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# ほぼ

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Pronunciation: *hobo*

Meaning: almost; roughly; approximately

Kanji: 略 (usually written in kana)

JLPT Level: N3 vocabulary

Usage: Use before an amount, timeframe, size, or any other word that can be qualified by "almost."

Similar to: だいたい *daitai*, but ほぼ is closer to 100%.



Common examples:

ほぼ同じ *hobo onaji* – almost the same; practically the same

ほぼ同じサイズです。

*hobo onaji saizu desu.*

It's pretty much the same size.

ほぼ毎日 *hobo mainichi* – almost every day; nearly every day

ほぼ毎日日本語を勉強しています。

*hobo mainichi nihongo o benkyou shite imasu.*

I study Japanese nearly every day.

Other examples:

ほぼ100% *almost 100%; almost entirely*

ほぼ1分続く *to last about a minute*

ほぼ4人に一人 *about one out of every four people*