

# Basic Japanese Words PDF

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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. お願いします (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 (Kyu) - 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 (Koohee) - 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. 鞆 (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. 兎 (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-rah
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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