

JAPANESE TO GO

Hundreds of Essential Words and Phrases for Every Situation

1. COMMON GREETINGS

Hello./Good morning.	Kon'nichiwa/ Ohayō gozaimasu.
Good evening.	Konbanwa.
Good-bye.	Sayōnara.
Mr., Mrs., Miss...	...-san
How are you? (informal)	Genki?
Fine, thanks. And you? (informal)	Genki desu. Genki?
How are you? (formal)	Ogenki desuka?
Fine, thanks. And you? (formal)	Hai, okagesamade. Ogenki desuka?
What is your name?	Onamae wa?
My name is...	Watashi no namae wa...desu.
Nice to meet you.	Hajimemashite.
I'll see you later.	Jā, mata.

2. POLITE EXPRESSIONS

Please.	Onegai shimasu.
Thank you.	Dōmo arigatō.
Thank you very much.	Dōmo arigatō gozaimasu.
You're welcome.	Dōitashimashite.
Yes, thank you.	Hai, dōmo arigatō.

No, thank you.	lie, kekkō desu.
I beg your pardon.	Sumimasen, mōichido onegai shimasu.
I'm sorry.	Sumimasen.
Pardon me. (informal)	Gomen'nasai.
Pardon me. (formal)	Sumimasen.
That's okay.	Dō itashimashite.
It doesn't matter.	Daijōbu desu.
Do you speak English?	Eigo o hanashimasuka?
Yes.	Hai.
No.	lie.
Maybe.	Tabun.
I can speak a little.	Sukoshi hanashimasu.
I understand a little.	Sukoshi wakarimasu.
I don't understand.	Wakarimasen.
I don't speak Japanese very well.	Amari nihongo ga hanasemasen.
Would you repeat that, please?	Mō ichido onegaishimasu.
I don't know.	Wakarimasen.
No problem.	Daijōbu desu.
It's my pleasure.	Dō itashimashite.

3. NEEDS AND QUESTION WORDS

I'd like...	...ga ii desu.
I need...	...ga hoshii desu.

What would you like?	Nani ga ii desuka?
Please bring me...	...o motte kite kudasai.
I'm looking for...	...o sagashiteimasu.
I'm hungry.	Onaka ga sukimashita.
I'm thirsty	Nodo ga kawakimashita.
It's important.	Jūyō desu.
It's urgent.	Kyūyō desu.
How?	Dō desuka?
How much?	Ikura desuka?
How many?	Ikutsu desuka?
Which?	Dore desuka?
What?	Nan desuka?
What kind of?	Don'na no desuka?
Who?	Dare desuka?
Where?	Doko desuka?
When?	Itsu desuka?
What does this mean?	Kore wa dō iu imi desuka?
What does that mean?	Are wa dō iu imi desuka?
How do you say... in Japanese?	...wa nihongo de nan to iimasu

4. AT THE AIRPORT

Where is...	...wa doko desuka?
...customs?	Zeikan
...passport control?	Ryoken shinsa (pasupōto kontorōru)
...the information booth?	An'naisho

...the ticketing counter?	Chiketto kauntā
...baggage claim?	Tenimotsu hikitori (baggeji kureimu)
...the taxi stand?	Takushi noriba
...the car rental?	Renta kā
...the subway?	Chikatetsu
...the bus stop?	Basu noriba
Is there a bus service to the city?	Machi made no basu ga arimasuka?
Where are...	...wa doko desuka?
...the international departures?	Kokusaisen shuppatsu robī
...the international arrivals?	Kokusaisen tōchaku robī
Where are you from?	Goshusshin wa dochira desuka?
I am an American.	Watashi wa amerika jin desu.
I am Canadian.	Watashi wa kanada jin desu.
I am British.	Watashi wa igirisu jin desu.
I am Australian.	Watashi wa ōsutoraria jin desu.

5. AT THE HOTEL

I would like a room.	Heya no yoyaku o onegaishimasu.
...for one person	Hitori beya
...for two people	Futari beya
...for tonight	Kon'ban

...for two nights	Nihaku
...for a week	Isshūkan
Do you have a different room?	Betsuno heya ga arimasuka?
...with a bath	Ofuro tsuki
...with a shower	Shawā tsuki
...with a toilet	Toire tsuki
...with air-conditioning	Eakon tsuki
How much is it?	Ikura desuka?
I'd like to have my bill, please.	Seikyūsho o onegaishimasu.

6. AT THE RESTAURANT

Where can we find a good restaurant?	Ii resutoran wa doko ni arimasuka?
We'd like a(n) ...restaurant.	...resutoran ga ii n desuga.
...casual	Kajuaru na
...elegant	Ereganto na
...fast-food	Fāsuto fūdo no
...inexpensive	Yasui
...seafood	Shifūdo no
...vegetarian	Bejitarian no
Café	Kissaten
Waiter! Waitress!	Sumimasen! (Excuse me!)
A table for two, please.	Futari de onegaishimasu.
I'd like a menu, please.	Menyū o onegaishimasu.

I'd like to see the wine list, please.	Wain risuto o onegaishimasu.
appetizers	zensai
main course	shusai (mein kōsu)
dessert	dezāto
What would you like?	Nani ni nasaimasuka?
What would you like to drink?	(O)nomimono wa nani ni nasaimasuka?
Can you recommend a good wine?	Ii wain ga arimasuka?
Wine, please.	Wain o onegaishimasu.
Beer, please.	Bīru o onegaishimasu.
I didn't order this.	Kore wa chūmon shiteimasen.
That's all, thanks.	Sore de zenbu desu.
The check, please.	Okanjō(chekku) o onegaishimasu.
Cheers! To your health!	Kanpai!
Where are the restrooms?	Toire wa doko desuka?

7. FOOD VOCABULARY

meat	niku
chicken	toriniku, chikin
beef	gyūniku, bīfu
pork	butaniku, pōku
fish	sakana
shrimp	ebi

lobster	robusutā
bread	pan
egg	tamago
cheese	chīzu
rice	(o)kome, gohan (cooked rice)
vegetable	yasai
lettuce	retasu
tomato	tomato
carrot	ninjin
cucumber	kyūri
bell pepper	pīman
fruit	kudamono, furūtsu
apple	ringo
orange	orenji
banana	banana
pear	nashi
grapes	budō
drink	nomimono
water	mizu
milk	gyūnyū, miruku
juice	jūsu
coffee	kōhī
tea	kōcha, ocha
wine	wain
beer	bīru

soft drink, soda	seiryōinryō, sufotodorinku, sōda
salt	shio
pepper	koshō
sugar	satō
honey	hachimitsu
hot/cold	atsui/tsumetai
sweet/sour	amai/suppai

8. OUT ON THE TOWN

Where can I find...	...wa doko desuka?
...an art museum?	Bijutsukan
...a museum of natural history?	Kagaku hakubutsukan
...a history museum?	Rekishi hakubutsukan
...a gallery?	Gyarari
...interesting architecture?	Omoshiroi kenchikubutsu
...a church?	Kyōkai
...the zoo?	Dōbutsuen
I'd like...	
...to see a play.	Geki ga mitai desu.
...to see a movie.	Eiga ga mitai desu.
...to go to a concert.	Konsāto ni ikitai desu.
...to go to the opera.	Opera ni ikitai desu.
...to go sightseeing.	Kankō ga shitai desu.
...to go on a bike ride.	Jitensha ni noritai desu.

March	San gatsu
April	Shi gatsu
May	Go gatsu
June	Roku gatsu
July	Shichi gatsu
August	Hachi gatsu
September	Ku gatsu
October	Jū gatsu
November	Jū ichi gatsu
December	Jū ni gatsu
What is the date today?	Kyō wa nan nichi desuka?
Today is Thursday, September 22nd.	Kyō wa ku gatsu ni jū ni nichi, moku yōbi desu.
Yesterday was Wednesday, September 21st.	Kinō wa kugatsu ni jū ichi nichi, sui yōbi deshita.
Tomorrow is Friday, September 23rd.	Ashita wa ku gatsu ni jū san nichi, kin yōbi desu.

14. STAYING CONNECTED

Where can I find...	...wa doko desuka?
...a telephone?	Denwa
...a fax machine?	Fakkusu
...an internet connection?	Intānetto
How do I call the United States?	Amerika ni denwa o kaketai n desuga.

9. SHOPPING

Where is the best place to go shopping for...	...o kaitai n desuga, doko ga ichiban ii desuka?
...clothes?	Yōfuku
...food?	Tabemono
...souvenirs?	Omiyage
...furniture?	Kagu
...fabric?	Nuno
...antiques?	Antīku
...books?	Hon
...sporting goods?	Supōtsu yōhin
...electronics?	Denki selhin
...computers?	Konpyūtā

10. ASKING DIRECTIONS

Excuse me.	Sumimasen.
Where is...	...wa doko desuka?
...the bus stop?	Basu tei
...the subway station?	Chikatetsu no eki
...the restroom?	Otearai
...the taxi stand?	Takushī noriba
...the nearest bank?	Chikaku no ginkō
...the hotel?	Hoteru
To the right.	Migi ni itte kudasai.
To the left.	Higdari ni itte kudasai.
Straight ahead.	Massugu itte kudasai.

I need...	
...a fax sent.	Fakkusu o okuritai n desuga.
...a hook-up to the internet.	Intānetto ni setsuzokushitai n desuga.
...a computer.	Konpyūtā o tsukaitai n desuga.
...a package sent overnight.	Kozutsumi o sokutatsu de okuritai n desuga.

15. EMERGENCIES AND SAFETY

Help!	Tasukete(kudasai)!
Fire!	Kaji da(desu)!
I need a doctor.	Isha o yonde kudasai.
Call an ambulance!	Kyūkyūsha o yonde kudasai.
What happened?	Dōshimashitaka?
I am very sick.	Byōki desu.
My husband is having a heart attack.	Shujin ga shinzō hossa o okoshiteimasu.
My wife is choking.	Tsuma ga chissoku shiteimasu.
My friend is losing consciousness.	Tomodachi ga ishiki o ushinatteimasu.
I am about to vomit.	Hakike ga shimasu.
Someone is having a seizure.	Dareka ga hossa o okoshiteimasu.
I am stuck.	Hasamatte shimaimashita.
I can't breathe.	Iki ga dekimasen.

It's near here.	Kono chikaku desu.
Go back.	Modotte kudasai.
It's next to...	...no tonari desu.

11. NUMBERS

0	zero/rei	19	jū kyū/jū ku
1	ichi	20	ni jū
2	ni	21	ni jū ichi
3	san	22	ni jū ni
4	yon/shi	23	ni jū san
5	go	30	san jū
6	roku	40	yon jū
7	nana/shichi	50	go jū
8	hachi	60	roku jū
9	ky/ku	70	nana jū
10	jū	80	hachi jū
11	jū ichi	90	kyū jū
12	jū ni	100	hyaku
13	jū san	1,000	sen
14	jū yon/jū shi	1,100	sen hyaku
15	jū go	2,000	ni sen
16	jū roku	10,000	ichi man
17	jū nana/jū shichi	100,000	jū man
18	jū hachi	1,000,000	hyaku man

I tripped and fell.	Tsumazuite korobimashita.
I cut myself.	Kitte shimaimashita.
I drank too much.	Nomisugimashita.
I don't know.	Wakarimasen.
I've injured my...	...ni kega o shimashita.
...head	Atama
...neck	Kubi
...back	Senaka
...arm	Ude
...leg	Ashi
...foot	Ashi
...eye	Me
I've been robbed.	Dorobō ni aimashita.

12. TIME

What time is it?	Ima nan ji desuka?
It is noon.	Shōgo desu.
It is midnight.	Mayonaka desu.
It is 9:00 AM.	Gozen ku ji desu.
It is 1:00 PM.	Gogo ichi ji desu.
It is 3 o'clock.	San ji desu.
It's 5:15.	Goji jūgo fun desu.
It's 7:30.	Shichi ji han desu.
It's 9:45.	Ku ji yon jū go fun desu.
now	ima
later	ato(de)
immediately	shikyū
soon	sugu

13. DAYS AND MONTHS

Monday	Getsu yōbi
Tuesday	Ka yōbi
Wednesday	Sui yōbi
Thursday	Moku yōbi
Friday	Kin yōbi
Saturday	Do yōbi
Sunday	Nichi yōbi
What day is today?	Kyō wa nan yōbi desuka?
January	Ichi gatsu
February	Ni gatsu