

Basic Japanese Words PDF

Welcome to the world of Japanese language learning!

This guide is designed to help beginners get started with some essential Japanese words and phrases.

Whether you are planning a trip to Japan, interested in the culture, or simply looking to expand your language skills, these foundational words will provide a solid starting point.

Each category includes common vocabulary along with pronunciations to aid in speaking and understanding.

Let's embark on this exciting journey of learning Japanese together!



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1. Common Greetings and Phrases

1. こんにちは (Konnichiwa) - Hello; Pronunciation:
kohn-nee-chee-wah
2. ありがとう (Arigatou) - Thank you; Pronunciation:
ah-ree-gah-toh
3. おはよう (Ohayou) - Good morning; Pronunciation: oh-hah-yoh
4. こんばんは (Konbanwa) - Good evening; Pronunciation:
kohn-bahn-wah
5. さようなら (Sayonara) - Goodbye; Pronunciation:
sah-yoh-nah-rah
6. すみません (Sumimasen) - Excuse me/Sorry; Pronunciation:
soo-mee-mah-sen
7. はい (Hai) - Yes; Pronunciation: hah-ee
8. いいえ (Iie) - No; Pronunciation: ee-eh
9. お願ひします (Onegaishimasu) - Please; Pronunciation:
oh-neh-gah-ee-shee-mahs
10. どういたしまして (Douitashimashite) - You're welcome;
Pronunciation: doh-oo-ee-tah-shee-mah-shee-teh

2. Numbers

1. 一 (Ichi) - One; Pronunciation: ee-chee
2. 二 (Ni) - Two; Pronunciation: nee
3. 三 (San) - Three; Pronunciation: sahn
4. 四 (Shi/Yon) - Four; Pronunciation: shee/yohn
5. 五 (Go) - Five; Pronunciation: goh
6. 六 (Roku) - Six; Pronunciation: roh-koo
7. 七 (Shichi/Nana) - Seven; Pronunciation: shee-chee nah-nah
8. 八 (Hachi) - Eight; Pronunciation: hah-chee
9. 九 (Kyuu) - Nine; Pronunciation: kyoo
10. 十 (Juu) - Ten; Pronunciation: joo

3. Days of the Week

1. 月曜日 (Getsuyoubi) - Monday; Pronunciation:
geh-tsoo-yoh-bee
2. 火曜日 (Kayoubi) - Tuesday; Pronunciation: kah-yoh-bee
3. 水曜日 (Suiyoubi) - Wednesday; Pronunciation:
soo-ee-yoh-bee
4. 木曜日 (Mokuyoubi) - Thursday; Pronunciation:
moh-koo-yoh-bee
5. 金曜日 (Kinyoubi) - Friday; Pronunciation: keen-yoh-bee
6. 土曜日 (Doyoubi) - Saturday; Pronunciation: doh-yoh-bee
7. 日曜日 (Nichiyoubi) - Sunday; Pronunciation:
nee-chee-yoh-bee
8. 今日 (Kyou) - Today; Pronunciation: kyoh
9. 明日 (Ashita) - Tomorrow; Pronunciation: ah-shee-tah
10. 昨日 (Kinou) - Yesterday; Pronunciation: kee-noh

4. Food and Drinks

1. ご飯 (Gohan) - Rice/Meal; Pronunciation: goh-hahn
2. 水 (Mizu) - Water; Pronunciation: mee-zoo
3. 茶 (Cha) - Tea; Pronunciation: chah
4. りんご (Ringo) - Apple; Pronunciation: reen-goh
5. パン (Pan) - Bread; Pronunciation: pahn
6. 魚 (Sakana) - Fish; Pronunciation: sah-kah-nah
7. 肉 (Niku) - Meat; Pronunciation: nee-koo
8. 野菜 (Yasai) - Vegetables; Pronunciation: yah-sah-ee
9. 牛乳 (Gyuunyuu) - Milk; Pronunciation: gyoo-nyoo
10. コーヒー (Koohii) - Coffee; Pronunciation: koh-hee

5. Family Members

1. 母 (Haha) - Mother; Pronunciation: hah-hah
2. 父 (Chichi) - Father; Pronunciation: chee-chee
3. 兄 (Ani) - Older Brother; Pronunciation: ah-nee
4. 姉 (Ane) - Older Sister; Pronunciation: ah-neh
5. 弟 (Otouto) - Younger Brother; Pronunciation: oh-toh-oh-toh
6. 妹 (Imouto) - Younger Sister; Pronunciation: ee-moh-toh
7. 祖父 (Sofu) - Grandfather; Pronunciation: soh-foo
8. 祖母 (Sobo) - Grandmother; Pronunciation: soh-boh
9. 息子 (Musuko) - Son; Pronunciation: moo-soo-koh
10. 娘 (Musume) - Daughter; Pronunciation: moo-soo-meh

6. Colors

1. 赤 (Aka) - Red; Pronunciation: ah-kah
2. 青 (Ao) - Blue; Pronunciation: ah-oh
3. 黄 (Ki) - Yellow; Pronunciation: kee
4. 緑 (Midori) - Green; Pronunciation: mee-doh-ree
5. 黒 (Kuro) - Black; Pronunciation: koo-roh
6. 白 (Shiro) - White; Pronunciation: shee-roh
7. 茶色 (Chairo) - Brown; Pronunciation: chah-ee-roh
8. ピンク (Pinku) - Pink; Pronunciation: peen-koo
9. オレンジ (Orenji) - Orange; Pronunciation: oh-rehn-jee
10. 紫 (Murasaki) - Purple; Pronunciation: moo-rah-sah-kee

7. Common Verbs

1. 食べる (Taberu) - To eat; Pronunciation: tah-beh-roo
2. 飲む (Nomu) - To drink; Pronunciation: noh-moo
3. 見る (Miru) - To see/watch; Pronunciation: mee-roo
4. 行く (Iku) - To go; Pronunciation: ee-koo
5. 来る (Kuru) - To come; Pronunciation: koo-roo
6. 聞く (Kiku) - To listen; Pronunciation: kee-koo
7. 話す (Hanasu) - To speak; Pronunciation: hah-nah-soo
8. 書く (Kaku) - To write; Pronunciation: kah-koo
9. 読む (Yomu) - To read; Pronunciation: yoh-moo
10. 使う (Tsukau) - To use; Pronunciation: tsoo-kah-oo

8. Common Adjectives

1. 大きい (Ookii) - Big; Pronunciation: oh-kee
2. 小さい (Chiisai) - Small; Pronunciation: chee-sai
3. 新しい (Atarashii) - New; Pronunciation: ah-tah-rah-shee
4. 古い (Furui) - Old; Pronunciation: foo-roo-ee
5. 早い (Hayai) - Fast; Pronunciation: hah-yai
6. 遅い (Osoi) - Slow; Pronunciation: oh-soi
7. 良い (Yoi/li) - Good; Pronunciation: yoi/ee
8. 悪い (Warui) - Bad; Pronunciation: wah-roo-ee
9. 高い (Takai) - Expensive/Tall; Pronunciation: tah-kai
10. 安い (Yasui) - Cheap; Pronunciation: yah-soo-ee

9. Body Parts

1. 頭 (Atama) - Head; Pronunciation: ah-tah-mah
2. 目 (Me) - Eye; Pronunciation: meh
3. 耳 (Mimi) - Ear; Pronunciation: mee-mee
4. 口 (Kuchi) - Mouth; Pronunciation: koo-chee
5. 手 (Te) - Hand; Pronunciation: teh
6. 足 (Ashi) - Foot/Leg; Pronunciation: ah-shee
7. 鼻 (Hana) - Nose; Pronunciation: hah-nah
8. 髮 (Kami) - Hair; Pronunciation: kah-mee
9. 顔 (Kao) - Face; Pronunciation: kah-oh
10. 背中 (Senaka) - Back; Pronunciation: seh-nah-kah

10. Common Objects

1. 本 (Hon) - Book; Pronunciation: hohn
2. 車 (Kuruma) - Car; Pronunciation: koo-roo-mah
3. 家 (Ie) - House; Pronunciation: ee-eh
4. 椅子 (Isu) - Chair; Pronunciation: ee-soo
5. 机 (Tsukue) - Desk; Pronunciation: tsoo-koo-eh
6. 時計 (Tokei) - Watch/Clock; Pronunciation: toh-keh-ee
7. 携帯 (Keitai) - Mobile Phone; Pronunciation: keh-ee-tai
8. 鞄 (Kaban) - Bag; Pronunciation: kah-bahn
9. 鉛筆 (Enpitsu) - Pencil; Pronunciation: ehn-pee-tsoo
10. 紙 (Kami) - Paper; Pronunciation: kah-mee

11. Animals

1. 犬 (Inu) - Dog; Pronunciation: ee-noo
2. 猫 (Neko) - Cat; Pronunciation: neh-koh
3. 鳥 (Tori) - Bird; Pronunciation: toh-ree
4. 魚 (Sakana) - Fish; Pronunciation: sah-kah-nah
5. 馬 (Uma) - Horse; Pronunciation: oo-mah
6. 牛 (Ushi) - Cow; Pronunciation: oo-shee
7. 豚 (Buta) - Pig; Pronunciation: boo-tah
8. 羊 (Hitsuji) - Sheep; Pronunciation: hee-tsoo-jee
9. 虫 (Mushi) - Insect; Pronunciation: moo-shee
10. 兔 (Usagi) - Rabbit; Pronunciation: oo-sah-gee

12. Places

1. 学校 (Gakkou) - School; Pronunciation: gahk-koh
2. 病院 (Byouin) - Hospital; Pronunciation: byoh-in
3. 銀行 (Ginkou) - Bank; Pronunciation: geen-koh
4. 公園 (Kouen) - Park; Pronunciation: koh-en
5. 図書館 (Toshokan) - Library; Pronunciation: toh-shoh-kahn
6. 駅 (Eki) - Station; Pronunciation: eh-kee
7. 空港 (Kuukou) - Airport; Pronunciation: koo-koh
8. ホテル (Hoteru) - Hotel; Pronunciation: ho-teh-roo
9. レストラン (Resutoran) - Restaurant; Pronunciation:
rehs-too-rahn
10. 事務所 (Jimusho) - Office; Pronunciation: jee-moo-shoh

13. Weather

1. 晴れ (Hare) - Sunny; Pronunciation: hah-reh
2. 雨 (Ame) - Rain; Pronunciation: ah-meh
3. 雪 (Yuki) - Snow; Pronunciation: yoo-kee
4. 風 (Kaze) - Wind; Pronunciation: kah-zeh
5. 曇り (Kumori) - Cloudy; Pronunciation: koo-moh-ree
6. 雷 (Kaminari) - Thunder; Pronunciation: kah-mee-nah-ree
7. 台風 (Taifuu) - Typhoon; Pronunciation: tai-foo
8. 涼しい (Suzushii) - Cool; Pronunciation: soo-zoo-shee
9. 暑い (Atsui) - Hot; Pronunciation: ah-tsoo-ee
10. 寒い (Samui) - Cold; Pronunciation: sah-moo-ee

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