

JAPANESE  
WORDS AND PHRASES

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## HINTS ON PRONUNCIATION

All syllables begin with a consonant.

### Vowels

Vowels are pronounced as follows:

"A" as the "a" in "father" - ah  
"I" as the "ee" in "feet" - ee  
"U" as the "oo" in "boot" - oo  
"E" as the "e" in "men" - eh  
"O" as the "o" in "home" - oh

## Numbers

1 - i-chi	7 - shi-chi
2 - ni	8 - ha-chi
3 - san	9 - ku
4 - shi	10 - ju
5 - go	11 - ju-ichi
6 - ro-ku	12 - ju-ni

For the name of each month add "ga-tsu" to each number. (e.g. January: "i-chi gatsu").

For money add "Yen" or "Sen" to each number. (e.g. One Yen: "i-chi Yen". Five Sen: "Go Sen").

For the time add "ji" to each number. (e.g. 6 o'clock: "ro-ku ji").



## COMMANDS AND

### English

1. Halt.
2. Put up your hands.
3. Lower your hands.
4. Throw down your weapon.
5. Sit down.
6. Don't move.
7. Stand up (get up).
8. Silence (shut up).
9. Come with me.
10. Walk in front.
11. Single file.
12. Hurry.
13. Turn to the right.
14. Turn to the left.
15. Turn around.
16. What is your rank?
17. Stay here.

## INQUIRIES

### Japanese

1. To-ma-re.
2. Te wo a-ge.
3. Te wo o-ro-se.
4. Bu-ki wo su-te.
5. Su-wa-re.
6. U-go-ku-na.
7. Ta-te.
8. Da-ma-re.
9. Issho ni koi.
10. Sa-ki ni a-ru-ke.
11. Ichi re-tsu ni.
12. I-so-ge.
13. Mi-gi ni ma-ga-re.
14. Hi-da-ri ni ma-ga-re.
15. Ma-wa-re.
16. Kai-kyu wa nan desu ka?
17. Ko-ko ni o-ri-na-sai.



English

18. Get on.  
19. Get off.  
20. Go away.  
21. What is your unit?  
  
22. Do you understand?  
23. What is your name?  
24. Where do you live?  
25. Where can I catch fish?  
  
26. Where does this road lead to?  
27. What direction is it?  
  
North  
East  
West  
South  
28. How many meters is it to the (river)?

Japanese

18. No-ri na-sai.  
19. O-ri na-sai.  
20. A-chi ni yu-ke.  
21. Ki-mi wa na-ni butai ni i-masu ka?  
22. Wa-ka-ri masu ka?  
23. Na-mae wa na-ni desu ka?  
24. Do-ko ni sun-de i-masu ka?  
25. Sa-ka-na wa do-ko ni tsu-ra-re masu ka?  
26. Ko-no mi-chi wa do-ko ni yu-ki masu ka?  
27. Do-chi-ra no ho ni ari masu ka?  
  
Ki-ta  
Hi-ga-shi  
Ni-shi  
Mi-na-mi  
28. (Ka-wa) ma-de nan me-to-ru desu ka?



## GREETINGS AND

### English

1. Good morning.
2. Good day.
3. Good evening.
4. Hello (How are you?).
5. Good-bye.
6. Thank you.
7. Excuse me.
8. Yes.
9. No.
10. How much is it?
11. Take me to the (cafe).
12. Where is the (City Hall)?
13. What time is it?
14. What is this?
15. What is that?

## GENERAL PHRASES

### Japanese

1. O-hayo go-zai masu.
2. Konnichi wa.
3. Kom-ban wa.
4. Do desu ka?
5. Sayo-na-ra.
6. A-ri-ga-to.
7. Shi-tsu-rei.
8. Hai.
9. Ii-e.
10. I-ku-ra desu ka?
11. (Ka-fei) ni tsu-re-te  
itte ku-da-sai.
12. (Shi ya-ku sho) wa do-ko  
desu ka?
13. Nan-ji desu ka?
14. Ko-re wa na-ni desu ka?
15. A-re wa na-ni desu ka?



## VOCABULARY

<u>English</u>	<u>Japanese</u>
Air field	Hi-ko-jo
American soldier	A-me-ri-ca no hei
Apple	Rin-go
Bank	Gin-ko
Barber shop	To-ko-ya
Barracks	Hei-sha
Boat	Fu-ne
Body	Ka-ra-da
Bone	Ho-ne
Cafe	Ka-fu-ei
Candy	Ka-shi
Carrot	Nin-jin
Chest	Mu-ne
Church	Kyo-kai
City	Shi
City Hall	Shi ya-ku sho
County	Gun

## English

## Japanese

Court	Sai-ban-sha
Cucumber	Kyu-ri
Cup	Ko-pu
Danger	A-bu-nai
Day after tomorrow	A-satte
Day before yesterday	Issa-ku ji-tsu
Dept. store	Hyakka ten
Drinking water	No-mi mi-zu
Eggplant	Na-su-bi
Eye	Me
Face	Ka-o
Factory	Ko-ba
Finger	Yu-bi
Fire Depart- ment	Sho-bo-sho
Foot (leg)	A-shi
Hair	Ka-mi
Hands	Te



<u>English</u>	<u>Japanese</u>
Harbor	Mi-na-to
Heart	Shin-zo
Hill	O-ka
Hospital	Byo-in
Hot springs	On-sen
House	I-e
Jap troops	Ni-hon hei
Lake	Ko-sui
Library	To-sho-kan
Main road	Hon-do
Market (small)	Ko-setsu i-chi-ba
Match	Ma-chi
Mayor	Shi-cho
Mouth	Ku-chi
Movie	Ka-tsu-do
Museum	Ha-ku-bu-tsu kan
Neck	Ku-bi
Non-commission- ed officer	Ka-shi-kan
Nose	Ha-na

<u>English</u>	<u>Japanese</u>
Office	Ji-mu-sho
Officer	Sho-ko
Onion	Ne-gi
Orange	Mi-kan
Park	Ko-en
Peaches	Mo-mo
Pears	Na-shi
Peas	Ma-me
Persimmons	Ka-ki
Pier	Sam-bashi
Policeman	Jun-sa
Police station	Kei-satsu sho
Police station branch	Ko-ban
Post office	Yu-bin kyo-ku
Power plant	Ha-tsu-den-sho
Prefectural office	Ken cho
Prefecture	Ken



<u>English</u>	<u>Japanese</u>
Radio	Ra-ji-o
Radio station	Mu-sen den-shin kyo-ku
Radish	Dai-kon
Razor	So-ri
Restaurant	Sho-ku-do
Rice (cooked)	Go-han
Rice (grain)	Ko-me
School	Gakko
Shoulder	Ka-ta
Shrine	O-mi-ya
Skin	Hi-fu
Soap	Sekken
Spinach	Ho-ren-so
Stomach	Ha-ra
Store	Mi-se
Sweet potato	Sa-tsu-ma imo
Teeth	Ha
Telegraph	Den-shin
Telephone	Den wa

<u>English</u>	<u>Japanese</u>
Telephone office	Den-wa ko-kan kyo-ku
Temple	O-te-ra
Throat	No-do
Today	Kyo
Toe	A-shi yu-bi
Toilet	Ben-jo
Tomato	To-mei-to
Tomorrow	Myo-ni-chi
Tooth paste	Ha-mi-ga-ki
Town	Ma-chi
Village	Mu-ra
Water point	Kyu-sui-jo
Well (water)	I-do
Yesterday	Sa-ku ji-tsu

Reference: A Pocket Vocabulary  
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## WHEN IN JAPAN.....

(a) Take off your shoes before entering a Japanese home.

(b) If invited to dine, take your GI spoon or fork with you.....unless you are a past master with the chopsticks.

(c) Women are shy in Japan, so don't be too forward. Sex is strictly tabu; and they never kiss or pet.

(d) Make a good impression at the first meeting. Many have never seen an American, except in movies, and they may have an odd conception of what an American is like.....especially after the propaganda they have been fed. To the Japanese you represent America. Conduct yourselves accordingly.