❑ 22-1. Converting adjectives into attributes

An attribute is a word that represents a quality or characteristic of something. This can be the length, the color, the height etc.

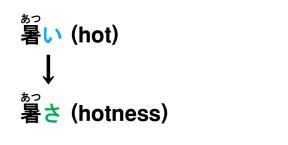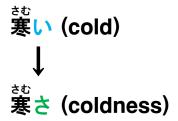You can make pretty much any adjective into an attribute with the following pattern.

(い adjective) minus い plus さ
(な adjective) plus さ

Here are some common examples:

ながい **(long)**
↓
ながさ **(length)**

_____

たかい **(tall)**
↓
たかさ **(height)**

_____

ひろい **(wide)**
↓
ひろさ **(width)**

_____

ふかい **(deep)**
↓
ふかさ **(depth)**

❑ **22-2. Some interesting attributes**

Length, width, and height etc are pretty simple easily thought of attributes. But some words might not be make sense at first glance.

厚い (thick)
↓
厚さ (thickness)

暑い (hot)
↓
暑さ (hotness)

寒い (cold)
↓
寒さ (coldness)

Let's look at how words like "hotness" and "coldness" might work.

この暑さは信じられない！
I can't believe this heat!

温度は同じだけど、昨日と今日の寒さが違う。
The temperature is the same, but the cold of yesterday and today are different.

❏ **22-3. Non adjective attributes**

Not all attributes are created with adjectives. Here are a few:

<ruby>幅<rt>はば</rt></ruby> (width)

<ruby>身長<rt>しんちょう</rt></ruby> (height) * of body

<ruby>奥行<rt>おくゆ</rt></ruby>き (depth, length)

❏ **22-4. Other useful attributes**

Here are some other useful attributes that you will certainly hear in Japanese:

セクシーさ (sexiness)

<ruby>韓国<rt>かんこく</rt></ruby>の **KPOP** アイドルのセクシーさは<ruby>世界一<rt>せかいいち</rt></ruby>です。

Korean KPOP idols sexiness is #1 in the world.

大きさ (bigness) (size)

この<ruby>箱<rt>はこ</rt></ruby>の<ruby>大<rt>おお</rt></ruby>きさはちょうどいいです。

The size of this box is just right.

<ruby>優<rt>やさ</rt></ruby>しさ (kindness)

この<ruby>家<rt>いえ</rt></ruby>には<ruby>優<rt>や</rt></ruby>しさが<ruby>足<rt>た</rt></ruby>りないです。

There isn't enough kindness in this house.