

LIVING LANGUAGE®

iKnow
JAPANESE

WORDS + PHRASES + CONVERSATIONS

Beginner Level Japanese Program



Transcript

Welcome to *Living Language iKnow Japanese*. This audio flash card program lets you see and hear all of the essential words, phrases, and conversations that you need to get by in Japanese. Just listen to the native speakers of Japanese and repeat in the pauses.

Before we look at any Japanese phrases, let's first learn a little about Japanese pronunciation. Here is a guide to some important sounds you should know:

JAPANESE	PRONUNCIATION	EXAMPLE
a	<i>a</i> in <i>father</i>	ashita (<i>tomorrow</i>)
aa	like a but held twice as long	kaado (<i>card</i>)
ai	<i>a</i> in <i>father</i> , followed quickly by <i>ee</i> in <i>see</i>	akai (<i>red</i>)
e	<i>e</i> in <i>prey</i>	koe (<i>voice</i>)
ee	like e but held twice as long	beeru (<i>veil</i>)
ei	<i>ee</i> in <i>see</i>	eiga (<i>movie</i>)
i	<i>ee</i> in <i>see</i> , but short and crisp	inu (<i>dog</i>)
ii	like i but held twice as long	chiizu (<i>cheese</i>)
o	<i>o</i> in <i>go</i> but sharply cut off	kao (<i>face</i>)
oo	like o but held twice as long	hooshi (<i>service</i>)
oi	<i>o</i> in <i>go</i> , followed quickly by <i>ee</i> in <i>see</i>	aoi (<i>blue</i>)
u	<i>u</i> in <i>flute</i> , without rounding lips	umi (<i>sea</i>)
uu	like u but held twice as long	suu (<i>number</i>)

ui	<i>u</i> in <i>flute</i> , followed quickly by <i>ee</i> in <i>see</i>	furui (<i>old</i>)
r	between an English <i>l</i> and <i>r</i>	riku (<i>land</i>)
ts	<i>ts</i> in <i>cats</i>	tsunami (<i>tidal wave</i>)
g	<i>g</i> in <i>go</i> (at the beginning of a word) <i>ng</i> in <i>singer</i> (in the middle of a word)	gaikoku (<i>foreign country</i>) kagi (<i>key</i>)
f	between an English <i>f</i> and <i>h</i> (resembles English <i>wh</i>)	fune (<i>ship</i>)

Most other Japanese consonants sound similar to their English equivalents.

Okay, ready to get started?

Ago	sanshuukan mae <i>three weeks ago</i>
mae <i>ago</i>	gokagetsu mae <i>five months ago</i>
ichijikan mae <i>an hour ago</i>	gonen mae <i>five years ago</i>
nijikan mae <i>two hours ago</i>	juunen mae <i>ten years ago</i>
sanjikan mae <i>three hours ago</i>	zutto mae <i>a long time ago</i>
ichinichi mae <i>a day ago</i>	kanari mae <i>a rather long time ago, quite a long time ago</i>
futsuka mae <i>two days ago</i>	sukoshi mae <i>a short time ago</i>

Also, Too

mo*also, too***watashi mo***I also, I too***anata mo***you also***ano hito mo***he/she also***watashitachi mo***we also***anatatachi mo***you (pl.) also***ano hitotachi mo***they also***Ano hitotachi mo kimasu.***They are coming too.***Watashi mo kimasu.***I'm coming too.***Around Town**

hikooki*airplane***kuukoo***airport***apaato***apartment building***machi no shuuhēn***around town***panya, beekarii***bakery***ginkoo***bank***honya, shoten***bookstore***tatemono, biru** (high rise)*building***basu***bus***nikuya***butcher shop***kissaten***café, coffee shop***kuruma, jidoosha***car***kyookai***church***toshi, shi***city***shiyakusho***city hall, municipal building***yoohinten, iryoohinten***clothing store***depaato***department store***yakkyoku, kusuriya***drugstore***denkiya***electronics store***koosaten***intersection***gaitoobashira***lamppost***toshokan***library***ichiba, maaketto***market***shichoo, choochoo***mayor***mosuku***mosque***chikai/tooi***near/far***kooen***park***resutoran***restaurant***inaka no, den'en no, nooson no***rural***kutsuya***shoe store***hodoo***sidewalk***mise***store***michi, toori***street***gaitoo***streetlight***koogai no***suburban***chikatetsu***subway, metro***suupaa***supermarket***takushii***taxi***(o)tera***temple***kau***to buy***kaimono ni iku***to go shopping***machi***town***kootsuu***traffic***densha***train***eki***train station***tokai no***urban*

mura
village

Asking Directions

Sumimasen, Tookyoo eki wa doko desu ka?
Excuse me, where is Tokyo Station?

... itte kudasai.
Go ...

Massugu ni itte kudasai.
Go straight ahead.

Achira e itte kudasai.
Go that way.

Modotte kudasai.
Go back.

Magatte kudasai.
Turn.

Migi ni magatte kudasai.
Turn right.

Hidari ni magatte kudasai.
Turn left.

Mawatte kudasai.
Turn around.

Toori no owari de.
At the end of the street.

Kado de.
On the corner.

Saisho o hidari ni.
The first left.

Futatsu me o migi ni.
The second right.

Chikai desu ka?
Is it nearby?

Tooi desu ka?
Is it far?

shingoo
traffic light

toori
street

koosaten
intersection

kooen
park

basu tee
bus stop

chikatetsu no eki
subway station

hoteru
hotel

Asking Questions

Doko?
Where?

Deguchi wa doko desu ka?
Where is the exit?

Nani?
What?

Anata no meeru adoresu wa nan desu ka?
What is your email address?

Dare?
Who?

Are wa dare desu ka?
Who is that?

Itsu?
When?

Hikooki wa itsu tsukimasu ka?
When does the flight arrive?

Doo yatte?
How?

Amerika e wa doo yatte denwa sureba iidesu ka?
How do I call the U.S.?

Ikura desu ka?
How much?

Kore wa ikura desu ka?
How much does this cost?

Asking Questions, Part 2

Ikimashita ka?
Did you go?

Doo desu ka?
How is it?

Ikutsu desu ka?
How many?/How old is he?

Koko ni imasu ka?
Is he here?

Koko ni imasu ka? Asoko ni imasu ka?
Is he here, (or) is he over there?

Asoko ni imasu ka?
Is he over there?

Sore desu ka?
Is it that?

Kore desu ka? Sore desu ka?
Is it this, (or) is it that?

Kore desu ka?
Is it this?

Kore desu.
It's this.

Nan desu ka?
What is it?

Itsu desu ka?
When is it?

Doko ni imasu ka?
Where is he?

Doko desu ka?
Where is it? (Which place is it?)

Dono tatemono desu ka?
Which building is it?

Dore desu ka?
Which is it? (used for more than two)

Dochira desu ka?
Which of the two is it?/Which way is it?

Dono hito desu ka?
Which person is it?

**Dare desu ka?/
Donata desu ka?** (respect)
Who is it?/Who are you?

Dare ga ikimashita ka?
Who went?

Naze desu ka?/Dooshite desu ka?
Why is it?

Asking Questions, Part 3

Doo shimasu ka?
How do you do it?

Nani o shite imasu ka?
What are you doing?

Nani o sagashite imasu ka?
What are you looking for?

Nan no hon desu ka?
What book is it?

Nan to osshaimashita ka?
What did you say? (very polite)

Kore kara nani o shitai desu ka?
What do you want to do now?

Nani ga hoshii desu ka?
What do you want?/What would you like?

Kore wa nan no e desu ka?
What picture is this?

Nan to iimashoo ka?
What will we say?

**Kono toori no namae wa
nan desu ka?**
What's the name of this street?

**Kono machi no namae wa
nan desu ka?**
What's the name of this town?

Itsu kimasu ka?
When are you coming?

Itsu tachimasu ka?
When are you leaving?

Itsu made desu ka?
When is it until?/Until when is it?

Dare to kimasu ka?
Who are you coming with?

Dare o sagashite imasu ka?
Who are you looking for?

**Dare no koto o hanashite
imasu ka?**
Who are you speaking about? (About whose matters are you speaking?)

Dare ni hanashite imasu ka?
Who are you talking to?

Dare ni aitai desu ka?
Who do you want to see?

Dare no tame desu ka?
Who is it for? (For whose sake is it?)

Dare no desu ka?
Whose is it?

Dooshite dame desu ka?
Why not? (Why is it no good?)

At Home

apaato
apartment

uchi ni, uchi de
at home

yokushitsu
bathroom

shinshitsu
bedroom

ookii/chiisai
big/small

juutan, kaapetto
carpet

cd pureeyaa
CD player

tenjoo
ceiling

isu
chair

**shuunooshitsu, todana, oshiire,
monooki**
closet

kaaten
curtain

shokudoo, daininguruumu
dining room

to, doa
door

dvd pureeyaa
DVD player

yuka
floor

hiroma, hooru
hall

ie, uchi
house

daidokoro, kicchin
kitchen

ranpu
lamp

ima, ribinguruumu
living room

atarashii/furui
new/old

e, kaiga
painting, picture

purasuchikku/purasuchikkusei no
plastic/made from plastic

heya
room

tana
shelf

sofaa, nagaisu
sofa, couch

onkyoo sisutemu
sound system

kaidan
stairs

teeburu, chabudai
table

terebi
television

kabe
wall

mado
window

ki/mokusei no
wood/wooden

At School

geijutsu, bijutsu
art

gakkoo ni, gakkoo de
at school

seibutsugaku
biology

kagaku
chemistry

kyooshitsu
classroom

katei, kamoku, kooza
course

gakui, shoogoo
degree

muzukashii/yasashii
difficult/easy

sotsugyooshoosho, gakuimenjoo
diploma

seiseki
grade

taiso, taiiku, jimu
gym

rekishi
history

gogaku, gengo
language

bungaku
literature

suugaku
math

ongaku
music

nooto
notebook

kyooju
professor

kyuukei, yasumi, kyuka
recess

tsuuchihyoo
report card

gakkoo
school

gakusei, seito
student

kamoku, gakka
subject

sensei, kyooshi
teacher

tesuto, shiken
test

kyookasho
textbook

ochiru, rakudaisuru
to fail

narau
to learn

ukaru, gookakusuru
to pass

benkyoosuru
to study

daigaku
university

At the Airport

Doko desu ka?
Where?

Zeikan wa doko desu ka?
Where is customs?

Pasupooto shinsa wa doko desu ka?
Where is passport control?

Shinkoku surumono wa arimasu ka?
Do you have anything to declare?

Shinkoku surumono wa arimasen.
I have nothing to declare.

Shinkoku surumono ga arimasu.
I have something to declare.

Nimotsu no uketori wa doko desu ka?
Where is the baggage claim area?

Kokusai sen no shuppatsu robii wa doko desu ka?
Where are the international departures?

Toochaku robii wa doko desu ka?
Where are the arrivals?

Hyaku sanjuu ni ban geeto wa doko desu ka?
Where is gate 132 (lit., one hundred thirty-two)?

An'nai wa doko desu ka?
Where is information?

... onegai shimasu.
I would like...

Mado gawa no seki o onegai shimasu.
I would like a window seat.

Tsuuro gawa no seki o onegai shimasu.
I would like an aisle seat.

Toojoo ken o doozo.
Here is your boarding pass.

Yoi goryokoo o!
Have a good trip!

At the Hotel

Chekku in o onegai shimasu.
I'd like to check in.

Heya o onegai shimasu.
I'd like a room.

Hitori desu.
For one person.

Futari desu.
For two people.

Yoyaku o shiteiru no desu ga.
I have a reservation.

Nanpaku desu ka?
For how many nights?

Ippaku desu.
For one night.

Nihaku desu.
For two nights.

Isshuukan desu.
For one week.

Oheya no kagi desu.
Here is your key.

Oheya no kii kaado desu.
Here is your key card.

Ofuro wa doko desu ka?
Where is the bathroom?

Hokani heya ga arimasu ka?
Do you have another room?

Basuruumu wa tsuite imasu ka?
With a private bathroom?

Intaanetto no sashikomi wa tsuite imasu ka?
With a connection to the internet?

Shizuka na heya ga arimasu ka?
Is there a quieter room?

Hiroi heya ga arimasu ka?
Is there a larger room?

Jimu ga arimasu ka?
Is there a gym?

Puuru ga arimasu ka?
Is there a swimming pool?

Kaigishitsu wa doko desu ka?
Where is the conference room?

Fakkusu wa doko desu ka?
Where is the fax machine?

Hoteru man wa doko desu ka?
Where is the concierge?

Chekku auto o onegai shimasu.
I'd like to check out.

At the Restaurant

li resutoran wa doko desu ka?
Where is there a good restaurant?

Futari yoo no teeburu o onegai shimasu.
A table for two, please.

Kitsuen seki desu ka? Kin'en seki desu ka?
Smoking or non-smoking?

Menyuu o onegai shimasu.
The menu, please.

Wain risuto o onegai shimasu.
The wine list, please.

apetaizaa
appetizer

mein koosu
main course

dezaato
dessert

Nanika nomimono o onegai shimasu.
I would like something to drink.

Mizu o onegai shimasu.
A glass of water, please.

Koocha o onegai shimasu.
A cup of tea, please.

Koohii to miruku.
Coffee with milk.

biiru
beer

Bejitarian yoo no menyuu wa arimasu ka?
Do you have vegetarian dishes?

Ijoo desu.
That's all.

Okanjoo o onegai shimasu.
The check, please.

Chippu wa fukumarete imasu ka?
Is the tip included?

chooshoku
breakfast

chuushoku
lunch

yuushoku
dinner

Doozo goyukkuri!
Enjoy the meal!

Kanpai!
Cheers!

Oishii desune!
It's delicious!

sara
plate

fooku
fork

naifu
knife

supuun
spoon

hashi
chopsticks

napukin
napkin

kappu
cup

gurasu, koppu
glass

wain
bottle of wine

koori
ice cubes, ice

shio
salt

koshoo
pepper

satoo
sugar

suupu
soup

sarada
salad

pan
bread

bataa
butter

men rui
noodles

gohan
cooked rice

chiizu
cheese

yasai
vegetables

chikin, toriniku
chicken

pooku, butaniku
pork

biifu, gyuuniku
beef

Suteeki o rea de onegai shimasu.
I like my steak rare.

Suteeki o midiamu de
onegai shimasu.
I like my steak medium.

Suteeki o weru dan de
onegai shimasu.
I like my steak well-done.

jyuusu
juice

pai
pie

aisu kuriimu
ice cream

Moo hitotsu onegai shimasu.
Another, please.

Moo sukoshi onegai shimasu.
More, please.

Wasabi o totte kudasai.
Please pass the wasabi.

Oshooyu o totte kudasai.
Please pass the soy sauce.

karai
spicy

amai
sweet

suppai
sour

At the Train Station

Kippu o kudasai.
I would like a ticket, please.

Nagano made.
To Nagano.

katamichi
one way

oofuku
round-trip

Guriin sha desu ka, futsuu sha
desu ka?
First class or second class?

Jikoku hyoo o moraemasu ka?
May I have a schedule?

Dono hoomu desu ka?
Which platform?

Densha wa itsu demasu ka?
When does the train leave?

Densha wa itsu tsukimasu ka?
When does the train arrive?

Densha wa teikoku doori desu ka?
Is the train on time?

Shokudoosha wa arimasu ka?
Is there a dining car?

Shindaisha wa arimasu ka?
Is there a sleeping car?

Basic Expressions

Arigatoo gozaimasu.
Thank you.

Doomo arigatoo gozaimasu.
Thank you very much.

Doo itashimashite.
You're welcome.

onegai shimasu
please

hai
yes

ee
yes

iiie
no

Sumimasen.
Excuse me./Pardon me.

Gomen'nasai.
I'm sorry.

Wakarimasen.
I don't understand.

Nihongo ga wakarimasen.
I don't speak Japanese.

Eigo o hanashimasu ka?
Do you speak English?

Nihongo wa amari joozu ja arimasen.
I don't speak Japanese very well.

Yukkuri hanashite kudasai.
Speak slowly, please.

Moo ichido onegai shimasu.
Repeat, please./Please repeat that.

Clothing

mizugi
bathing suit

beruto
belt

burausu
blouse

buuresureto, udewa
bracelet

irui, ifuku
clothing

kooto
coat

men, kotton
cotton

doresu, wanpiisu, ifuku
dress

iyaringu, mimikazari
earring

megane
eyeglasses

tebukuro
glove

booshi
hat

uwagi, jaketto
jacket

jiipan, jiinzu
jeans

kawa, rezaa
leather

nekkuresu, kubikazari
necklace

pajama, nemaki
pajamas

zubon
pants

yubiwa
ring

sukaafu
scarf

shatsu
shirt

kutsu
shoe

kinu, siruku
silk

saizu, ookisa
size

sukaato
skirt

undoogutsu, suniikaa, tenisu shuuzu
sneaker, tennis shoe

kutsushita, sokkusu
sock

suutsu
suit

sangurasu
sunglasses

suieipantsu
swimming trunks, bathing trunks

kiru
to wear

tiishatsu
T-shirt

pantsu, zubonshita
underpants

hadagi, shatsu
undershirt

tokei
watch

mafuraa
winter scarf

Comparisons

Dekiru dake hayakushite kudasai.
Do it as soon as possible.

Tanaka-san wa Harada-san hodo sei ga takaku arimasen.
Ms. Tanaka is not as tall as Ms. Harada.

Tanaka-san no heya wa kono heya yori shizuka desu.
Ms. Tanaka's room is more quiet than this room.

Watashi no shigoto ga ichiban raku desu.
My job is the easiest.

Watashi no heya wa Tanaka-san no heya hodo kirei ja arimasen.
My room is not as clean as Ms. Tanaka's room.

Nara wa Kyooto hodo ookiku arimasen.
Nara is not as big as Kyoto.

Sono densha wa basu yori hayai desu.
That train is faster than the bus.

Kono kuruma wa ichiban atarashii desu.
This car is the newest.

Kyoo no shiken wa mae no shiken
hodo kantan dewa nakatta desu.
*Today's test was not as simple as the
previous test.*

Computers and the Internet

adoresuchoo
address book

tenpu, atachmento
attachment

keeburu
cable

cd romu
CD-ROM

cd romu doraibu
CD-ROM drive

chattoruumu
chat room

konpyuuta(a)
computer

konpyuuta(a) to intaanetto
computers and the internet

jushinnichiji
date received

sakujozumi aitemu
deleted (items)

bunsho, dokyumento
document

shitagaki
draft

denshimeeru, iimeeru
email

enkoodo
encoding

fairu
file

foruda
folder

herupu
help

jushinbako, jushintorei
inbox

insutanto messeeji
instant message

intaanetto
internet

kiiboodo
keyboard

memorii
memory

modemu
modem

monitaa, sukuriin, gamen
monitor, screen

mausu
mouse

purintaa
printer

sooshinsha
sender

sooshinzumi aitemu
sent (items)

superuchekku
spell check

kenmei
subject

fairu o tenpusuru
to attach a file

fairu o tojiru
to close a file

messeeji no sakusei
to compose a message

kopii
to copy

kiritori
to cut

sakujosuru
to delete

tensoosuru
to forward

fairu o hiraku
to open a file

haritsuke
to paste

insatsu
to print

henshinsuru
to reply

bunsho o hozonsuru
to save a document

fairu o okuru, fairu o sooshinsuru
to send a file

denshimeeru (iimeeru) o
sooshinsuru
to send an email

tsuuru
tool

ueburogu
web log (blog)

uebupeiji
webpage

uebusaito
website

Days and Months

Getsuyoobi
Monday

Kayoobi
Tuesday

Suiyoobi
Wednesday

Mokuyoobi
Thursday

Kin'yoobi
Friday

Doyoobi
Saturday

Nichiyoobi
Sunday

Ichigatsu
January

Nigatsu
February

Sangatsu
March

Shigatsu
April

Gogatsu
May

Rokugatsu
June

Shichigatsu
July

Hachigatsu
August

Kugatsu
September

Juugatsu
October

Juichigatsu
November

Juunigatsu
December

kono Getsuyoobi
this Monday

senshuu
last week

raigetsu
next month

Sangatsu hatsuka
on March 20th

Kyoo wa nangatsu nan'nichi
desu ka?
What is the date today?

Kyoo wa Shigatsu nijuu go
nichi desu.
It's April 25th.

**Days: Morning, Noon,
and Night**

hi
day

shuu
week

isshuukan
one week

nishuukan
two weeks

tsuki
month

toshi
year

ototoi
the day before yesterday

tsugi no hi
the next day

asatte
the day after tomorrow

kesa
this morning

kinoo no asa
yesterday morning

ashita no asa
tomorrow morning

kyoo no gogo
this afternoon (today's afternoon)

kinoo no gogo
yesterday afternoon

ashita no gogo
tomorrow afternoon

konban
this evening, tonight

kinoo no ban
yesterday evening

ashita no ban
tomorrow evening

kinoo no yoru, sakuya, yuube
last night

ashita no yoru
tomorrow night

Describing Things

ookii/chiisai
big/small

ii/warui
good/bad

utsukushii/minikui
beautiful/ugly

atsui/samui
hot/cold

se ga takai/se ga hikui
tall/short

futoi/hosoi
fat/thin

furui/atarashii
old/new

toshi totta/wakai
old/young

ureshii/kanashii
happy/sad

hayai/osoii
fast/slow

chikai/tooi
near/far

akai
red

aoi
blue

kiroi
yellow

midori no
green

orenji no
orange

murasaki no
purple

kuroi
black

shiroi
white

chairoi
brown

Sore wa ii desu ne!
That's great!

Sore wa taihen desu ne.
That's terrible.

lidesu yo.
Okay.

Wakarimasen.
I don't know.

Juuyoo desu.
It's important.

Ki o tsukete.
Be careful.

Tanoshinde kudasai.
Have fun.

Ganbatte kudasai!
Good luck!

Describing Things: More Adjectives

ookii
big

fukuzatsu
complicated

fukuzatsu na mondai
complicated problem

taisetsu
important

taisetsu na mono
important thing

omoshiroi
interesting

Ookii hoteru deshita.
It was a big hotel.

Warui tenki desu.
It's bad weather.

Warui desu.
It's bad.

Ookii desu.
It's big.

Oishii desu.
It's delicious/tasty.

Ii desu./Yoi desu.
It's good/nice.

Yasui desu.
It's inexpensive/cheap.

Chiisai desu.
It's small.

shinsetsu
kind

shinsetsu na sensei
kind teacher

kirei na shashin
pretty photograph

kirei
pretty, clean

shizuka
quiet

Entertainment

bando
band

hon
book

saakasu
circus

kurabu
club

kigeki, komedii
comedy

konsaato
concert

dokumentarii
documentary

dorama
drama

goraku
entertainment

kakkitekina, shigekitekina,
wakuwakusaseru
exciting

okashii, omoshiroi
funny

garoo, bijutsukan, gyararii
gallery

kyoomibukai, omoshiroi
interesting

zasshi
magazine

eiga
movie, film

hakubutsukan, bijutsukan
museum

kageki, opera
opera

e, kaiga
painting, picture

paatii
party

resutoran
restaurant

osoroshii
scary

chookoku
sculpture

uta
song

tookushoo
talk show

terebibangumi
television program

nyuusu
the news

gekijoo
theater

ken, kippu, chiketto
ticket

taikutsusuru
to be bored

odoru, dansusuru
to dance

channeru o kaeru
to flip channels

paatii ni iku
to go to a party

eiga ni iku
to go to the movies

paatii o suru
to have a party

tanoshimu
to have fun

ongaku o kiku
to listen to music

hon o yomu
to read a book

zasshi o yomu
to read a magazine

eiga o miru
to see a movie

shibai (engeki) o miru
to see a play

terebi o miru
to watch television

Family and Relationships

obasan, oba (one's own)
aunt

akanboo, akachan
baby

kare, kareshi, booifurendo
boyfriend

itoko
cousin

musume
daughter

musumesan, ojoosan
daughter (polite)

kazoku to shinrui kankei
family and relationships

otoosan, otoosama (respect)
father

chichi
father (one's own)

**giri no otoosan,
giri no chichi** (one's own)
father-in-law

konyakusha
fiancé(e)

tomodachi, yuujin
friend

kanojo, gaarufurendo
girlfriend

ojiisan, sofū (one's own)
grandfather

obaasan, sobo (one's own)
grandmother

otto, shujin
husband (one's own)

dannasama, goshujin
husband (someone else's)

okaasan, okaasama (respect)
mother

haha
mother (one's own)

**giri no okaasan,
giri no haha** (one's own)
mother-in-law

oniisan, ani (one's own)
older brother

oneesan, ane (one's own)
older sister

shinrui, shinseki
relative

musuko, musukosan (polite)
son

keeshi, mamako
stepdaughter

keefu, mamachichi
stepfather

keebo, mamahaha
stepmother

keeshi, mamako
stepson

(X to) rikonsuru
to divorce (X)

rikonsuru
to get a divorce

soozokusuru
to inherit

(X o) shitteiru
to know (X)

aisuru
to love

(X to) kekkonsuru
to marry (X)

(X ni) au
to meet (X)

ojisan, oji (one's own)
uncle

tsuma, kanai
wife (one's own)

okusan
wife (someone else's)

otooto, ootoosan (polite)
younger brother

imooto, imootosan (polite)
younger sister

Food

ringo
apple

banana
banana

gyuuniku, biifu
beef

biiru
beer

pan
bread

chooshoku, asagohan
breakfast

ninjin
carrot

chiizu
cheese

toriniku, chikin
chicken

koohii
coffee

gohan
cooked rice

kyuuri
cucumber

yuushoku, bangohan
dinner

nomimono
drink

tamago
egg

sakana
fish

tabemono
food

kudamono, furuutsu
fruit

budoo
grapes

hachimitsu
honey

atsui/tsumetai
hot/cold

juusu
juice

retasu
lettuce

robosutaa
lobster

chuushoku, hirugohan
lunch

niku
meat

gyuunyuu, miruku
milk

orenji
orange

nashi
pear

koshoo
pepper (condiment)

butaniku, pooku
pork

(o)kome
rice

shio
salt

ebi
shrimp

sofutodorinku, sooda
soda

seiryooinryoo
soft drink

satoo
sugar

amai/suppai
sweet/sour

koocha, ocha
tea

tomato
tomato

yasai
vegetable

mizu
water

wain
wine

Getting Around

Takushii wa doko desu ka?
Where are the taxis?

Basu wa doko desu ka?
Where is the bus?

Chikatetsu wa doko desu ka?
Where is the subway?

Deguchi wa doko desu ka?
Where is the exit?

Kono juusho made onegai shimasu.
Take me to this address, please.

Ikura desu ka?
What is the fare?

Koko de tomatte kudasai.
Stop here, please.

Kono basu wa Aoyama doori made ikimasu ka?
Does this bus go to Aoyama Street?

Koko no chizu o kudasai.
A map of the city, please.

Chikatetsu no rosenzu o kudasai.
A subway map, please.

Getting Around, Part 2

koko
here, this place

soko
there, that place (near to person addressed by speaker)

asoko
there, that place over there (far from both speaker and person addressed)

Doko desu ka?
Where is it?/Which place is it?

kochira
this way

sochira
that way

achira
that way over there

dochira
which way

Dochira desu ka?
Which way is it?

Achira desu.
It is over that way.

Kochira desu.
It's this way.

migi no hoo ni
to the right (in the direction of the right)

hidari no hoo ni
to the left (in the direction of the left)

Migi no hoo ni arimasu.
It's to the right. (It is in the direction of the right.)

Migi e magarimasu.
You turn right.

Massugu ikimasu.
You go straight ahead.

Massugu saki desu.
It's straight ahead.

Choodo hantaigawa desu.
It's directly opposite.

Kado ni arimasu.
It's on the corner.

Asoko ni arimasu.
It's over there.

Koko ni imasu.
I am here.

Koko kara chikai desu.
It's near here. (Near from here.)

Totemo chikai desu.
It's very near./It's quite close.

Mura no chikaku desu.
It's near the village.

Koko kara totemo chikai desu.
It's very near here.

Getting Help

Tetsudatte itadakemasu ka?
Can you help me?

Kaban o nakushimashita.
I've lost my luggage.

Saifu o nakushimashita.
I've lost my wallet.

Pasupooto o nakushimashita.
I've lost my passport.

Densha ni noriokure mashita.
I've missed my train.

Michi ni mayoimashita.
I'm lost.

Tasukete kudasai!
Help!

Omawari san!
Police!

Gootoo ni osoware mashita.
I've been robbed.

Tsuma o miushinatte shimaimashita.
I don't know where my wife is.

Otto o miushinatte shimaimashita.
I don't know where my husband is.

Kodomo o miushinatte shimaimashita.
I don't know where my child is.

Kega o shimashita.
I'm hurt.

Isha ga hitsuyoo desu.
I need a doctor.

Kyuukyuuusha o yonde kudasai.
Call an ambulance.

Penishirin ni arerugii ga arimasu.
I'm allergic to penicillin.

Memai ga shimasu.
I'm dizzy.

Hakike ga shimasu.
I have nausea/feel nauseous.

Ude ga itai desu.
My arm hurts.

Ashi ga itai desu.
My leg hurts.

Atama ga itai desu.
My head hurts.

Going Out

Dokoka osusume no resutoran wa arimasu ka?
Can you recommend a restaurant?

Dokoka osusume no kafe wa arimasu ka?

Can you recommend a café?

Chikaku ni eigakan ga arimasu ka?

Is there a movie theater nearby?

Chikaku ni bijutsukan ga arimasu ka?

Is there a museum nearby?

Kono chikaku ni ii baa ga arimasu ka?

Is there a good bar nearby?

Kankoo no pointo wa doko desu ka?

What are the tourist attractions?

Doko de oyogemasu ka?

Where can I go to swim?

Jitensha ga noreru tokorowa arimasu ka?

Where can I go to ride a bike?

Doko de jogingu ga dekimasu ka?

Where can I go to jog?

Doko e odori ni ikemasu ka?

Where can I go to dance?

How Many? How Long?

Soko e iku ni wa dono kurai jikan ga kakarimasu ka?

How long/How much time does it take to get there?

Dono kurai nagai desu ka?

How long?

Ikutsu nokotte imasu ka?

How many are left?

Nanjikan?

How many hours?

Ikutsu motte imasu ka?

How many of them do you have?

Nannin desu ka?

How many people?

Nando?

How many times?

Ikutsu?

How many?

Dono kurai desu ka?

How much time?

How Old Are You?

Otoshi wa ikutsu desu ka?

How old are you?

Hatachi desu.

I'm twenty.

Kugatsu de nijuu ichi ni narimasu.

I'll be twenty-one in September.

Anata no otanjoobi wa itsu desu ka?

When is your birthday?

Watashi no tanjoobi wa nishuukan saki no Ichigatsu nijuu sannichi desu.

My birthday is in two weeks—January twenty-third.

I Need It

Irimasu.

I need it.

Kore wa irimasen.

I don't need this one.

Nani ka irimasu ka?

Do you need anything?

Nani mo irimasen.

I don't need anything.

Zenzen irimasen.

I don't need it at all.

In the Bathroom

hootai

bandage

nyuuyokuyoo jeru

bath gel

yokusoo

bathtub

koron

cologne

deodoranto

deodorant

yokushitu ni, yokushitsu de

in the bathroom

kusuribako

medicine cabinet

kagami

mirror

kosui

perfume

kona, paudaa

powder

kamisori

razor

shanpuu

shampoo

higesoriyoo kuriimu

shaving cream

shawaa

shower

senmendai

sink

sekken

soap

soru

to shave

ofuro ni hairu

to take a bath

shawaa o abiru

to take a shower

karada o arau

to wash oneself

otearai, tearaijo, toire

toilet

toirettopeepaa

toilet paper

taoru
towel

shokkidana, todana
cupboard

sara
plate

isogashii
busy

In the Kitchen

hyoohakuzai
bleach

daidokoroyoo senzai
dishwashing detergent

reizooko
refrigerator

dooryoo
colleague

mikisaa
blender

hikidashi
drawer

supuun
spoon

kaisha
company

bin
bottle

kansooki, doraiyaa
dryer

konro, renji
stove

konpyuuta(a)
computer

booru, donburi, hachi
bowl

koppu, gurasu
glass

yakan
teakettle

tsukue
desk

hako
box

daidokoro ni, daidokoro de
in the kitchen

ryoorisuru
to cook

juugyooiin
employee

hooki
broom

airon
iron

shokki o arau
to do the dishes

koojoo
factory

kan
can

airondai
ironing board

sentakusuru
to do the laundry

fakkusuki
fax machine

kaaton
carton

daidokoro no nagashi
kitchen sink

sentakuki
washing machine

fairu
file

kirei/kitanai
clean/dirty

naifu
knife

In the Office

fairu kyabinetto
file cabinet

koohii meekaa
coffeemaker

sentakuyoo senzai
laundry detergent

yakusoku, yoyaku
appointment

jimusho ni, jimusho de
in the office

kauntaa
counter

denshirenji
microwave

hondana
bookshelf

shigoto
job

kappu
cup

oobun
oven

jooshi
boss

kaigi
meeting

gyoomu
business

kaigishitsu
meeting room

jimusho, ofisu
office

kyuuryoo
salary

shokuin
staff

denwa
telephone

kasegu
to earn

hataraku
to work

I Want to . . .

Kaitaku arimasen.
I don't want to buy it.

Nomitaku arimasen.
I don't want to drink it.

Tabetaku arimasen.
I don't want to eat it.

Mitaku arimasen.
I don't want to see it.

Kutsu o kaitai desu.
I want to buy (a pair of) shoes.

Kaitai desu.
I want to buy it.

Nomitai desu.
I want to drink it.

Tabetai desu.
I want to eat it.

Eiga o mitai desu.
I want to see a movie.

Mitai desu.
I want to see it.

Koohii o nomitai desu.
I'd like some coffee. (I want to drink coffee.)

Kudamono o tabetai desu.
I'd like some fruit. (I want to eat fruit.)

Jobs

haiyuu/joyuu
actor/actress

kenchikuka
architect

geijutsuka
artist

asisutanto
assistant

ginkooka, ginkooin
banker

jitsugyooka
businessperson

daiku
carpenter

kensetsusagyooiin
construction worker

haisha, shikai
dentist

isha, ishi
doctor

denkigishi, denikikoo
electrician

gishi, enjinia
engineer

noojookeieisha, noofu
farmer

jookin no, sennin no
full-time

shigoto
jobs

kisha, jaanarisuto
journalist

bengoshi
lawyer

ongakuka
musician

hijookin no, paato taimu no
part-time

haikankoo
plumber

keikan/fujinkeikan
policeman/policewoman

kyooju
professor

taishokushita, intaishita
retired

ten'in, gaikooiin, seerusuman
salesperson

seerusuuman, joten'in, joseigaikooiin
saleswoman

hisho
secretary

shufu
stay-at-home parent

teishoku
steady job

takushii no untenshu
taxi driver

sensei, kyooshi
teacher

shitsugyoosha
unemployed

juui
veterinarian

sakka
writer

Likes and Dislikes

Taihen ii hito desu.
He's very nice. (He is a very good person.)

Taihen kanji no ii hito desu.
He's very pleasant.

Sakana wa kirai desu.
I dislike fish.

Kirai desu.
I dislike it.

Hon o yomu koto wa kirai desu.
I dislike reading books.

Sakana wa suki ja arimasen.
I don't like fish. (Fish is not my favorite.)

Suki ja arimasen.
I don't like it./It's not good. (That's not my favorite.)

Hon o yomu koto wa suki ja arimasen.
I don't like reading books.

Suki desu.
I like it. (That's my favorite.)

Nihon ryoori ga suki desu.
I like Japanese cooking.

Hon o yomu koto ga suki desu.
I like reading books.

Oyogu koto ga suki desu.
I like swimming.

Taihen ki ni irimashita.
I'm very pleased with it./I like it very much.

Mazui desu.
It tastes bad.

Kekkoo desu.
It's good./It's fine.

Yoku nai desu./
Kanshin dekimasen.
It's not good.

Amari yoku arimasen.
It's not very good.

Kanzen desu.
It's perfect.

Taihen kekkoo desu.
It's very good.

Subarashii desu.
It's wonderful.

Kekkoo na otenki desu ne.
The weather is nice, isn't it?

Kono niku wa kekkoo desu.
This meat is good.

Kono wain wa kekkoo desu.
This wine is good.

Doomo goshinsetsu ni.
You're very kind./That's very kind of you.

Making Friends

Kon'nichiwa, onamae wa?
Hello, what's your name?

Kokoni suwattemo kamaimasenka?
May I sit here?

Dokoni osumai desu ka?
Where do you live?

Aoyama ni sunde imasu.
I live in Aoyama.

Kochira wa watashi no yuujin desu.
This is my friend.

Kochira wa watashi no booi furendo desu.
This is my boyfriend.

Kochira wa watashi no gaaru furendo desu.
This is my girlfriend.

Kochira wa watashi no tsuma desu.
This is my wife.

Kochira wa watashi no otto desu.
This is my husband.

Anatano kuni wa totemo utsukushii desu ne.
Your country is very beautiful.

Amerika ni kitakoto ga arimasu ka?
Have you been to the U.S.?

Koko no tabemono ga daisuki desu.
I like the food here very much.

Shucchoo de kiteimasu.
I'm on a business trip.

Kazoku to ryokoo shiteimasu.
I'm traveling with my family.

Watashitachi wa kankookyaku desu.
We are tourists.

Eiga wa suki desu ka?
Do you like to go to the movies?

Dansu ga suki desu ka?
Do you like to dance?

Ikimashoo!
Let's go!

Otomodachi ni aemasu ka?
Can I meet your friend?

Denwa bangoo wa nan desu ka?
What is your telephone number?

Zehi asobini kitekudasai.
Please visit me.

Totemo tanoshikatta desu.
I had a wonderful time.

Money

okane
money

en
yen (currency)

ginkoo
bank

Ginkoo wa doko desu ka?
Where is the bank?

Okane o ryoogae shitai no desuga.
I'd like to change some money.

Tsuuka reeto wa ikura desu ka?
What is the exchange rate?

Chiisai okane de kudasai.
I would like that in small bills.

Tesuuryoo wa ikura desu ka?
What is the commission?

More Polite Expressions

Okagesama de.
Thank you. (Due to your kind thought, am well.)

Onamae wa?/Onamae wa nan to
osshaimasu ka?
What's your name?

Yamada Masao to mooshimasu.
My name is Masao Yamada.

Yamada desu.
I am Yamada.

Watakushi no namae wa
Yamada desu.
My name is Yamada.

Gomen nasai.
Excuse me./I'm sorry.

Ii desu.
That's all right.

yukkuri
slowly

Yukkuri hanashite kudasai./
Doozo yukkuri hanashite kudasai.
Please speak slowly.

doozo
please

Moo ichido itte kudasai./
Doozo moo ichido itte kudasai.
Please repeat that.

doomo
very much (indeed!)

Arigatoo gozaimashita.
Thank you (for what you have done).

Kochira koso.
It was a pleasure.

Dewa ashita.
*Till tomorrow./See you tomorrow.
(Well, then, tomorrow.)*

Dewa Doyoobi ni.
*Till Saturday./See you Saturday.
(Well, then, on Saturday.)*

Nature

hamabe, biichi
beach

sabaku
desert

nohara, soogen, bokusoochi
field

hana
flower

mori
forest

oka
hill

mizuumi
lake

riku, tochi
land

tsuki
moon

yama
mountain

shizen
nature

umi
ocean, sea

shokubutsu
plant

ike
pond

kawa
river

iwa
rock

sun
sand

sora
sky

hoshi
star

taiyoo
sun

ki
tree

mizu
water

Negative Expressions

Nani mo iimasen deshita.
He didn't say anything.

Sukoshi mo jikan ga arimasen.
I don't have any time.

Nani mo motte imasen.
I don't have anything.

Nani mo shirimasen.
I don't know anything.

Doo suru ka shirimasen.
I don't know how to do it.

Itsu ka shirimasen.
I don't know when.

Doko ka shirimasen.
I don't know where.

Waruku arimasen.
It's not bad.

Yoku arimasen.
It's not good.

Koko ni arimasen.
It's not here.

Sore ja arimasen. <i>It's not that.</i>	shichi, nana 7
Amari hayaku naku. <i>Not too fast.</i>	hachi 8
Amari takusan de naku. <i>Not too much.</i>	ku, kyuu 9
Mada desu. <i>Not yet. (It's yet to come.)</i>	juu 10
Nani mo arimasen. <i>Nothing. (There is nothing.)</i>	juu ichi 11
Kesshite kimasen. <i>She never comes.</i>	juu ni 12

Numbers

zero
0

ichi
1

ni
2

san
3

shi, yon
4

go
5

roku
6

shichi, nana
7

hachi
8

ku, kyuu
9

juu
10

juu ichi
11

juu ni
12

juu san
13

juu shi, juu yon
14

juu go
15

juu roku
16

juu shichi, juu nana
17

juu hachi
18

juu ku, juu kyuu
19

nijuu
20

nijuu ichi
21

nijuu ni
22

nijuu san
23

nijuu shi, nijuu yon
24

nijuu go
25

nijuu roku
26

nijuu shichi, nijuu nana
27

nijuu hachi
28

nijuu ku, nijuu kyuu
29

sanjuu
30

yonjuu
40

gojuu
50

rokujuu
60

nanajuu
70

hachijuu
80

kyuujuu
90

hyaku
100

hyaku ichi
101

hyaku ni
102

hyaku san
103

nihyaku
200

sanbyaku
300

yonhyaku
400

gohyaku
500

sen
1,000

hyaku man
1,000,000

Ordinal Numbers

dai ichi
first

dai ni <i>second</i>	yuumei na <i>famous</i>
dai san <i>third</i>	futotta/yaseta <i>fat/thin</i>
dai yon <i>fourth</i>	shinsetsuna, aiso no ii/ fushinsetsuna, aiso no warui <i>friendly/unfriendly</i>
dai go <i>fifth</i>	onna no ko, shoojo <i>girl</i>
dai roku <i>sixth</i>	ureshii/kanashii <i>happy/sad</i>
dai nana <i>seventh</i>	kenkoo na/byooki no <i>healthy/sick</i>
dai hachi <i>eighth</i>	chiteki na, rikoona <i>intelligent</i>
dai kyuu <i>ninth</i>	otoko no hito <i>man</i>
dai juu <i>tenth</i>	toshi o totta/wakai <i>old/young</i>
People	hitotachi, hitobito <i>people</i>
otona, seijin <i>adult</i>	hito <i>person</i>
kirei, utsukushii/ minikui, migurushii <i>beautiful/ugly</i>	tsuyoi/yowai <i>strong/weak</i>
otoko no ko, shoonen <i>boy</i>	sainoo no aru <i>talented</i>
kodomo <i>child</i>	se (sei) ga takai/se (sei) ga hikui <i>tall/short</i>

juudai, tiineijaa
teenager

onna no hito
woman

Possession: Mine, Yours, Etc.

Watashi no desu.
It's mine.

Anata no desu.
It's yours.

Kare no desu./Kanojo no desu.
It's his./It's hers.

Watashitachi no desu.
It's ours.

Anatagata no desu.
It's yours (pl.).

Karera no desu.
It's theirs.

Saying Hello

Kon'nichiwa!
Hello!/Hi!

Ohayoo gozaimasu!
Good morning!

Gokigenyoo!
Good day!

Konbanwa!
Good evening!

Ogenki desu ka?
How are you?

Genki desu.
Fine.

Totemo genki desu.
Very well.

Maa maa desu.
So-so.

Onamae wa nan desu ka?
What's your name?

Watashi wa Sato desu.
My name is Mr. Sato.

Watashi wa Suzuki desu.
My name is Mrs./Ms. Suzuki.

Doozo yoroshiku onegai shimasu.
It's nice to meet you.

Sayoonara.
Good-bye.

Soredewa mata.
See you later.

Jaa mata.
See you soon.

Oyasumi nasai.
Good night.

Seasons

haru
spring

natsu
summer

aki
autumn, fall

fuyu
winter

fuyu ni
in winter

natsu ni
in summer

aki ni
in autumn, in fall

haru ni
in spring

Shopping

Kore wa ikura desu ka?
How much does that cost?

Ikuraka kaite kudasai.
Write that, please.

Mise wa nanji ni akimasu ka?
At what time does the store open?

Mise wa nanji ni shimari masu ka?
At what time does the store close?

Dore ga yoroshii desu ka?
What would you like?

Irasshai mase.
Welcome (to the store, etc.).

Kore o onegai shimasu.
I would like this.

Batterii o onegai shimasu.
I would like batteries.

Fuirumu o ippon onegai shimasu.
I would like a roll of film.

Kono machi no chizu o kudasai.
I would like a map of the city.

Hai, doozo.
Here it is.

Ijoo desu ka?
Is that all?

Genkin de onegai shimasu.
I'd like to pay with cash.

Kurejitto kaado de onegai shimasu.
I'd like to pay by credit card.

Intaanetto de chuumon dekimasu ka?
Can I order this online?

depaato
department store

fujin fuku
women's clothes

borausu, sukaato, doresu
blouse, skirt, dress

shinshi fuku
men's clothes

zubon, shatsu, nekutai
pants, shirt, tie

kutsu, kutsushita
shoe, sock

jiipan
jeans

hon'ya
bookstore

pan'ya
bakery

suupaa
supermarket

niku ya
butcher shop

ichiba
market

Speaking and Understanding

Nihongo ga dekimasu ka?
Do you speak Japanese? (Is Japanese possible?)

lie, dekimasen.
No, I don't speak Japanese.

Taihen heta desu.
I (speak) very poorly.

Hai, sukoshi dekimasu.
Yes, I speak a little.

Honno sukoshi dekimasu.
I speak just a little.

Wakarimasu ka?
Do you understand (it)?

Amari yoku wakarimasen.
I don't understand (it) very well.

Nihongo wa amariyoku wakarimasen.
I don't understand Japanese very well.

Hai, wakarimasu.
Yes, I understand.

Hai, sukoshi wakarimasu.
Yes, I understand a little.

Yomemasu ga, hanasemasen.
I can read, but I can't speak.

Wakarimasu ka?
Do you understand?

Sukoshi mo wakarimasen.
Not at all.

Yoku wakarimasen.
I don't understand very well.

Kaite kudasai.
Write it, please.

Doo kakimasu ka?
How do you write it?

Sono kotoba wa shirimasen.
I don't know that word.

Sore wa Nihongo de doo iimasu ka?
How do you say that in Japanese?

“Thank you” wa Nihongo de doo iimasu ka?

How do you say “Thank you” in Japanese?

Yukkuri hanashite kudasareba wakarimasu.

If you speak slowly, I’ll be able to understand you.

Yukkuri hanashite kudasai.

Please speak slowly.

Nan to osshaimashita ka?

What did you say?

Doo yuu imi desu ka?

What do you mean?

Motto yukkuri hanashite kudasaimasen ka?

Would you please speak slower?

Doozo motto yukkuri hanashite kudasaimasen ka?

Would you mind speaking a little slower, please?

Moo ichido itte kudasaimasen ka?

Would you please say (that) again?

Sports and Recreation

amerikan futtobooru, amefuto

American football

booru, tama

ball

yakyuu

baseball

basukettobooru

basketball

kaado, toranpu

cards

yuushoosha

champion

koochi

coach

shiai

game

hokkee

hockey

juudoo

judo

kendoo

kendo

senshu

player

biriyaado

pool, billiards

sakkaa

soccer, football

supootsu to rikurieeshon

sports and recreation

kyoogijoo, sutajiamu

stadium

sumoo

sumo

suiei

swimming

chiimu

team

tenisu

tennis

hikiwakeru

to draw/tie

kyanpu (suru/ni iku)

(to go) camping

haikingu (suru/ni iku)

(to go) hiking

makeru

to lose

(shiai o) suru

to play (a game)

(undoo o) suru

to play (a sport)

katsu

to win

Staying in Touch

denwa

telephone

Denwa o kakenakereba narimasen.

I have to make a phone call.

Koko ni kooshuudenwa ga arimasu ka?

Is there a public phone here?

Anata no keetai o tsukattemo iidesu ka?

May I use your cell phone?

Denwa bangoo wa nanban desu ka?

What number, please?

Hanashi chuu desu.

The line is busy.

fakkusu

fax

Fakkusu o okuranakereba narimasen.

I need to send a fax.

Watashi e no fakkusu ga arimasu ka?

Is there a fax for me?

ii meeru

email

Konpyuutaa wa doko desu ka?

Where is the computer?

Ii meeru o okuranakereba narimasen.

I need to send an email.

Intaanetto o tsukattemo iidesu ka?

Can I get on the internet?

Webusaito ga arimasu ka?

Do you have a website?

Yuubinkyoku wa doko desu ka?

Where is the post office?

Kitte o kudasai.
I'd like some stamps, please.

Tegami yoo desu.
For a letter.

Hagaki yoo desu.
For a postcard.

Kitte dai wa ikura desu ka?
How much is the postage?

Amerika made desu.
To the United States.

ea meeru
airmail

sokutatsu
overnight delivery

Telling Time

Nanji desu ka?
What time is it?

hiru
noon

yonaka
midnight

Ichiji desu.
It's 1:00.

Niji desu.
It's 2:00.

Sanji han desu.
It's 3:30.

Yoji desu.
It's 4:00.

Goji yonjuu go fun desu.
It's 5:45.

Shichiji sanpun desu.
It's 7:03.

Eega wa kuji han ni hajimarimasu.
The movie starts at 9:30.

Densha wa juuichiji juu nana fun ni demasu.
The train leaves at 11:17.

asa
morning

gogo
afternoon

yuugata
evening

yoru
night

kyoo
today

ashita
tomorrow

kinoo
yesterday

ima
now

ato
later

sugu
right away

Telling Time, Part 2

byoo
second

fun, pun
minute

ji
hour

Goji goro desu.
It's about five.

Shichiji goro desu.
It's about seven.

Juuichiji sukoshi mae desu.
It's almost eleven.

Mada rokuji-han desu.
It's only half-past six.

Goji sugi desu.
It's after five.

Itsu oide ni narimasu ka?
When will you come? (What time will you come?) (respect)

Sanji ni soko e ikimasu.
I'll be there at three o'clock.

Jikan desu.
It's time.

Sore o suru jikan desu.
It's time to do it. (It is to-do-it time.)

Deru jikan desu.
It's time to leave.

Uchi e kaeru jikan desu.
It's time to go home.

Jikan ga arimasu.
I have time.

Juubun jikan ga arimasu.
I have enough time.

Jikan ga arimasen.
I don't have the time.

The Human Body

ude
arm

chi, ketsueki
blood

hone
bone

noo
brain

nyuuboo, mune
breast

hoo, hoho, hoppeta
cheek

mune
chest

ago
chin

mimi
ear

hiji
elbow

me
eye

mayuge
eyebrow

matsuge
eyelashes

kao
face

yubi
finger

ashi
foot

hitai, odeko
forehead

ke
hair (on body)

kami no ke
hair (on head)

te
hand

atama
head

shinzoo
heart

kakato
heel

hiza
knee

ashi
leg

hai
lungs

kuchi
mouth

kinniku
muscle

kubi
neck

hana
nose

penisu
penis

kata
shoulders

hifu, hada
skin

hara, onaka
stomach, abdomen

ken
tendon

ningen no karada
the human body

ashi no yubi
toe

shita, bero
tongue

ha
tooth

chitsu
vagina

tekubi
wrist

This and That

Kore mo sore mo dame desu.
Both this one and that one are no good.

Are o kudasai.
Give me that (over there), please.

Are ja arimasen.
It isn't that./That's not it.

Are desu.
It's that (over there).

Sore o totte kudasai.
Please pick that one.

ano neko
that cat (over there)

sono hi
that day

sono hoteru
that hotel

ano uchi
that house (over there)

Sore wa ii kangae desu ne.
That is a good idea.

sono tegami
that letter

sono hito
that person

ano ki
that tree (over there)

sono kotoba
that word

Sore desu.
That's it./It's that.

kono hon
this book

kono hoteru
this hotel

Kore wa watakushi no desu.
This is mine.

kono tegami
this letter

**Kore wa watakushi no desu;
are wa anata no desu.**
*This one is mine; that one (over there)
is yours.*

kono hito
this person

kono hanashi
this story

Kore wa doo yuu imi desu ka?
What does this mean?

This Week, Next Month, etc.

konshuu
this week

senshuu
last week

raishuu
next week

saraishuu
in two weeks, the week after next

kongetsu
this month

sengetsu
last month

raigetsu
next month

saraigetsu
the month after next

sensengetsu
two months ago, the month before last

kotoshi
this year

kyonen, sakunen
last year

rainen
next year

sarainen
in two years, the year after next

issakunen, ototoshi
the year before last

asa
in the morning

ban
in the evening

hiru goro
around noon

yuushokugo
after dinner (the evening meal)

shuumatsu
at the end of the week

getsumatsu
at the end of the month

konshuu no owari goro ni
toward the end of the week

juu gofun inai ni
in a quarter of an hour

sono uchi ni
one of these days

mainichi
every day

ichinichi juu
all day (long)

hitoban juu
all night (long)

To Be or Not to Be

Anata wa Amerikajin desu ka?
Are you an American?

Hai, soo desu.
Yes, I am. (Yes, am so.)

Dono tatemono ga Amerika Taishikan desu ka?
Which building is the American Embassy?

Ano tatemono wa Amerika Taishikan desu.
That building is the American Embassy.

Ano tatemono ga Amerika Taishikan desu ka?
Is that building the American Embassy?

Sumisu-san wa Amerika Taishikan ni imasu.
Mr. Smith is in the American Embassy.

Tanaka-san wa Tookyoo ni imasu.
Ms. Tanaka is in Tokyo.

Okinawa wa doko ni arimasu ka?
Where is Okinawa?

Nippon to Taiwan no aida ni arimasu.
It is between Japan and Taiwan.

Dono kata ga Tanaka-san desu ka?
Which person is Ms. Tanaka?

Enpitsu ga arimasu ka?
Do you have a pencil?/Is there a pencil?

Watashi wa gakusei desu.
I'm a student.

Watashi wa kaishain desu.
I'm a businessperson.

Kono tatemono wa Igrisu Taishikan desu ka?
Is this building the British Embassy?

Igrisu Taishikan ja arimasen.
It is not the British Embassy.

Watashi wa gakusei ja arimasen.
I'm not a student.

Ano hito wa kaishain ja arimasen.
He (that person) is not a businessperson.

Watashi wa gakusei deshita.
I was a student.

Tanaka-san wa sensei deshita.
Ms. Tanaka was a teacher.

Kare wa gakusei ja arimasen deshita.
He was not a student.

Kore wa hoteru deshoo.
This is probably a hotel.

Ano hito wa Amerikajin deshoo.
He (that person) is probably American.

Ano hito wa sensei ja nai deshoo.
He (that person) is probably not a teacher.

Kuruma wa Nihonsei ja nai deshoo.
The car is probably not Japanese.

Ano hito wa sensei ja nakatta deshoo.
He (that person) was probably not a teacher.

Kuruma wa Nihonsei ja nakatta deshoo.
The car was probably not Japanese.

To Come

Kimasu.
I come. (you come, he/she comes, etc.)

Kite kudasai!
Please come!

Koko e kite kudasai.
Come here, please.

Watakushi to issho ni kite kudasai.
Come with me, please.

Mata kite kudasai.
Come again, please.

Doko kara kimasu ka?
Where are you coming from?

Tookyoo kara kimasu.
I am coming from Tokyo.

Gekijoo kara kimasu.
I am coming from the theater.

Sugu kimasu.
I am coming right away.

Amerika kara kita bakari desu.
I have just come from the United States.

To Do

Shimasu.
I do. (you do, he/she does, etc.)

Shite imasu.
I'm doing it.

Nani o shite imasu ka?
What are you doing?

Doo shimasu ka?
How do you do that?

Nani o shite imashita ka?
What have you been doing?

Shinaide kudasai!
Please don't do it!

Moo shinaide kudasai.
Please don't do it anymore.

Shinakereba narimasen.
You must do it.

Shite wa ikemasen.
You mustn't do it.

Nani mo shite imasen.
I'm not doing anything.

Nani mo shinaide kudasai.
Don't do anything, please.

Hayaku shite kudasai!
Do it quickly, please!

Chuui shite kudasai!
Pay attention, please!

To Eat

Tabemasu.
I eat./I will eat. (you eat/will eat, etc.)

Tabete imasu.
I am eating.

Tabemashita.
I ate.

Tabete imashita.
I was eating.

Tabete kudasai.
Please eat.

Tabemashoo.
Let's eat.

Tabemasen.
I do not eat./I will not eat.

Tabete imasen.
I am not eating.

Tabemasen deshita.
I did not eat.

Tabete imasen deshita.
I was not eating.

Tabenaide kudasai.
Please don't eat.

Donna mono o tabemashita ka?
What kinds of things did you eat?

Sukiyaki ya tempura o tabemashita.
We ate sukiyaki, tempura, and things like that.

To Go

ikimasu
I go (you go, he/she goes, etc.)

ikimashita
I went

ikimasen
I don't go

ikimashoo
I think I'll go./Let's go.

Ike!
Go! (sharp command)

Itte kudasai!
Please go!

Ikanaide kudasai.
Please don't go.

Yukkuri itte kudasai.
Go slowly, please.

Itte sagashite kudasai.
Go look for it, please.

Soko e ikanakereba narimasen.
We have to go there. (If I don't go, it won't do.)

Itte wa ikemasen.
You must not go.

Ikanakute mo ii desu.
We don't have to go.

Itte mo ikanakute mo ii desu.
It doesn't matter whether we go or not.

Itte mo ii desu.
You may go./You have my permission to go.

Ikitai desu ga iku koto ga dekimasen.
I want to go, but I can't (go).

Itta koto ga arimasu.
I have been there.

Itta koto wa arimasen.
I have never been there.

Iku koto ga arimasu.
I sometimes go.

To Have and Have Not

Motte imasu.
I have. (you have, he/she has, etc.)

Motte imasen.
I don't have. (you don't have, he/she doesn't have, etc.)

Nani mo motte imasen.
I have nothing./I don't have anything.

Okane o motte imasu.
I have money.

Okane o juubun motte imasu.
I have enough money.

Okane o sukoshi mo motte imasen.
I don't have any money. (I don't have even a little bit of money.)

Motte imasu ka?
Do you have (it)?

Motte imasen ka?
Don't you have (it)?

Okane o motte imasu ka?
Do you have (any) money?

Okane o juubun motte imasu ka?
Do you have enough money?

Enpitsu o motte imasu ka?
Do you have a pencil?

Okane o juubun motte imasen ka?
Don't you have enough money?

Enpitsu o motte imasen ka?
Don't you have a pencil?

Motte inakereba narimasen.
I have to have (it). (If I don't have it, it won't do.)

Motte inakereba narimasen ka?
Do I have to have (it)?

Motte inakute mo ii desu.
I don't have to have (it). (Even if I don't have it, I will be all right.)

Motte inakute mo ii desu ka?
Don't I have to have it?

Pasupooto o motte inakereba narimasen.
You have to have a passport.

Kippu o motte inakereba narimasen.
You have to have a ticket.

Pasupooto o motte inakereba narimasen ka?
Do you have to have a passport?

Kippu o motte inakereba narimasen ka?
Do you have to have a ticket?

Pasupooto o motte inakute mo ii desu.
You don't have to have a passport.

Kippu o motte inakute mo ii desu.
You don't have to have a ticket.

Pasupooto o motte inakute mo ii desu ka?
Don't I have to have a passport? (Is it all right to go even if I don't have a passport?)

Motte iru ka moshiremasen.
I may have (it). (I can't tell if I have it.)

Motte inai kamoshiremasen.
I may not have (it).

Okane o motte iru kamoshiremasen.
I may have (some) money.

Kippu o motte iru kamoshiremasen.
I may have the ticket.

Okane o motte inai kamoshiremasen.
I may not have any money.

Kippu o motte inai kamoshiremasen.
I may not have the ticket.

To Say

limasu.
I say. (you say, he/she says, etc.)

Ikanai to iimashita.
I said that I wouldn't go. (I said, "I will not go.")

linikui desu.
It's hard to say.

Itte kudasai.
Say (it)!/Tell (it), please.

Iwanaide kudasai.
Don't say that, please.

Kuru yoo ni itte kudasai.
Tell him to come, please.

Konai yoo ni itte kudasai.
Please tell him not to come.

Nan to iimashita ka?
What did you say?

To Speak

Hanashimasu.

*I speak./I talk./I will speak./I will talk.
(you speak/talk, etc.)*

Hanashimashita.

*I spoke./I talked./I have spoken./
I have talked.*

Hanashimashoo.

*Let's talk./Let's speak./I think I'll talk./
I think I'll speak.*

Hanashite imasu.

I am talking/speaking.

Hanashite imashita.

I was talking/speaking.

Hanashite kudasai.

Please talk/speak.

Hanashimasen.

I don't speak./I will not speak.

Hanashimasen deshita.

I didn't speak.

Hanashite imasen.

I am not speaking.

Hanashite imasen deshita.

I wasn't speaking.

Hanasanaide kudasai.

Please don't speak.

Travel and Tourism

panfuretto
brochure

kamera
camera

**Watashitachi no shashin o totte
kudasai masu ka?**
Can you take our picture?

gaidotsuki no tsuaa
guided tour

hoteru
hotel

annaijo, infomeeshonsentaa
information center

chizu
map

kinenhi
monument

pasupooto
passport

furonto desuku
reception desk

yoyaku
reservation

chekkuinsuru
to check in

chekkuautosuru
to check out

kankoo ni iku, kenbutsu ni iku
to go sightseeing

shashin o toru
to take a picture

kankoobasu
tour bus

ryokoosha
tourist

ryokoo to kankoojigyoo
travel and tourism

yuusuhosuteru
youth hostel

Weather

kumo
cloud

do
degree

kiri
fog

Kyoo no tenki wa doo desu ka?
*How's the weather today?/What's the
weather like today?*

taifuu, harikeen
hurricane

Subarashii desu.
It's beautiful.

Kumotteiru.
It's cloudy.

Samui desu.
It's cold.

Suzushii desu.
It's cool.

Arare ga futteiru.
It's hailing.

Atsui desu.
It's hot.

Ii tenki desu.
It's nice weather.

Ame ga futteiru.
It's raining.

Yuki ga futteiru.
It's snowing.

Hareteiru.
It's sunny.

Kaze ga tsuyoi desu.
It's windy.

kaminari
lightning

ame
rain

sumoggu
smog

yuki
snow

arashi
storm

taiyoo, nikkoo
sun

ondo
temperature

Kyoo wa tenki ga warui.
The weather is bad today.

tenki
weather

arashi
thunder

kaze
wind

kasa
umbrella

Dialogue 1 (Introductions)

A, Yamada san, kon'nichiwa.
Oh, Mr. Yamada, hello.

Kon'nichiwa. Shibaraku desu nee.
Hello. I haven't seen you for a long time.

Ogenki desu ka?
How are you?

Ee, maa maa.
So-so. (lit., Yes, so-so.)

Kochira wa watashi no tomodachi desu.
This is my friend.

Suzuki san desu.
This is Ms. Suzuki.

Yamada desu.
I'm Yamada.

Hajimemashite.
How do you do?

Hajimemashite.
How do you do?

Suzuki san mo gakusei desu ka?
Are you a student, too, Ms. Suzuki?

lie.
No.

Watashi wa gakusei ja arimsen.
I'm not a student.

Sotsugyoosei desu.
I'm an alumna.

Dialogue 2 (Saying Hello)

Zuibun hisashiburi desu ne?
Long time no see!

Ogenki desu ka?
How are you?

Okage sama de.
Fine, thanks.

Otaku wa?
And you and your family?

Arigatoo.
Thanks.

Minna genki desu.
We're all fine.

Nagai goryokoo de otsukare desu (ka)?
You're not too tired from your trip?

Iya. Betsu ni.
No. Not really.

A, kanai o goshookai shimashoo.
Oh, I'd like you to meet my wife.

Doozo.
I'd be happy to. (lit., Please do.)

Kochira wa Satoo san.
This is Mrs. Sato.

Hajimemashite.
How do you do?

Doozo yoroshiku.
Nice to meet you.

Kochira koso.
I'm glad to know you.

Dialogue 3 (Family)

Gokazoku no shashin desu ka?
Is this a picture of your family?

Ee, mukashi no shashin desu.
Yes, it's an old picture.

Kore wa Nagoya no uchi desu.
This is our house in Nagoya.

Kore wa okaasan desu ne.
This is your mother, isn't it?

lie, sore wa sobo desu.
No, that's my grandmother.

Haha wa koko ni imasu.
My mother is here.

Kirei na okaasan desu ne.
She's beautiful.

Soo desu ka?
Do you think so?

Takusan irasshaimasu ne.
You have a big family.

Ee, ani ga hitori to ane ga sannin imasu.
Yes, I have one older brother and three older sisters.

Otoosan mo okaasan mo yoku Tookyoo e irasshaimasu ka?
Do both your father and your mother come to Tokyo often?

lie, amari.
No, not very often.

Futari tomo shigoto de isogashii n desu.
Both of them are busy with their jobs.

Demo, ani ya anetachi wa yoku kimasu kara.
But my older brother and sisters come often.

Itsumo kekkoo nigiyaka desu yo.
It's always very lively.

Ii desu nee!
How nice!

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