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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**[[edit](https://en.wiktionary.org/w/index.php?title=Appendix:1000_Japanese_basic_words&action=edit&section=3)]

* [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*)