

# Vocabulary

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Do note, There will be duplicates, Japanese is just that way. Also note that this is a list that **will not provide all kanji nor all possible kanji readings**; there are simply too many to put into a single list. Instead, this list tries to be a large repository for the Japanese learner providing the most common kanji used for specific words and ideas. This also means that this list will try to give the most common readings for these kanji. This is an difficult task and there will be mistakes made, but I will still try to preserve the specificity that each kanji has within the **Notes** Section of the list when necessary. As for Mnemonics, these are for the learner's benefit but are not absolutely necessary for growth.

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**Note:** Please use search functionality, I don't want you to torture yourself.

Type	English	Kanji	Hira/katagana	Mnemonics	Notes
Noun	Phone	電話	でんわ	Go get your phone, but <b>then what?</b>	
Noun	Number	番号	ばんごう	pull your number, and get a <b>bongo</b> in the auction	The kanji here can be seperated and made into their meaning of the work
Noun	Me	私	わたし	<b>What</b> about me?	Made up of kanji that
Noun	Friend	友	とも	<b>no more</b> my friend.	
Noun	Friend	友達	ともたち	<b>no more touchy</b> friend	
Title	Mr./Ms./Mz.	N/A	さん	Do you want to give the mr man a <b>san</b> dwich	This serves as a title for those who are above you in social heirarchy
Determiner	This one	此れ	これ	this one is <b>coral?</b>	
Determiner	That one	其れ	それ	<b>So</b> , Can I have that one?	
Determiner	That over There	彼	あれ	<b>ah, eh</b> , that one over there	
Determiner	Which one	何れ	どれ	Which one comes first? is it <b>do re mi</b> fa...	
Determiner	this...	此の	この	this is the <b>corner</b> where the cat excreated	
Determiner	that...	其の	その	that <b>sonar</b> on the submarines is dangerous to wildlife	
Determiner	that... (over there)	彼の	あの	that over there has only been there	

				for an <b>ano</b> (spanish for year)	
Determiner	which...	何の	どの	I <b>donno</b> which to choose.	
Determiner	here	此処	ここ	here is <b>koko</b> my dog	The hiragana is more commonly written compared to the kanji, and this kanji seems to be here solely to serve the purpose of a determiner
Verb	Get up (from sleep)	起きる	おきる		
Verb	See	見る	みる		This is a general verb that typically means a percieve something with the sense of vision or can be used in a metaphorical way (ex. "he watches over her as her parent")
Verb	Speak	話す	はなす		
Verb	Listen	聞く	きく		
Verb	Go	行く	いく		
Verb	Read	読む	よむ		
Verb	Drink	飲む	のむ		
Verb	To return	帰る	かえる		This can also imply the act of returning to home without explicit declaration of the location
Verb	Come	来る	くる		This is an Irregular Verb
Verb	Do	為る	する		This is an Irregular Verb
Verb	Study (to do studies)	研究	けんきゅう		This is actually a verb acting upon a noun. This is an example of how one can use the verb "to do" in various situations, serving as a copula.
Determiner	there	其処	そこ	there is <b>soko</b> my	The hiragana is more

				other dog	commonly written compared to the kanji, and this kanji seems to be here solely to serve the purpose of a determiner
Determiner	over there	彼処	あそこ	and over there by the barn is my third dog, <b>asoko</b>	The hiragana is more commonly written compared to the kanji,
Determiner	where	何処	どこ	now where is <b>doko</b> ?	The hiragana is more commonly written compared to the kanji,
Determiner	who	誰	だれ	<b>da, reh,</b> who knows!	
Determiner	how much, as much	幾ら	いくら	how much does this <b>equal</b> ?	The kanji really serves more like a way to mark quantity, doesn't rely on any particular context. Usually written in kana
Noun	Umbrella	傘	かさ	You can leave your umbrella in the <b>casa</b> (spanish for house), it is sunny.	This kanji can also resolve to the general idea of being under something, whether it be literally or metaphorically
Noun	Bag	鞆	かばん	We take our bags into the <b>cabin</b> for the long night	
Noun	Present	贈り物	おくりもの		As in, a gift.
Question Word/Adverb	how; in what way; how about	如何	どうなに	<b>does</b> it matter how the <b>nanny</b> does her job?	
Suffix	Hour, o'clock, time	時	じ	It's peanut butter <b>Jelly</b> time	This kanji has multiple Common Readings.
Noun	Watch	時計	とけい	It's "Token" time!	
Adverb	now; the present time; just now; soon; immediately	今	いま	<b>ima</b> go now.	

Noun	Book	本	ほん	Thats the book with <b>hon</b> solo!	
Noun	Father	お父さん	おとうさん		
Noun	Mother	お母さん	おかあさん		
Noun	Shoe	靴	くつ	Such a <b>cute shoe</b> !	
Noun	Vegetable	野菜	やさい		
Noun	Cat	猫	ねこ		
Noun	Computer	電子計算機	コンピュータ		The kanji here is not as common as the katagana
Verb	Design	設計	せつけい		The verb design also has a katagana translation
Noun	Design	設計	デザイン		
Noun	Design	模様	もよう		This serves more as a description via perception rather than a design itself
Noun	Screen	網戸	あみど		As in, Window bug screen
Noun	Screen	画面	がめん		As in, TV screen
Verb	Play	遊ぶ	あそぶ		As in, enjoy ones' self
Verb	Play	弾く	ひく		As in, Play an instrument
Noun	Play	芝居	しばい		As in, a play drama or acting
Noun	Play	戯曲	ぎきよく		As in, a play or drama
Verb	To eat	食べる	たべる	I need to feed my <b>tummy</b> with a baby <b>ruth</b>	
Noun	Soup	汁	スープ		The kanji here serves as a Suffix. For example Bean soup.
Noun	Food	食	くう		This kanji also serves as the verb "to eat"
Noun	Population	人口	じんこう	Is <b>gin</b> and <b>tonic</b> popular among this population?	
Noun	Common Talk	人口	じんこう		
Noun	Wallet	財布	さいふ		
Noun	Box	箱	はこ		
Noun	Suit(dress)	N/A	スーツ		
Verb	To Suit,  To fit,	適する			This verb uses the kanji that means something that is qualified to do something.

					”The scaple suited the doctor’s needs”
Noun	Money	お金	おかね		
Noun	Yen	円	えん		
Noun	Milk	牛乳	ぎゅうにゅう		As in, milk from a cow
Noun	Egg	卵	たまご		
Noun	Pencil	鉛筆	えんぴつ		
Noun	Hat	帽子	ぼうし		
Noun	Teacher	先生	せんせい		
Noun	Chair	椅子	いす		
Noun	Ice Cream	N/A	アイスクリーム		
Verb	To do	為る	する		
Verb	To Sleep	寝る	ねる		
Verb	To Sleep	眠る	ねむる		This verb can be used as a euphemism for death or idleness
Verb	To cry	泣く	なく		The pronunciation here can also attributed to 鳴く which describes animal cries/noises
Verb	To carry	運ぶ	はこぶ		
Verb	To Have, Possess	持つ	もつ		This can mean the general idea to have but also the idea of control and durability
Verb	To want	求める	もとめる		This also can serve as a way to describe a search
Verb	To like	好む	このむ		
Verb	To like	気に入る	きにいる		This can express explicit delight or pleasure found within something, a highetend likeness.
Verb	To recieve	頂く	いただく		This means to receive via various means, i.e. receive water into your body, to recieve by buying etc...
Verb	To buy	買う	かう		This can also mean to have high percieved value of something or someone
Verb	To turn	回す	まわす		This can also refer to the transportation or

					appointment of someone or something.
Verb	To program				
Verb	To direct	言いつける	いいつける		Also can be used to report
Verb	To assist	手伝う	てつだ		A more casual assistance
Verb	To assist	助ける	たすける		Can serve to mean like saving a life
Verb	To raise	育てる	そだてる		As in raising a child
Verb	To build	建てる	だてる		As in, build a building
Noun	Development	発達	はつたつ		There are also many normalizations of verbs that serve as this noun
Verb	To happen	起こる	おこる		
Verb	To pass	通り過ぎる	とおりすぎる		As in, to move beyond
Verb	To yearn	慕う	したう		
Verb	To say	言う	いう		
Adjective	Cold	寒い	さむい		As in, Cold weather and figurative cold. "that was cold joke," this however has no inherent bad connotation, only when used that way
Adjective	Cold	冷たい	つめたい		As in, something is physically cold
Adjective	Warm	暖かい	あたたかい		As in, something is physically warm
Verb	To Sell	売る	うる	oooooo, you sell this?	
Adjective	Large	大型	おおがた		There are many translations for this word in japanese
Adjective	Small	小さい	ちいさい		There are many translations for this word in japanese
Verb	To understand	分かる	わかる		
Adverb	Slowly	N/A	ゆっくり		
Adjective	Slow	遅い	おそい		Time consuming, sluggish, late
Adjective	Slow	徐々	じよじよ		Slow and composed, calm
Adverb	Rapidly	急に	きゆうに		sudden, abruptly, hastily

Adjective	Rapid	急速	きゆうそく		As in, rapid progress
Adjective	Fast	早い	はやい	The taekwondo leaders yell <b>hai'yai</b> to go faster when executing motions	
Verb	To wait	待つ	まつ	I can't wait to get <b>ma shoe</b>	
Verb	To miss	懐かしむ	なつかしむ		As in, the feeling of missing something or someone. Miss is an odd word that has many overlapping translations and has a broader meaning than in english.
Verb	To miss	逸れる	それる		As in, missing the target. Miss is an odd word that has many overlapping translations and has a broader meaning than in english.
Noun	Door	扉	とびら		There are quite a few translations for this.
Noun	Keyboard	N/A	キーボード		As in, piano-like keyboard
Noun	Piano	N/A	ピアノ		
Noun	Manager	社長	しゃちょう		
Verb	To manage	取り締まる	とりします		
Adjective	Good	N/A	いい		
Adjective	Early	早い	はやい		
Noun	Bowl	鉢	はち		As in, cereal bowl or other pot like container
Verb	To Serve	盛る	もる		As in, serve on a plate, to dish out.
Noun	Sword	刀	かたな		
Noun	Coffee	珈琲	珈琲		Usually written with kana alone
Verb	Brew	醸成	じょうせい		As in, brew coffee
Verb	To meditate	考える	かんがえる		General idea of pondering or thinking heavily on something.

Noun	Glass	硝子	ガラス		As in the material glass
Noun	Cup	N/A	カップ		As in, the cuppyou drink from and the measure.
Noun	Candle	蠟燭	ろうそく		There is also a katagana version that gains its pronunciation for english.
Verb	To feed	養う   やしなう		As in, feed the dogs	
Noun	Grass				
Noun	Earth				
Verb	To know	知る	しる		The general idea of having a perception about a true or percieved characteristic of something or someone or one's surroundings
Verb	To cut				
Adjective	Cut				
Noun	Cut				Maybe a possible equivalent To "I have a cut" in japanese
Noun	Fire				
Noun	Flames				
Verb	To clean				