished rice.



AIKO
次に、米を洗います。

Next, we wash the rice.

RAHUL
水が白いですね。

The water is white, isn't it?

INSIDE THE CRAFT

Polishing removes outer layers of brown rice. Washing removes rice powder left by milling. A polishing ratio of 60% means 60% of the original rice weight remains. More polishing alone does not guarantee your favorite flavor. [1, 2, 4]

JAPANESE LENS

何ですか / nan desu ka = What is it? を marks the object of an action and is pronounced o: 米を洗います = wash rice.

米 kome = uncooked rice; 精米 seimai = rice polishing; 洗います araimasu = wash

YOUR TURN Ask "What is this?" Then answer "It is rice."

LANGUAGE APPROACH

Polite Japanese is used throughout, with romanization and contextual English. Technical sentences are introduced as recognition phrases. This edition has no audio and has not been independently reviewed by a Japanese-language editor or sake professional.



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Through Rahul and Aiko's illustrated journeys, he brings language and culture together, helping readers discover Japanese life while learning the words and expressions to describe, discuss, and share their experiences.

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