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| **English** | **Japanese** | **Transliteration** |
| Hello/Good day | こんにちは | konnichiwa |
| Hello (on the phone/Skype) | もしもし | moshi moshi |
| How are you? | おげんきですか？ | ogenki desu ka?> |
| I’m good. | げんきです | genki desu |
| Long time no see. | おしゃしぶりです | oshashiburidesu |

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**Polite Phrases**

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| **English** | **Japanese** | **Transliteration** |
| Please | おねがいします | onegaishimasu |
| Thank you so much | どうもありがとうございま | doumo arigatou gozaimasu |
| Excuse me | すみません | sumimasen |
| I’m sorry | ごめんなさい | gomennasai |
| You’re welcome | どういたしまして | douitashimashite |

**Japanese Conversation starters**

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| **English** | **Japanese** | **Transliteration** |
| Are you busy now? | いまいそがしいですか？ | ima isogashii desu ka? |
| What are you plans this weekend? | こんしゅうまつよていがありますか？ | konshuumatsu yotei ga arimasu ka? |
| How is your family? | かぞくのみなさんわいかがですか？ | Kazoku no minasan wa ikaga desu ka? |
| Tell me about yourself | じこしょうかいをおねがいします | jiko shoukai o onegaishimasu |
| What do you think? | どうおもいますか? | dou omoimasu ka? |

**Important questions in Japanese**

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| **English** | **Japanese** | **Transliteration** |
| How do you say that in English? | それわえいごでなんといいますか？ | sore wa eigo de nanto iimasu ka? |
| I don’t understand. | わかりません | wakarimasen |
| I forgot | わすれました | wasuremashita |
| I don’t know. | しりません | shirimasen |
| Can you please say it slowly? | もとゆっくりはんして? | moto yukkuri hanshite? |

**Common responses to questions**

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| **English** | **Japanese** | **Transliteration** |
| Every day | まいにち | mai nichi |
| Sometimes | じじ | jiji |
| Now | いま | ima |
| Later | あとで | atode |
| Maybe | たぶん | tabun |

**Transition words during conversations**

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| **English** | **Japanese** | **Transliteration** |
| That’s a good question | それはよいしつもんですね | Sore wa yoishitsu mondesu ne |
| Alright | だいじょうぶ | daijoubu |
| Wait a moment | ちょっとまってください | chotto matte kudasai |
| Don’t worry | くよくよするな | kuyokuyo suru na |
| Oops | おっとっと | ottotto |

**Conversation Closers**

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| **English** | **Japanese** | **Transliteration** |
| Thank you for your time | おいそがしいところありがとうございました | o isogashii tokoro arigatou gozaimashita |
| see you later | じゃあまた | jaa mata |
| see you | またね | matane |
| Goodbye | さようなら | sayounara |

## Japanese Words for Beginners: An Essential List

### Japanese Greetings:

* Yes: はい (hai)
* No: いいえ (iie)
* Hello: こんにちは (konnichiwa)
* Goodbye: じゃね (ja ne)
* Thank you: ありがとう (arigatou)
* I’m Sorry: ごめんなさい (gomen nasai)
* Excuse me: すみません (sumimasen)

**Japanese Pronouns:**

* I: 私 (*watashi*)
* You: あなた (*anata*)
* This: これ (*kore*)
* That: それ (*sore*)
* He: 彼 (*kare*)
* She: 彼女 (*kanojo*)
* They: 彼ら (*karera*)

**Japanese Numbers:**

* One: いち (*ichi*)
* Two: に (*ni*)
* Three: さん (*san*)
* Four: し (*shi*) or よん (*yon*)
* Five: ご (*go*)
* Six: ろく (*roku*)
* Seven: なな (*nana*) or しち (*shichi*)
* Eight: はち (*hachi*)
* Nine: く (*ku*) or きゅう (*kyuu*)
* Ten: じゅう (*juu*)

**Time in Japanese:**

* Today: 今日 (*kyou*)
* Tomorrow: 明日 (*ashita*)
* Yesterday: 昨日 (*kinou*)
* Now: 今 (*ima*)
* Before: 前に (*mae ni*)
* Later: 後で (*ato de*)

Noun

**People**

* [にんげん](https://en.wiktionary.org/wiki/%E3%81%AB%E3%82%93%E3%81%92%E3%82%93#Japanese)、[人間](https://en.wiktionary.org/wiki/%E4%BA%BA%E9%96%93#Japanese) – human (*ningen*)
* [じんるい](https://en.wiktionary.org/wiki/%E3%81%98%E3%82%93%E3%82%8B%E3%81%84#Japanese)、[人類](https://en.wiktionary.org/wiki/%E4%BA%BA%E9%A1%9E#Japanese) – humanity (*jinrui*)
* [ひと](https://en.wiktionary.org/wiki/%E3%81%B2%E3%81%A8#Japanese)、[人](https://en.wiktionary.org/wiki/%E4%BA%BA#Japanese) – person (*hito*)
* [おとこ](https://en.wiktionary.org/wiki/%E3%81%8A%E3%81%A8%E3%81%93#Japanese)、[男](https://en.wiktionary.org/wiki/%E7%94%B7#Japanese) – male (*otoko*)
* [おとこのひと](https://en.wiktionary.org/wiki/%E3%81%8A%E3%81%A8%E3%81%93%E3%81%AE%E3%81%B2%E3%81%A8#Japanese)、[男の人](https://en.wiktionary.org/wiki/%E7%94%B7%E3%81%AE%E4%BA%BA#Japanese) – man (*otokonohito*)
* [おとこのこ](https://en.wiktionary.org/wiki/%E3%81%8A%E3%81%A8%E3%81%93%E3%81%AE%E3%81%93#Japanese)、[男の子](https://en.wiktionary.org/wiki/%E7%94%B7%E3%81%AE%E5%AD%90#Japanese) – boy (*otokonoko*)
* [おんな](https://en.wiktionary.org/wiki/%E3%81%8A%E3%82%93%E3%81%AA#Japanese)、[女](https://en.wiktionary.org/wiki/%E5%A5%B3#Japanese) – female (*onna*)
* [おんなのひと](https://en.wiktionary.org/wiki/%E3%81%8A%E3%82%93%E3%81%AA%E3%81%AE%E3%81%B2%E3%81%A8#Japanese)、[女の人](https://en.wiktionary.org/wiki/%E5%A5%B3%E3%81%AE%E4%BA%BA#Japanese) – woman (*onnanohito*)
* [おんなのこ](https://en.wiktionary.org/wiki/%E3%81%8A%E3%82%93%E3%81%AA%E3%81%AE%E3%81%93#Japanese)、[女の子](https://en.wiktionary.org/wiki/%E5%A5%B3%E3%81%AE%E5%AD%90#Japanese) – girl (*onnanoko*)
* [あかちゃん](https://en.wiktionary.org/wiki/%E3%81%82%E3%81%8B%E3%81%A1%E3%82%83%E3%82%93#Japanese)、[赤ちゃん](https://en.wiktionary.org/wiki/%E8%B5%A4%E3%81%A1%E3%82%83%E3%82%93#Japanese) – baby (*akachan*)
* [わかもの](https://en.wiktionary.org/wiki/%E3%82%8F%E3%81%8B%E3%82%82%E3%81%AE#Japanese)、[若者](https://en.wiktionary.org/wiki/%E8%8B%A5%E8%80%85#Japanese) – youth, young person (*wakamono*)
* [わたし](https://en.wiktionary.org/wiki/%E3%82%8F%E3%81%9F%E3%81%97#Japanese)、[私](https://en.wiktionary.org/wiki/%E7%A7%81#Japanese) – I, myself (*watashi*)
* [わたくし](https://en.wiktionary.org/wiki/%E3%82%8F%E3%81%9F%E3%81%8F%E3%81%97#Japanese)、[私](https://en.wiktionary.org/wiki/%E7%A7%81#Japanese) – I, myself (*watakushi* [most formal])
* [ぼく](https://en.wiktionary.org/wiki/%E3%81%BC%E3%81%8F#Japanese)、[僕](https://en.wiktionary.org/wiki/%E5%83%95#Japanese) – I, myself (*boku*, mainly used by males)
* [おれ](https://en.wiktionary.org/wiki/%E3%81%8A%E3%82%8C#Japanese)、[俺](https://en.wiktionary.org/wiki/%E4%BF%BA#Japanese) – I, myself (*ore*, mainly used by males [informal])
* [あたし](https://en.wiktionary.org/wiki/%E3%81%82%E3%81%9F%E3%81%97#Japanese)、[私](https://en.wiktionary.org/wiki/%E7%A7%81#Japanese) – I, myself (*atashi*, mainly used by females [softer sounding])
* [しょうじょ](https://en.wiktionary.org/wiki/%E3%81%97%E3%82%87%E3%81%86%E3%81%98%E3%82%87#Japanese)、[少女](https://en.wiktionary.org/wiki/%E5%B0%91%E5%A5%B3#Japanese) – girl (*shoujo*)
* [しょうねん](https://en.wiktionary.org/wiki/%E3%81%97%E3%82%87%E3%81%86%E3%81%AD%E3%82%93#Japanese)、[少年](https://en.wiktionary.org/wiki/%E5%B0%91%E5%B9%B4#Japanese) – boy (*shounen*)

**Occupations**

* [いしゃ](https://en.wiktionary.org/wiki/%E3%81%84%E3%81%97%E3%82%83#Japanese)、[医者](https://en.wiktionary.org/wiki/%E5%8C%BB%E8%80%85#Japanese) – doctor (*isha*)
* [かんごし](https://en.wiktionary.org/wiki/%E3%81%8B%E3%82%93%E3%81%94%E3%81%97#Japanese)、[看護師](https://en.wiktionary.org/wiki/%E7%9C%8B%E8%AD%B7%E5%B8%AB#Japanese) – nurse (*kangoshi*)
* [かんごふ](https://en.wiktionary.org/wiki/%E3%81%8B%E3%82%93%E3%81%94%E3%81%B5#Japanese)、[看護婦](https://en.wiktionary.org/wiki/%E7%9C%8B%E8%AD%B7%E5%A9%A6#Japanese) – female nurse (*kangofu*)
* [しかい](https://en.wiktionary.org/wiki/%E3%81%97%E3%81%8B%E3%81%84#Japanese)、[歯科医](https://en.wiktionary.org/wiki/%E6%AD%AF%E7%A7%91%E5%8C%BB#Japanese)、[はいしゃ](https://en.wiktionary.org/wiki/%E3%81%AF%E3%81%84%E3%81%97%E3%82%83#Japanese)、[歯医者](https://en.wiktionary.org/wiki/%E6%AD%AF%E5%8C%BB%E8%80%85#Japanese) – dentist (*shikai, ha-isha*)
* [せいじか](https://en.wiktionary.org/wiki/%E3%81%9B%E3%81%84%E3%81%98%E3%81%8B#Japanese)、[政治家](https://en.wiktionary.org/wiki/%E6%94%BF%E6%B2%BB%E5%AE%B6#Japanese) – politician (*seijika*)
* [べんごし](https://en.wiktionary.org/wiki/%E3%81%B9%E3%82%93%E3%81%94%E3%81%97#Japanese)、[弁護士](https://en.wiktionary.org/wiki/%E5%BC%81%E8%AD%B7%E5%A3%AB#Japanese) – lawyer (*bengoshi*)
* [しょうぼうし](https://en.wiktionary.org/wiki/%E3%81%97%E3%82%87%E3%81%86%E3%81%BC%E3%81%86%E3%81%97#Japanese)、[消防士](https://en.wiktionary.org/wiki/%E6%B6%88%E9%98%B2%E5%A3%AB#Japanese) – firefighter (*shouboushi*)
* [けいさつかん](https://en.wiktionary.org/wiki/%E3%81%91%E3%81%84%E3%81%95%E3%81%A4%E3%81%8B%E3%82%93#Japanese)、[警察官](https://en.wiktionary.org/wiki/%E8%AD%A6%E5%AF%9F%E5%AE%98#Japanese) – police officer (*keisatsukan*)
* [へいし](https://en.wiktionary.org/wiki/%E3%81%B8%E3%81%84%E3%81%97#Japanese)、[兵士](https://en.wiktionary.org/wiki/%E5%85%B5%E5%A3%AB#Japanese) – soldier (*heishi*)
* [けんちくか](https://en.wiktionary.org/wiki/%E3%81%91%E3%82%93%E3%81%A1%E3%81%8F%E3%81%8B#Japanese)、[建築家](https://en.wiktionary.org/wiki/%E5%BB%BA%E7%AF%89%E5%AE%B6#Japanese) – architect (*kenchikuka*)
* [せんせい](https://en.wiktionary.org/wiki/%E3%81%9B%E3%82%93%E3%81%9B%E3%81%84#Japanese)、[先生](https://en.wiktionary.org/wiki/%E5%85%88%E7%94%9F#Japanese) – teacher (*sensei*)
* [きょうし](https://en.wiktionary.org/wiki/%E3%81%8D%E3%82%87%E3%81%86%E3%81%97#Japanese)、[教師](https://en.wiktionary.org/wiki/%E6%95%99%E5%B8%AB#Japanese) – (academic) teacher (*kyoushi*)
* [かしゅ](https://en.wiktionary.org/wiki/%E3%81%8B%E3%81%97%E3%82%85#Japanese)、[歌手](https://en.wiktionary.org/wiki/%E6%AD%8C%E6%89%8B#Japanese) – singer (*kashu*)
* [エンジニア](https://en.wiktionary.org/wiki/%E3%82%A8%E3%83%B3%E3%82%B8%E3%83%8B%E3%82%A2#Japanese) – engineer(*enjinia*)

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* [あし](https://en.wiktionary.org/wiki/%E3%81%82%E3%81%97#Japanese)、[足](https://en.wiktionary.org/wiki/%E8%B6%B3#Japanese)、[脚](https://en.wiktionary.org/wiki/%E8%84%9A#Japanese) – foot, leg (*ashi*)
* [かかと](https://en.wiktionary.org/wiki/%E3%81%8B%E3%81%8B%E3%81%A8#Japanese)、[踵](https://en.wiktionary.org/wiki/%E8%B8%B5#Japanese) – heel (*kakato*)
* [すね](https://en.wiktionary.org/wiki/%E3%81%99%E3%81%AD#Japanese)、[脛](https://en.wiktionary.org/wiki/%E8%84%9B#Japanese) – shin (*sune*)
* [ひざ](https://en.wiktionary.org/wiki/%E3%81%B2%E3%81%96#Japanese)、[膝](https://en.wiktionary.org/wiki/%E8%86%9D#Japanese) – knee (*hiza*)
* [もも](https://en.wiktionary.org/wiki/%E3%82%82%E3%82%82#Japanese)、[腿](https://en.wiktionary.org/wiki/%E8%85%BF#Japanese) – thigh (*momo*)
* [あたま](https://en.wiktionary.org/wiki/%E3%81%82%E3%81%9F%E3%81%BE#Japanese)、[頭](https://en.wiktionary.org/wiki/%E9%A0%AD#Japanese) – head (*atama*)
* [かお](https://en.wiktionary.org/wiki/%E3%81%8B%E3%81%8A#Japanese)、[顔](https://en.wiktionary.org/wiki/%E9%A1%94#Japanese) – face (*kao*)
* [くち](https://en.wiktionary.org/wiki/%E3%81%8F%E3%81%A1#Japanese)、[口](https://en.wiktionary.org/wiki/%E5%8F%A3#Japanese) – mouth (*kuchi*)
* [くちびる](https://en.wiktionary.org/wiki/%E3%81%8F%E3%81%A1%E3%81%B3%E3%82%8B#Japanese)、[唇](https://en.wiktionary.org/wiki/%E5%94%87#Japanese) – lips (*kuchibiru*)
* [は](https://en.wiktionary.org/wiki/%E3%81%AF#Japanese)、[歯](https://en.wiktionary.org/wiki/%E6%AD%AF#Japanese) – tooth (*ha*)
* [はな](https://en.wiktionary.org/wiki/%E3%81%AF%E3%81%AA#Japanese)、[鼻](https://en.wiktionary.org/wiki/%E9%BC%BB#Japanese) – nose (*hana*)
* [め](https://en.wiktionary.org/wiki/%E3%82%81#Japanese)、[目](https://en.wiktionary.org/wiki/%E7%9B%AE#Japanese) – eye (*me*)
* [ひげ](https://en.wiktionary.org/wiki/%E3%81%B2%E3%81%92#Japanese)、[髭](https://en.wiktionary.org/wiki/%E9%AB%AD#Japanese)、[鬚](https://en.wiktionary.org/wiki/%E9%AC%9A#Japanese)、[髯](https://en.wiktionary.org/wiki/%E9%AB%AF#Japanese) – moustache, beard (*hige*)
* [かみ](https://en.wiktionary.org/wiki/%E3%81%8B%E3%81%BF#Japanese)、[髪](https://en.wiktionary.org/wiki/%E9%AB%AA#Japanese) – hair (*kami*)
* [みみ](https://en.wiktionary.org/wiki/%E3%81%BF%E3%81%BF#Japanese)、[耳](https://en.wiktionary.org/wiki/%E8%80%B3#Japanese) – ear (*mimi*)
* [おなか](https://en.wiktionary.org/wiki/%E3%81%8A%E3%81%AA%E3%81%8B#Japanese)、[御腹](https://en.wiktionary.org/wiki/%E5%BE%A1%E8%85%B9#Japanese) – stomach (*onaka*)
* [うで](https://en.wiktionary.org/wiki/%E3%81%86%E3%81%A7#Japanese)、[腕](https://en.wiktionary.org/wiki/%E8%85%95#Japanese) – arm (*ude*)
* [ひじ](https://en.wiktionary.org/wiki/%E3%81%B2%E3%81%98#Japanese)、[肘](https://en.wiktionary.org/wiki/%E8%82%98#Japanese) – elbow (*hiji*)
* [かた](https://en.wiktionary.org/wiki/%E3%81%8B%E3%81%9F#Japanese)、[肩](https://en.wiktionary.org/wiki/%E8%82%A9#Japanese) – shoulder (*kata*)
* [つめ](https://en.wiktionary.org/wiki/%E3%81%A4%E3%82%81#Japanese)、[爪](https://en.wiktionary.org/wiki/%E7%88%AA#Japanese) – nail (*tsume*)
* [て](https://en.wiktionary.org/wiki/%E3%81%A6#Japanese)、[手](https://en.wiktionary.org/wiki/%E6%89%8B#Japanese) – hand (*te*)
* [てくび](https://en.wiktionary.org/wiki/%E3%81%A6%E3%81%8F%E3%81%B3#Japanese)、[手首](https://en.wiktionary.org/wiki/%E6%89%8B%E9%A6%96#Japanese) – wrist (*tekubi*)
* [てのひら](https://en.wiktionary.org/wiki/%E3%81%A6%E3%81%AE%E3%81%B2%E3%82%89#Japanese)、[掌](https://en.wiktionary.org/wiki/%E6%8E%8C#Japanese)、[手の平](https://en.wiktionary.org/wiki/%E6%89%8B%E3%81%AE%E5%B9%B3#Japanese) – palm of hand (*te-no-hira*)
* [ゆび](https://en.wiktionary.org/wiki/%E3%82%86%E3%81%B3#Japanese)、[指](https://en.wiktionary.org/wiki/%E6%8C%87#Japanese) – finger, toe (*yubi*)
* [しり](https://en.wiktionary.org/wiki/%E3%81%97%E3%82%8A#Japanese)、[尻](https://en.wiktionary.org/wiki/%E5%B0%BB#Japanese) – buttocks (*shiri*)
* [おなか](https://en.wiktionary.org/wiki/%E3%81%8A%E3%81%AA%E3%81%8B#Japanese)、[お腹](https://en.wiktionary.org/wiki/%E3%81%8A%E8%85%B9#Japanese) （[はら](https://en.wiktionary.org/wiki/%E3%81%AF%E3%82%89#Japanese)、[腹](https://en.wiktionary.org/wiki/%E8%85%B9#Japanese)） – abdomen (*o-naka*)
* [かんぞう](https://en.wiktionary.org/wiki/%E3%81%8B%E3%82%93%E3%81%9E%E3%81%86#Japanese)、[肝臓](https://en.wiktionary.org/wiki/%E8%82%9D%E8%87%93#Japanese) – liver (*kanzō*)
* [きも](https://en.wiktionary.org/wiki/%E3%81%8D%E3%82%82#Japanese)、[肝](https://en.wiktionary.org/wiki/%E8%82%9D#Japanese) – liver (*kimo*)
* [きんにく](https://en.wiktionary.org/wiki/%E3%81%8D%E3%82%93%E3%81%AB%E3%81%8F#Japanese)、[筋肉](https://en.wiktionary.org/wiki/%E7%AD%8B%E8%82%89#Japanese) – muscle (*kin'niku*)
* [くび](https://en.wiktionary.org/wiki/%E3%81%8F%E3%81%B3#Japanese)、[首](https://en.wiktionary.org/wiki/%E9%A6%96#Japanese) – neck (*kubi*)
* [こころ](https://en.wiktionary.org/wiki/%E3%81%93%E3%81%93%E3%82%8D#Japanese)、[心](https://en.wiktionary.org/wiki/%E5%BF%83#Japanese) – heart [as in feelings] (*kokoro*)
* [こし](https://en.wiktionary.org/wiki/%E3%81%93%E3%81%97#Japanese)、[腰](https://en.wiktionary.org/wiki/%E8%85%B0#Japanese) – waist, hip (*koshi*)
* [しんぞう](https://en.wiktionary.org/wiki/%E3%81%97%E3%82%93%E3%81%9E%E3%81%86#Japanese)、[心臓](https://en.wiktionary.org/wiki/%E5%BF%83%E8%87%93#Japanese) – heart (*shinzō*)
* [せなか](https://en.wiktionary.org/wiki/%E3%81%9B%E3%81%AA%E3%81%8B#Japanese)、[背中](https://en.wiktionary.org/wiki/%E8%83%8C%E4%B8%AD#Japanese) – back (*senaka*)
* [ち](https://en.wiktionary.org/wiki/%E3%81%A1#Japanese)、[血](https://en.wiktionary.org/wiki/%E8%A1%80#Japanese) – blood (*chi*)
* [にく](https://en.wiktionary.org/wiki/%E3%81%AB%E3%81%8F#Japanese)、[肉](https://en.wiktionary.org/wiki/%E8%82%89#Japanese) – meat (*niku*)
* [はだ](https://en.wiktionary.org/wiki/%E3%81%AF%E3%81%A0#Japanese)、[肌](https://en.wiktionary.org/wiki/%E8%82%8C#Japanese)、[膚](https://en.wiktionary.org/wiki/%E8%86%9A#Japanese) – skin (*hada*)
* [ひふ](https://en.wiktionary.org/wiki/%E3%81%B2%E3%81%B5#Japanese)、[皮膚](https://en.wiktionary.org/wiki/%E7%9A%AE%E8%86%9A#Japanese) – skin (*hifu*)
* [ほね](https://en.wiktionary.org/wiki/%E3%81%BB%E3%81%AD#Japanese)、[骨](https://en.wiktionary.org/wiki/%E9%AA%A8#Japanese) – bone (*hone*)
* [むね](https://en.wiktionary.org/wiki/%E3%82%80%E3%81%AD#Japanese)、[胸](https://en.wiktionary.org/wiki/%E8%83%B8#Japanese) – chest (*mune*)
* [かぜ](https://en.wiktionary.org/wiki/%E3%81%8B%E3%81%9C#Japanese)、[風邪](https://en.wiktionary.org/wiki/%E9%A2%A8%E9%82%AA#Japanese) – cold [illness] (*kaze*)
* [げり](https://en.wiktionary.org/wiki/%E3%81%92%E3%82%8A#Japanese)、[下痢](https://en.wiktionary.org/wiki/%E4%B8%8B%E7%97%A2#Japanese) – diarrhea (*geri*)
* [びょうき](https://en.wiktionary.org/wiki/%E3%81%B3%E3%82%87%E3%81%86%E3%81%8D#Japanese)、[病気](https://en.wiktionary.org/wiki/%E7%97%85%E6%B0%97#Japanese) – illness (*byōki*)