RAHUL & AIKO / VOLUME 6

Kyoto, a Living Heritage

History, places and the rhythm of the seasons
With Nara, maps and learning resources



ラーフルと愛子の京都めぐり

Japanese for adult beginners / English guidance

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Nara, an earlier capital

A separate excursion / Nara Park and Tōdai-ji



1 RAHUL

奈良も昔の都ですか。

Nara mo mukashi no miyako desu ka.

Was Nara also a capital long ago?

2 AIKO

はい。京都より前の都です。

Hai. Kyōto yori mae no miyako desu.

Yes. It was a capital before Kyoto.

3 RAHUL

あの大きな建物は何ですか。

Ano ōkina tatemono wa nan desu ka.

What is that large building?

4 AIKO

東大寺の大仏殿です。

Tōdai-ji no Daibutsuden desu.

It is Tōdai-ji's Great Buddha Hall.

Read 1 > 2 > 3 > 4. Japanese, romaji, then English.

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Read the Japanese. Write the romaji. Check the preceding comic.



RECALL

Who is speaking?
What are they noticing?
What would you ask?

JAPANESE LENS

も / mo means also. より前 / yori mae means before in time: 京都より前 / before Kyoto.

YOUR TURN

Name one place in Nara and one in Kyoto. Ask which city became the capital first.

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Language approach and creation notes

LANGUAGE APPROACH

Ask a useful question, read an answer, then try it yourself. Comics give Japanese, romaji and English; practice removes romaji. Recognise longer cultural answers before expecting to produce them fluently. Fixed older sayings are explained separately from everyday Japanese.

CREATION NOTES

Original fictional dialogue and AI-generated manga illustrations accompany researched notes. Images interpret real settings. The learning route spans separate visits; verify current arrangements with each site before travelling.



Sanjay Bagaria is a technocrat, author, and Japanese language mentor with over three decades of corporate leadership experience at leading Japanese multinational companies.

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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