


## Module 4-5: Words with LH Pitch with a Particle

In this module:

- You will listen to words with LH pitch with particles.
- You will practice pronouncing words with LH pitch with particles.


When the pitch drops in the middle of a word (LHL pattern) or the pitch drops at the beginning of a word (HL pattern), it never goes back up when a particle comes after the word.

Examples 1:  4-5-1

1. コーヒーが (あります)  
[(There is) coffee.]

2. レストランが (あります)  
[(There is) a restaurant.]


On the other hand, when the last pitch of a word is high, it may or may not drop at the particle as the following examples show (it depends on the type of the word/noun). When the words are homonyms (words with the same spelling or pronunciation but different meaning), the pitch is used to differentiate the meaning of the words.

Examples 2:  4-5-2

1. はなが (きれいです)  
[(The) flowers are (beautiful).]

2. はなが (おおきいです)  
[(The koala's) nose is (big).]



Practice I: Listen to the audio file and repeat the words. Pay attention to the pitch pattern.  4-5-3

1. はしが (bridge-P)

2. はしが (corner-P)

3. うたを (song-P)

4. あねは (my older sister-P)

5. いぬが (dog-P)


6. とりは (bird-P)

7. ふくは (clothes-P)

8. くちが (mouth-P)

9. あたまが (head-P)

10. やさいを (vegetable-P)

Practice II: Listen to the audio file and repeat the words. Pay attention to the pitch pattern.  4-5-4

1. こころは (heart-P)

2. くるまを (car-P)

3. いもうとが (my younger sister-P)

4. せんこうは (major-P)

5. おとうとが (my younger brother-P)

6. からおけに (*karaoke*-P)

7. おんなのひとが (woman-P)

8. ばいおりんを (violin-P)

9. おとこのひとは (man-P)

10. おこのみやきを (*okonomiyaki*-P)

Practice III: After you finish Practice I & II, let's pronounce the words you practiced. Pay attention to the pitch pattern.

1. うたを

2. あねは

3. やさいを

4. あたまが

5. くるまを

6. せんこうは

7. おとうとが

8. おんなのひとが