

WORDS FOR SURVIVAL

Shopping

When arriving in a store you will hear “*Iras-shai-mase*” (いらっしやいませ)、this means “Welcome”.

1. Do you have _____?
_____ wa-arimasu-ka? (_____ ありますか?)

2. How much is it?
Ikura-desu-ka? (いくらですか?)

3. Don't you have a bigger one?
Motto-ookii-no-wa-arimasuka?

●Expensive (takai) ●Cheap (yasui) ●Small (chiisai) ●Short (mijikai) ●Long (nagai)

Restaurant

Waiter will say “*Nani-ni-shimasu-ka?*” (What would you like to have?)

Sample of menus:

TEN-PU-RA (deep fried fish/vegetables/shrimp) “天ぷら”

YAKI-TORI (grilled chicken on a stick) “焼き鳥”

SUKI-YAKI (beef & vegetables cooked in pan) “すき焼き”

RA-MEN (Chinese noodles) “ラーメン”

YAKI-SOBA (fried noodles) “焼きそば”

I have to avoid food containing (name of the food).

(Name of the food) wo-nuite-kudasai. (_____ をぬいて下さい)

M.S.G (aji-no-moto) “味の素”

Pork dish (buta-niku) “豚肉”

Ketchup (ke-cha-ppu) “ケチャップ”

Mayonnaise (mayo-ne-e-zu) “マヨネーズ”

When ordering things in quantities:

1. Hitotsu 2. Futatsu 3. Mittsu 4. Yottsu 5. Itsutsu 6. Muttsu
7. Nanatsu 8. Yattsu 9. Kokonotsu 10. Jyuu or Tou

Thank you “Ari-ga-toh” ありがとう

Yes “Hai” はい

No “iie” いいえ

Excuse me “Sumima-sen” すみません

I'm sorry “Gomen-nasai” ごめんなさい

Chopsticks “Hashi” はし

Fork “ho-ku” フォーク

Norimono (Transport)

TAXI:

1. Please take me to (name of the place).
(Name of the place) ni-itte-kudasai. (_____ に行ってください.)
2. How much will it cost to go to (name of the place)?
(Name of the place) made ikura desuka? (_____ までいくらですか?)

TRAIN: (DENSHA)

1. How much is it to (name of the place)?
(Name of the place) made ikura desuka? (_____ までいくらですか?)
2. Does this train go to (name of the station)?
(Name of the station) ni ikimasuka? (_____ に行きますか?)
3. Where do I have to transfer?
Doko de nori-kae masuka? (どこで乗り換えますか?)
4. Does this train stop at (name of the station)?
Kono densha wa (name of the station) ni tomari masuka?
(この電車は _____ に止まりますか?)
5. Do you have an English train/subway map?
Eigo no ROSENZU wa arimasuka?
(英語の路線図はありますか?)

OTHER TRANSPORTATION TERMS:

CHIKA-TETSU (Subway) 地下鉄
KAKU-EKI-TEISHA (Local Train) 各駅停車
KYU-KO (Limited Express) 急行
TO-KKYU (Express) 特急

USEFUL JAPANESE PHRASES

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|----|---|----|--|
| 1 | Good morning
OHAYO GOZAIMASU
(O- <u>ha</u> -yo go- <u>za</u> -i-ma-su) | 13 | Yes, I understand
HAI, WAKARIMASU
(Ha-i, wa-ka-ri-ma-su) |
| 2 | Hello (Good afternoon)
KONNICHWA
(Ko-n-ni-chi-wa) | 14 | No, I don't understand
IIE, WAKARIMASEN
(I-i-e, wa-ka-ri-ma-se-n) |
| 3 | Good evening
KONBANWA
KA?
(Ko-n-ba-n-wa) | 15 | Where is the _____?
_____ WA DOKO DESU

(_____ wa do-ko-de-su ka) |
| 4 | Good-Bye
SAYOUNARA
(Sa-yo-u-na-ra) | 16 | What is your name?
ONAMAE WA NAN DESU KA?
(O-na-ma-e wa na-n de-su ka?) |
| 5 | Good night
OYASUMI NASAI
(O-ya-su-mi na-sa-i) | 17 | Do you speak English?
EIGO WO HANASHIMASU KA?
(E-i-go wo hanashimasu a?) |
| 6 | Thank you very much
DOUMO ARIGATOU GOZAIMASU
(Do-u-mo A-ri-ga-to-u Go-za-i-ma-su) | 18 | I don't speak Japanese
NIHONGO WO HANASHIMASEN
(Ni-ho-n-go wo ha-na-shi-ma-se-n) |
| 7 | How are you?
OGENKI DESU KA?
(O-ge-n-ki de-su ka) | 19 | I am sorry
GOMEN NASAI
(Go-me-n na-sa-i) |
| 8 | Fine, thank you
HAI, GENKI DESU
(Ha-i, ge-n-ki de-su) | 20 | Please (Here you are)
ONEGAI SHIMASU (DOUZO)
(O-ne-ga-i shi-ma-su Do-u-zo) |
| 9 | I'm pleased to meet you
HAJIMEMASHITE
(Ha-ji-me-ma-shi-te) | 21 | Is that so (Really)?
SOU DESU KA
(So-u de-su ka) |
| 10 | Nice to meet you
DOUZO YOROSHIKU | 22 | Please wait a moment
CHOTTO MATTE KUDASAI |

(Do-u-zo yo-ro-shi-ku)

(Cho-tto ma-tte ku-da-sa-i)

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|----|---|----|--|
| 11 | Pardon me
SUMIMASEN
(Su-mi-ma-se-n) | 23 | Please say that again
MOU ICHIDO ITTE KUDASAI
(mo-u i-chi-do i-tte ku-da-sa-i) |
| 12 | Do you understand?
WAKARIMASU KA?
(Wa-ka-ri-ma-su ka) | 24 | Please give me a _____
_____ WO KUDASAI
(_____ wo ku-da-sa-i) |
| 25 | I like it
SUKI DESU
(Su-ki de-su) | 28 | How much?
IKURA DESU KA?
(I-ku-ra de-su ka?) |
| 26 | I don't like it
KIRAI DESU
(Ki-ra-i de-su) | 29 | What time is it?
NANJI DESU KA?
(Na-n-ji de-su ka) |
| 27 | What is this?
KORE WA NAN DESU KA?
(Ko-re wa na-n de-su ka) | 30 | You are welcome
DOUITASHIMASHITE
(Do-u-i-ta-shi-ma-shi-te) |

PRONUNCIATION OF JAPANESE

Consonants are generally pronounced as in English. Pronounce vowels follows:

Aa – as the ‘a’ in FATHER
Ii – as the long ‘e’ in HE
Uu – as the double ‘oo’ in TOO
Ee – as the ‘e’ in BET
Oo – as the long ‘o’ in GO

It is very important that you learn to pronounce the vowels correctly, to be understood.

Break words into syllables and pronounce each syllable clearly and with an even accent. Each separate HIRAGANA or KATAKANA character is a syllable, either by itself or modified by the letter ‘n’. Syllables always end with a vowel sound, except those ending with the letter ‘n’.

COMMON KANJI

一	ICHI	ONE	男	OTOKO	MALE
二	NI	TWO	女	ONNA	FEMALE
三	SAN	THREE	駅	EKI	TRAIN STATION
四	SHI	FOUR	人	HITO	PEOPLE
	(YON)		入口	IRIGUCHI	ENTRANCE
五	GO	FIVE	出口	DEGUCHI	EXIT
六	ROKU	SIX	日本	NIHON	JAPAN
七	SHICHI	SEVEN	山	YAMA	MOUNTAIN
	(NANA)		川	KAWA	RIVER
八	HACHI	EIGHT	木	KI	TREE
九	KYU	NINE	林	HAYASHI	WOODS
	(KU)		森	MORI	FOREST
十	JU	TEN	横須賀		YOKOSUKA
百	HYAKU	HUNDRED	横浜		YOKOHAMA
千	SEN	THOUSAND	東京		TOKYO
万	MAN	TEN THOUSAND	葉山		HAYAMA
円	EN	YEN	鎌倉		KAMAKURA

WRITTEN JAPANESE

The Japanese write their language using three different kinds of letters. Two are phonetic alphabets based on the same principles as our own alphabet. These are called Hiragana and Katakana. Hiragana is used for particles, verb endings and some words, while Katakana is generally used for writing the many words of foreign origin that have been introduced into the Japanese language. Both Hiragana and Katakana express the same sounds. The third kind of letters are the Chinese characters, called Kanji. They are used for most nouns, verbs, etc. A typical Japanese text would contain a mixture of the three types of writing.

HIRAGANA

あ	か	さ	た	な	は	ま	や	ら	わ	ん
A	Ka	Sa	Ta	Na	Ha	Ma	Ya	Ra	Wa	N
い	き	し	ち	に	ひ	み		り		
I	Ki	Shi	Chi	Ni	Hi	Mi		Ri		
う	く	す	つ	ぬ	ふ	む	ゆ	る		
U	Ku	Su	Tsu	Nu	Fu	Mu	Yu	Ru		
え	け	せ	て	ね	へ	め		れ		
E	Ke	Se	Te	Ne	He	Me		Re		
お	こ	そ	と	の	ほ	も	よ	ろ	を	
O	Ko	So	To	No	Ho	Mo	Yo	Ro	Wo	

KATAKANA

ア	カ	サ	タ	ナ	ハ	マ	ヤ	ラ	ワ	ン
A	Ka	Sa	Ta	Na	Ha	Ma	Ya	Ra	Wa	N
イ	キ	シ	チ	ニ	ヒ	ミ		リ		
I	Ki	Shi	Chi	Ni	Hi	Mi		Ri		
ウ	ク	ス	ツ	ヌ	フ	ム	ユ	ル		
U	Ku	Su	Tsu	Nu	Fu	Mu	Yu	Ru		
エ	ケ	セ	テ	ネ	ヘ	メ		レ		
E	Ke	Se	Te	Ne	He	Me		Re		
オ	コ	ソ	ト	ノ	ホ	モ	ヨ	ロ	ヲ	
O	Ko	So	To	No	Ho	Mo	Yo	Ro	Wo	

