

Particles 3

Choose the appropriate particle for each blank. If no particle is possible, choose X.

1. おみやげは、どこ（ ）ですか。

The structure of this sentence is X は Y です, hence no particle should follow どこ. "Where is the souvenir? As for the souvenir, where is it?"

2. レストランと郵便局の間に何（ ）ありますか。

The subject of あります (What exists) should be marked with が. Please note that は never follows any question word. "What is between the restaurant and the post office?"

3. 林さんは田中さんの右（ ）人ですよ。

In this sentence, the location 田中さんの右 is used in reference to 人, so it should take N1 の N2 structure -[田中さんの右]の人]. "Mr. Hayashi is the person to the right of Mr. Tanaka."

4. さっき（ ）ご飯を食べませんでしたか。

さっき (a little while ago) is a relative time word, hence it should not be followed by に. "Didn't you eat a meal (or 'rice') a little while ago?"

5. 学校のとなりの本屋で森さん（ ）会いました。

Please note that 'meet (with) X' is X に会う / X と会う. "I met (ran into) Ms. Mori at the bookstore next to the school."

6. 野口さんは英語とスペイン語（ ）分かります。

The direct object of 分かる is marked with が, not を. "Mr. Noguchi understands English and Spanish."

7. 火曜日にアメリカの友達（ ）手紙を書きました。

友達 is the final destination of the letter. 'Write X (letter, mail etc) to person Y' is Y に X を書く. Also note that ノートに書く is 'write on the notebook.' "I wrote a letter to my friend in America on Tuesday."

8. 昼ご飯は、たいてい一人（ ）食べます。

'Alone (lit. by one person, being one person)' is 一人で. "As for lunch, I usually eat alone."

9. 子供（ ）時は、毎日何時ごろ起きましたか。

Both 子供 and 時 are nouns, and you need の to modify a noun with other noun. Please note that X の時 is '(At) the time of X[noun].' "Around what time did you (used to) get up when you were a child?"

10. 昨日アルバイトをしました。今日（ ）しますよ。

きょう 今日 shares a common attribute with きのう 昨日, hence it should be marked with も. "I did a part-time job yesterday. I will do it today as well."

11. 喫茶店でドイツ語の本を読みましたが、でも、雑誌（ ）読みませんでした。

ドイツ語の本 was read, but 雑誌 was not read. That means, 雑誌 is presented as a contrasted item to ドイツ語の本, and it should be marked with は "I read a German book at the coffee shop. However, I didn't read a magazine (as for a magazine, I didn't)."

12. 月曜日に銀行に行きました。図書館（ ）行きましたよ。

You need to use も in addition to に to say 'to the library, too'. Also note that に cannot be replaced by も, hence multiple particle にも should be used. "I went to the bank on Monday. I went to the library, too."

13. 今日は上野さんと話しました。スミスさん（ ）話しませんでしたよ。

You need to use は in addition to へ to indicate 'with Mr. Smith' is a contrasted item to 'with Ms. Ueno.' Also note that と cannot be replaced by は, hence multiple particle とは should be used. "Today I talked with Ms. Ueno today. I didn't talk with Mr. Smith (lit. As for with Mr. Smith, I didn't talk)."

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