# Japanese Lesson 5: Ja Nai Desu

What if you want to say “I **am** **not** Batman”? To say “am not,” “are not,” “is not,” etc., use “ja nai desu.”

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| **#** | **English phrase** | **Japanese phrase**  **(rough pronunciation)** | **Japanese phrase**  **(written in Japanese)** |
| **1** | I am not Batman. | Watashi wa batman ja nai desu. | わたしは Batman じゃないです. |
| **2** | This is not an apple. | Kore wa ringo ja nai desu. | これは りんご じゃないです. |
| **3** | That is not a pen. | Sore wa pen ja nai desu. | それは ペン じゃないです. |
| **4** | That (over there) is not a book. | Are wa hon ja nai desu. | あれは ほん じゃないです |
| **5** | This is not today. | Kore wa kyou ja nai desu. | これは きょう じゃないです |
| **6** | That (over there) is not my friend. | Are wa tomodachi ja nai desu. | あれは ともだち じゃないです |

You can also use です with adjectives to describe something. Here are some adjectives:

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| **Na-adjectives** | | | |
| **#** | **English word** | **Japanese word**  **(rough pronunciation)** | **Japanese word**  **(written in Japanese)** |
| **1** | Healthy, energetic | Genki | げんき |
| **2** | Skillful (or “good at,” like “I’m good at sports”) | Jouzu | じょうず |
| **3** | Famous | Yuumei | ゆうめい |
| **4** | Quiet | Shizuka | しずか |
| **5** | Beautiful, clean, tidy | Kirei | きれい |
| **6** | Same | Onaji | おなじ |

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| **#** | **English phrase** | **Japanese phrase**  **(rough pronunciation)** | **Japanese phrase**  **(written in Japanese)** |
| **1** | I am well.  (in response to “how are you?”) | Watashi wa genki desu. | わたしは げんき です. |
| **2** | That is skillful. | Sore wa jouzu desu. | それは じょうず です. |
| **3** | That (far away) is famous. | Are wa yuumei desu. | あれは ゆうめい です. |
| **4** | This is not quiet. | Kore wa shizuka ja nai desu. | これは しずか じゃないです |
| **5** | That is not beautiful. | Sore wa kirei ja nai desu. | それは きれい じゃないです |
| **6** | That (far away) is not the same. | Are wa onaji ja nai desu. | あれは おなじ じゃないです |