

Japanese Survival Phrases



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Greetings あいさつ



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| 1. Good morning. | Ohayou gozaimasu / Ohayou |
| 2. Good afternoon. | Konnichiwa |
| 3. Good evening. | Konbanwa |
| 4. Good night. | Oyasuminasai / Oyasumi |
| 5. Good Bye. | Sayounara. |
| 6. Thank you. | Doumo arigatou / Arigatou |
| 7. Thank you very much. | Doumo arigatou gozaimasu. |
| 8. You are welcome. | Dou itashimashite. |
| 9. Long time no see. | Shibaraku desu ne. |
| 10. It's been a long time. | Ohisashiburi desu. |
| 11. Happy Birthday. | Tanjoubi omedetou. |
| 12. Happy New Years. | Akemashite omedetou. |
| 13. Bye. | Bai bai. |
| 14. See you. | Jaa ne. / Jaa. |
| 15. See you again. | Ja mata. |
| 16. How are you? | O-genki desu ka. |
| 17. I am fine. | Genki desu. |

Self Introduction じこしょうかい



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| 18. Nice to meet you. | Hajimemashite. |
| 19. What is your name? | Onamae wa nan desu ka. |
| 20. I am <u>Tanaka</u> . (polite and humble) | <u>Tanaka</u> to moushimasu. |
| 21. I am <u>Tanaka</u> . (simple but correct) | <u>Tanaka</u> desu. |
| 22. Let's be nice to each other.
(There is no exact translation available, but this phrase is said when you first meet somebody usually after you have said your name. It is also used in many other occasions to mean "I request of you." when one person is requesting something of someone.) | Yoroshiku onegai shimasu. |
| 23. Where did you come from? | Doko kara kimashita ka. |
| 24. I came from _____. | _____ kara kimashita. |
| 25. Where do you live? | Doko ni sundeimasu ka. |
| 26. I live in _____. | _____ ni sudeimasu. |

27. How old are you?
28. I am 25 years old.

Nan-sai desu ka.
Ni-juu go sai desu.

29. How old do I look?
30. You look _____.

Nan-sai ni miemasu ka.
_____ ni miemasu.

Communication コミュニケーション



31. I am studying Japanese.
32. Do you understand?
33. Yes, I understand.
34. No, I don't understand.

Nihongo o benkyou shiteimasu.
Wakarimasu ka.
Hai, wakarimasu.
iie, wakarimasen.

35. Do you speak Japanese?
36. Do you speak English?
37. A little.
38. Not at all.

Nihongo ga hanasemasu ka.
Eigo ga hanasemasu ka.
Sukoshi.
Zenzen.

39. Please say it once again.
40. Please speak more slowly.
41. Please speak more clearly. (this could be rude)

Mou ichido itte kudasai.
Motto yukkuri itte kudasai.
Motto hakkiri itte kudasai.

42. Wait a moment please.
43. Go ahead / please
44. Excuse me.
45. I am sorry. / Please forgive me.

Chotto matte kudasai.
Douzo
Sumimasen.
Gomenasai.

46. What is it in Japanese?
47. What is it in English?

Nihongo de nan desu ka.
Eigo de nan desu ka.

Shopping おかいもの



48. How much is it?
49. It's 400 yen.
50. It's 22 dollars.
51. It's _____ dollars.
52. It's _____ yen.

Ikura desu ka.
Yon hyaku en desu.
Ni-juu-ni doru desu.
_____ doru desu.
_____ en desu.

53. It's expensive.
54. It's cheap.

Takai desu.
Yasui desu.

At a Restaurant レストランで



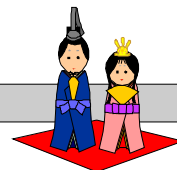
- 55. A menu please.
- 56. Water please.
- 57. More please.
- 58. please.

Menyuu o kudasai.
Mizu o kudasai.
Motto kudasai.
_____ o kudasai.

- 59. It's delicious.
- 60. It's doesn't taste good.
- 61. I am hungry.
- 62. I am thirsty.

Oishii desu.
Oishikunai desu.
Onaka ga sukimashita.
Nodo ga kawakimashita.

Japanese Custom にほんのしゅうかん



- 63. I'm going and I will come back.
(always said by person departing a place they will return to)
- 64. Go and be careful.
(always said to the person departing a place they will return to)

Ittekimasu.
Itterasshai.

- 65. I'm home.
- 66. Welcome home.
- 67. Sorry to disturb you.
(said upon entering someone's house)
- 68. Sorry to have disturbed you.
(said upon leaving someone's house)

Tadaima.
Okaerinasai.
Ojama shimasu.
Ojama shimashita.

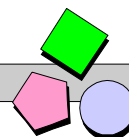
On the Telephone でんわで



- 69. Moshi moshi.
- 70. Is Mr. Honda there?
- 71. Is _____ there?

Hello. (only on the telephone)
Honda san wa irasshaimasu ka.
_____ san wa irasshaimasu ka.

Miscellaneous いろいろ



- 72. Please eat it.
- 73. Please read it.
- 74. Please say it.
- 75. Please write it.

Tabete kudasai.
Yonde kudasai.
Itte kudasai.
Kaite kudasai.