Welcome to Living Language iKnow Japanese. This audio flash card program lets you see and hear all of the essential words, phrases, and conversations that you need to get by in Japanese. Just listen to the native speakers of Japanese and repeat in the pauses.

Before we look at any Japanese phrases, let's first learn a little about Japanese pronunciation. Here is a guide to some important sounds you should know:

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Most other Japanese consonants sound similar to their English equivalents.

Okay, ready to get started?

**Ago**

- sanshuukan mae three weeks ago
- gokagetsu mae five months ago
- gonen mae five years ago
- juunen mae ten years ago
- zutto mae a long time ago
- kanari mae a rather long time ago, quite a long time ago
- sukoshi mae a short time ago
Also, Too

mo
also, too

watashi mo
I also, I too

anata mo
you also

ano hito mo
he/she also

watashitachi mo
we also

anatatachi mo
you (pl.) also

ano hitotachi mo
they also

Ano hitotachi mo kimasu.
They are coming too.

Watashi mo kimasu.
I'm coming too.

Around Town

hikooki
airplane

kuukoo
airport

apaato
apartment building

machi no shuuhen
around town

panya, beekarii
bakery

ginkoo
bank

honya, shoten
bookstore

tatemono, biru (high rise)
building

basu
bus

nikuya
butcher shop

kissaten
café, coffee shop

kuruma, jidoosha
car

kyookai
church

toshi, shi
city

shiyakusho
city hall, municipal building

yoohinten, iryoohinten
clothing store

depaato
department store

yakkyoku, kusuriya
drugstore

denkiya
electronics store

koosaten
intersection

gaitoobashira
lamppost
toshokan
library

ichiba, maaketto
market

shichoo, choochoo
mayor

mosuku
mosque

chikai/tooi
near/far

kooen
park

resutoran
restaurant

inaka no, den’en no, nooson no
rural

kutsuya
shoe store

hodoo
sidewalk

mise
store

michi, toori
street
gaitoo
streetlight
koogai no
suburban
chikatetsu
subway, metro
suupaa
supermarket
takushii
taxi
(o)tera
temple
kau
to buy
kaimono ni iku
to go shopping
machi
town
kootsuu
traffic
densha
train
eki
train station
tokai no
urban
mura
village

**Asking Directions**

*Sumimasen, Tookyoo eki wa doko desu ka?*
Excuse me, where is Tokyo Station?

. . . itte kudasai.
Go . . .

Massugu ni itte kudasai.
Go straight ahead.

Achira e itte kudasai.
Go that way.

Modotte kudasai.
Go back.

Magatte kudasai.
Turn.

Migi ni magatte kudasai.
Turn right.

Hidari ni magatte kudasai.
Turn left.

Mawatte kudasai.
Turn around.

Toori no owari de.
At the end of the street.

Kado de.
On the corner.

Saisho o hidari ni.
The first left.

Futatsu me o migi ni.
The second right.

Chikai desu ka?
Is it nearby?

Tooi desu ka?
Is it far?

shingō
traffic light
toori
street
koosaten
intersection
kōen
park
basu tee
bus stop
chikatetsu no eki
subway station
hoteru
hotel

**Asking Questions**

Doko?
Where?

Deguchi wa doko desu ka?
Where is the exit?

Nani?
What?

Anata no meeru adoresu wa nan desu ka?
What is your email address?

Dare?
Who?

Are wa dare desu ka?
Who is that?

Itsu?
When?

Hikooki wa itsu tsukimasu ka?
When does the flight arrive?

Doo yatte?
How?

Amerika e wa doo yatte denwa sureba iidesu ka?
How do I call the U.S.?

Ikura desu ka?
How much?

Kore wa ikura desu ka?
How much does this cost?

Koko ni imasu ka?
Is he here?

Koko ni imasu ka? Asoko ni imasu ka?
Is he here, (or) is he over there?

Asoko ni imasu ka?
is he over there?

Sore desu ka?
is it that?

Kore desu ka? Sore desu ka?
is it this, (or) is it that?

Kore desu ka?
is it this?

Kore desu.
it's this.

Nan desu ka?
What is it?

Itsu desu ka?
When is it?

Doko ni imasu ka?
Where is he?

**Asking Questions, Part 2**

Ikimashita ka?
Did you go?

Dono tatemono desu ka?
Which building is it?

Dore desu ka?
Which is it? (used for more than two)
Dochira desu ka?
Which of the two is it?/Which way is it?

Dono hito desu ka?
Which person is it?

Dare desu ka?/
Donata desu ka? (respect)
Who is it?/Who are you?

Dare ga ikimashita ka?
Who went?

Naze desu ka?/Dooshite desu ka?
Why is it?

**Asking Questions, Part 3**

Doo shimasu ka?
How do you do it?

Nani o shite imasu ka?
What are you doing?

Nani o sagashite imasu ka?
What are you looking for?

Nan no hon desu ka?
What book is it?

Nan to osshaimashita ka?
What did you say? (very polite)

Kore kara nani o shitai desu ka?
What do you want to do now?

Nani ga hoshii desu ka?
What do you want?/What would you like?

Kore wa nan no e desu ka?
What picture is this?

Nan to imashoo ka?
What will we say?

Kono toori no namae wa
nan desu ka?
What's the name of this street?

Kono machi no namae wa
nan desu ka?
What's the name of this town?

Itsu kimasu ka?
When are you coming?

Itsu tachimasu ka?
When are you leaving?

Itsu made desu ka?
When is it until?/Until when is it?

Dare to kimasu ka?
Who are you coming with?

Dare o sagashite imasu ka?
Who are you looking for?

Dare no koto o hanashite
imasu ka?
Who are you speaking about? (About whose matters are you speaking?)

Dare ni hanashite imasu ka?
Who are you talking to?

Dare ni aitai desu ka?
Who do you want to see?

Dare no tame desu ka?
Who is it for? (For whose sake is it?)

Dare no desu ka?
Whose is it?

Dooshite dame desu ka?
Why not? (Why is it no good?)

**At Home**

apaato
apartment

uchi ni, uchi de
at home

yokushitsu
bathroom

shinshtsu
bedroom

ookii/chiisai
big/small

juutan, kaapetto
carpet

cd pureeyaa
CD player

tenjoo
ceiling

isu
chair

shuunooshitsu, todana, oshiire,
monooki
closet

kaaten
curtain

shokudoo, daininguruuumu
dining room

to, doa
door

dvd pureeyaa
DVD player

yuka
floor

hiroma, hooru
hall

ie, uchi
house

daidokoro, kicchin
kitchen

ranpu
lamp

ima, ribinguruuumu
living room

atarashii/furui
new/old

e, kaiga
painting, picture

purasuchikku/purasuchikkusei no
plastic/made from plastic

heya
room

tana
shelf
sofaa, nagaisu
sofa, couch

onkyoo sisutemu
sound system

kaidan
stairs

teeburu, chabudai
table

terebi
television

kabe
wall

mado
window

ki/mokusei no
wood/wooden

At School
geijutsu, bijutsu
art
gakkoo ni, gakkoo de
at school
seibutsugaku
biology
kagaku
chemistry
kyooshitsu
classroom

katei, kamoku, kooza
course
gakui, shoogoo
degree
muzukashii/yasashii
difficult/easy
sotsugyoosho, gakuimenjoo
diploma
seiseki
grade
taisoo, taiku, jimu
gym
rekishi
history
gogaku, gengo
language
bungaku
literature
suugaku
math
ongaku
music
nooto
notebook
kyooju
professor
kyuukei, yasumi, kyuuka
recess

At the Airport
Doko desu ka?
Where?

Zeikan wa doko desu ka?
Where is customs?

Pasuupoto shinsa wa doko
desu ka?
Where is passport control?

Shinkoku surumono wa
arimasu ka?
Do you have anything to declare?

Shinkoku surumono wa arimasen.
i have nothing to declare.

Shinkoku surumono ga arimasu.
i have something to declare.

Nimotsu no uketori wa doko
desu ka?
Where is the baggage claim area?

Kokusai sen no shuppatsu robii wa
doko desu ka?
Where are the international
departures?

Toochaku robii wa doko desu ka?
Where are the arrivals?

Hyaku sanjuu ni ban geeto wa
doko desu ka?
Where is gate 132 (lit., one hundred
thirty-two)?

An’nai wa doko desu ka?
Where is information?

. . . onegai shimasu.
i would like . . .
Mado gawa no seki o onegai shimasu.
I would like a window seat.

Tsuuro gawa no seki o onegai shimasu.
I would like an aisle seat.

Toojoo ken o doozo.
Here is your boarding pass.

Yoi goryokoo o!
Have a good trip!

At the Hotel
Chekku in o onegai shimasu.
I'd like to check in.

Heya o onegai shimasu.
I'd like a room.

Hitori desu.
For one person.

Futari desu.
For two people.

Yoyaku o shiteiru no desu ga.
I have a reservation.

Nanpaku desu ka?
For how many nights?

Ippaku desu.
For one night.

Nihaku desu.
For two nights.

Isshuukan desu.
For one week.

Oheya no kagi desu.
Here is your key.

Oheya no kii kaado desu.
Here is your key card.

Ofuro wa doko desu ka?
Where is the bathroom?

Hokani heya ga arimasu ka?
Do you have another room?

Basuruumu wa tsuite imasu ka?
With a private bathroom?

Intaanetto no sashikomi wa tsuite imasu ka?
With a connection to the internet?

Shizuka na heya ga arimasu ka?
Is there a quieter room?

Hiroi heya ga arimasu ka?
Is there a larger room?

Jimu ga arimasu ka?
Is there a gym?

Puuru ga arimasu ka?
Is there a swimming pool?

Kaigishitsu wa doko desu ka?
Where is the conference room?

Fakkusu wa doko desu ka?
Where is the fax machine?

Hotaru man wa doko desu ka?
Where is the concierge?

Chekku auto o onegai shimasu.
I'd like to check out.

At the Restaurant
Ii resotoran wa doko desu ka?
Where is there a good restaurant?

Futari yoo no teeburu o onegai shimasu.
A table for two, please.

Kitsuen seki desu ka? Kin’en seki desu ka?
Smoking or non-smoking?

Menyyoo o onegai shimasu.
The menu, please.

Wain risuto o onegai shimasu.
The wine list, please.

apetaizaa
appetizer

mein koosu
main course

dezaato
dessert

Nanika nomimono o onegai shimasu.
I would like something to drink.

Mizu o onegai shimasu.
A glass of water, please.

Koohii to miruku.
Coffee with milk.

biiru
beer

Bejitarian yoo no menyuu wa arimasu ka?
Do you have vegetarian dishes?

Ijoo desu.
That's all.

Okanjoo o onegai shimasu.
The check, please.

Chippu wa fukumarete imasu ka?
Is the tip included?

chooshoku
breakfast

chuushoku
lunch

yuushoku
dinner

Doozo goyukkuri!
Enjoy the meal!

Kanpai!
Cheers!

Oishii desune!
It's delicious!

sara
plate

fooku
fork

naifu
knife

supuun
spoon
hashi
chopsticks
gohan
cooked rice
chiizu
cheese
yasai
vegetables
chikin, toriniku
chicken
pooku, butaniku
pork
biifu, gyuuniku
beef
Suteeki o rea de onegai shimasu.
I like my steak rare.
Suteeki o midiamu de onegai shimasu.
I like my steak medium.
Suteeki o weru dan de onegai shimasu.
I like my steak well-done.

Wasabi o totte kudasai.
Please pass the wasabi.
Oshooyu o totte kudasai.
Please pass the soy sauce.
karai
spicy
amai
sweet
suppai
sour

At the Train Station
Kippu o kudasai.
I would like a ticket, please.
Nagano made.
To Nagano.
katamichi
one way
oofuku
round-trip
Guriin sha desu ka, futsuu sha desu ka?
First class or second class?
Jikoku hyoo o moraemasu ka?
May I have a schedule?
Dono hoomu desu ka?
Which platform?
Densha wa itsu demasu ka?
When does the train leave?

Basic Expressions
Arigatoo gozaimasu.
Thank you.
Doomo arigatoo gozaimasu.
Thank you very much.
Doo itashimashite.
You’re welcome.
ongei shimasu
please
hai
yes
ee
yes
iie
no
Sumimasen.
Excuse me./Pardon me.
Gomen’nasai.
I’m sorry.
Wakarimasen.  
I don't understand.

Nihongo ga wakarimasen.  
I don't speak Japanese.

Eigo o hanashimasu ka?  
Do you speak English?

Nihongo wa amari joozu ja arimasen.  
I don't speak Japanese very well.

Yukkuri hanashite kudasai.  
Speak slowly, please.

Moo ichido onegai shimasu.  
Repeat, please./Please repeat that.

**Clothing**

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**Comparisons**

Dekiru dake hayakushite kudasai.  
Do it as soon as possible.

Tanaka-san wa Harada-san hodo sei ga takaku arimasen.  
Ms. Tanaka is not as tall as Ms. Harada.

Tanaka-san no heya wa kono heya yori shizuka desu.  
Ms. Tanaka's room is more quiet than this room.

Watashi no shigoto ga ichiban raku desu.  
My job is the easiest.

Watashi no heya wa Tanaka-san no heya hodo kirei ja arimasen.  
My room is not as clean as Ms. Tanaka's room.

Nara wa Kyooto hodo ookiku arimasen.  
Nara is not as big as Kyoto.

Sono densha wa basu yori hayai desu.  
That train is faster than the bus.

Kono kuruma wa ichiban atarashii desu.  
This car is the newest.
Kyoo no shiken wa mae no shiken hodo kantan dewa nakatta desu. Today’s test was not as simple as the previous test.

Computers and the Internet

adoresuchoo
dollar address book

tenpu, atacchimento
dollar attachment

keeburu
cable

cd romu
CD-ROM

cd romu doraibu 
CD-ROM drive

chattoruu mu
chat room

konpyuuta(a)
computer

konpyuuta(a) to intaanetto
computers and the internet

jushinnichiji
date received

sakujosumi aitemu
deleted (items)

bunsho, dokyumento
document

shitagaki
draft

denshimeeru, iimeeru
dollar email

eenkoodo
dollar encoding

fairu
file

foruda
folder

herupu
dollar help

jushinbako, jushintorei
inbox

insutanto messeeji
instant message

intaanetto
internet

kiiboodo
keyboard

memorii
memory

modemu
modem

monitaa, sukuriin, gamen
monitor, screen

mausu
mouse

purintaa
printer

sooshinsha
dollar sender

sooshinzumi aitemu
dollar sent (items)

superuchekku
dollar spell check

kenmei
subject

fairu o tenpusuru
to attach a file

fairu o tojiru
to close a file

messeeji no sakusei
to compose a message

kopii
to copy

kiritori
to cut

sakujosuru
to delete

tensoosuru
to forward

fairu o hiraku
to open a file

haritsuke
to paste

insatsu

to print

henshinsuru
to reply

bunsho o hozonsuru
to save a document

fairu o okuru, fairu o sooshinsuru
to send a file

denshimeeru (iimeeru) o
sooshinsuru
to send an email

tsuuru
tool

ueburog u
web log (blog)

uebupeiji
webpage

uebusaito
website

Days and Months

Getsuyoobi
Monday

Kayoobi
Tuesday

Suiyooobi
Wednesday

Mokuyoobi
Thursday

Kin'yooobi
Friday
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white
chairoi
brown
Sore wa ii desu ne!
That's great!
Sore wa taihen desu ne.
That's terrible.
Iidesu yo.
Okay.
Wakarimasen.
I don't know.
Juuyoo desu.
It's important.
Ki o tsukete.
Be careful.
Tanoshinde kudasai.
Have fun.
Ganbatte kudasai!
Good luck!

Describing Things:
More Adjectives
ookii
big
fukuzatsu
complicated
fukuzatsu na mondai
complicated problem
taisetsu
important
taisetsu na mono
important thing
omoshiroi
interesting
Ookii hoteru deshita.
It was a big hotel.
Warui tenki desu.
It's bad weather.
Warui desu.
It's bad.
Ookii desu.
It's big.
Oishii desu.
It's delicious/tasty.
li desu./Yoi desu.
It's good/nice.
Yasui desu.
It's inexpensive/cheap.
Chiisai desu.
It's small.
shinsetsu
kind
shinsetsu na sensei
kind teacher
kirei na shashin
pretty photograph
kirei
pretty, clean
shizuka
quiet

Entertainment
bando
band
hon
book
saakasu
circus
kurabu
club
kigeki, komedii
comedy
konsaato
concert
dokyumentarii
documentary
dorama
drama
goraku
entertainment
kakkitekina, shigekitekina,
wakuwakusaseru
exciting
okashii, omoshiroi
funny
garoo, bijutsukan, gyararii
gallery
kyoomibukai, omoshiroi
interesting
zasshi
magazine
eiga
movie, film
hakubutsukan, bijutsukan
museum
kageki, opera
opera
e, kaiga
painting, picture
paatii
party
resutoran
restaurant
osoroshii
scary
chookoku
sculpture

uta
song

tookushoo
talk show

terebibangumi
television program

nyuusu
the news

gekijoo
theater

ken, kippu, chiketto
ticket

taikutsusuru
to be bored

odoru, dansusuru
to dance

channeru o kaeru
to flip channels

paatii ni iku
to go to a party

eiga ni iku
to go to the movies

paatii o suru
to have a party

tanoshimu
to have fun

ongaku o kiku
to listen to music

hon o yomu
to read a book

zasshi o yomu
to read a magazine

eiga o miru
to see a movie

shibai (engeki) o miru
to see a play

terebi o miru
to watch television

Family and Relationships

obasan, oba (one's own)
aunt

akabanoo, akachan
baby

kare, kareshi, booifurendo
boyfriend

itoko
cousin

musume
daughter

musumesan, ojoosan
daughter (polite)
kazoku to shinrui kankei
family and relationships

otoosan, otoosama (respect)
father

chichi
father (one's own)
giri no otoosan,
giri no chichi (one's own)
father-in-law

konyakusha
fiancé(e)
tomodachi, yuujin
friend

kanojo, gaaruufurendo
girlfriend

ojiisan, sofu (one's own)
grandfather

obaasan, sobo (one's own)
grandmother

otto, shujin
husband (one's own)
dannasama, goshujin
husband (someone else's)
okaasan, okaasama (respect)
mother

haha
mother (one's own)
giri no okaasan,
giri no haha (one's own)
mother-in-law

oniisan, ani (one's own)
older brother

oneesan, ane (one's own)
older sister

shinrui, shinseki
relative

musuko, musukosan (polite)
son

keeshi, mamako
stepdaughter

keefu, mamachichi
stepfather

keebo, mamahaha
stepmother

keeshi, mamako
stepson

(X to) rikonsuru
to divorce (X)
rikonsuru
to get a divorce
soozokusuru
to inherit

(X o) shitteiru
to know (X)
aisuru
to love

(X to) kekkonsuru
to marry (X)

(X ni) au
to meet (X)
ojisan, oji (one’s own) uncle
tsuma, kanai wife (one’s own)
okusan wife (someone else’s)
otooto, otootosan (polite) younger brother
imooto, imootosan (polite) younger sister

Food

ringo apple
banana banana
gyuuniku, biifu beef
biiru beer
pan bread
chooshoku, asagohan breakfast
ninjin carrot
chiizu cheese
toriniku, chikin chicken
koohii coffee
go han cooked rice
kyuuri cucumber
yuushoku, bango han dinner
nomimono drink
tamago egg
sakana fish
tabemono food
kudamono, furutsu fruit
budoo grapes
hachimitsu honey
atsui/tsumetai hot/cold
juusu juice
retasu lettuce
robusutaa lobster
chuushoku, hirugohan lunch
niku meat
gyuunyuu, miruku milk
orenji orange
nashi pear
koshoo pepper (condiment)
butaniku, pooku pork
(o)kome rice
shio salt
ebi shrimp
sofutodorinku, sooda soda
seiryooinryoo soft drink

Getting Around

Takushii wa doko desu ka? Where are the taxis?
Basu wa doko desu ka? Where is the bus?
Chikatetsu wa doko desu ka? Where is the subway?
Deguchi wa doko desu ka? Where is the exit?
Kono juusho made onegai shimasu. Take me to this address, please.
Ikura desu ka? What is the fare?
Koko de tomatte kudasai.
Stop here, please.

Kono basu wa Aoyama dooori
made ikimasu ka?
Does this bus go to Aoyama Street?

Koko no chizu o kudasai.
A map of the city, please.

Chikatetsu no rosenzu o kudasai.
A subway map, please.

Getting Around, Part 2

koko
here, this place

soko
there, that place (near to person addressed by speaker)

asoko
there, that place over there (far from both speaker and person addressed)

Doko desu ka?
Where is it? Which place is it?

kochira
this way

sochira
that way

achira
that way over there

dochira
which way

Dochira desu ka?
Which way is it?

Dochira desu.
It is over that way.

Kochira desu.
It's this way.

migi no hoo ni
to the right (in the direction of the right)

hidari no hoo ni
to the left (in the direction of the left)

Migi no hoo ni arimasu.
It's to the right. (It is in the direction of the right.)

Migi e magarimasu.
You turn right.

Massugu ikimasu.
You go straight ahead.

Massugu saki desu.
It's straight ahead.

Choodo hantaigawa desu.
It's directly opposite.

Kado ni arimasu.
It's on the corner.

Asoko ni arimasu.
It's over there.

Koko ni imasu.
I am here.

Koko kara chikai desu.
It's near here. (Near from here.)

Totemo chikai desu.
It's very near. It's quite close.

Mura no chikaku desu.
It's near the village.

Koko kara totemo chikai desu.
It's very near here.

Getting Help

Tetsudatte itadakemasu ka?
Can you help me?

Kaban o nakushimashita.
I've lost my luggage.

Saifu o nakushimashita.
I've lost my wallet.

Pasupooto o nakushimashita.
I've lost my passport.

Densha ni noriokure mashita.
I've missed my train.

Michi ni Mayoimashita.
I'm lost.

Tasukete kudasai!
Help!

Omawari san!
Police!

Gootoo ni osoware mashita.
I've been robbed.

Tsuma o miushinatte
I'm don't know where my wife is.

Otto o miushinatte
I don't know where my husband is.

Kodomo o miushinatte
I don't know where my child is.

Kega o shimasita.
I'm hurt.

Isha ga hitsuyoo desu.
I need a doctor.

Kyuukyuusha o yonde kudasai.
Call an ambulance.

Penishirin ni arerugii ga arimasu.
I'm allergic to penicillin.

Memai ga shimasu.
I'm dizzy.

Hakike ga shimasu.
I have nausea/feel nauseous.

Ude ga itai desu.
My arm hurts.

Ashi ga itai desu.
My leg hurts.

Atama ga itai desu.
My head hurts.

Going Out

Dokoka osusume no resutoran wa
arimasu ka?
Can you recommend a restaurant?
Dokoka osusume no kafe wa arimasu ka?  
Can you recommend a café?

Chikaku ni eigakan ga arimasu ka?  
Is there a movie theater nearby?

Chikaku ni bijutsukan ga arimasu ka?  
Is there a museum nearby?

Kono chikaku ni ii baa ga arimasu ka?  
Is there a good bar nearby?

Kankoo no pointo wa doko desu ka?  
What are the tourist attractions?

Doko de oyogemasu ka?  
Where can I go to swim?

Jitensha ga noreru tokorowa arimasu ka?  
Where can I go to ride a bike?

Doko de jogingu ga dekimasu ka?  
Where can I go to jog?

Doko e odori ni ikemasu ka?  
Where can I go to dance?

How Many? How Long?  
Soko e iku ni wa dono kurai jikan ga kakarimasu ka?  
How long/How much time does it take to get there?

Dono kurai nagai desu ka?  
How long?

Ikutsu nokotte imasu ka?  
How many are left?

Nanjikan?  
How many hours?

Ikutsu motte imasu ka?  
How many of them do you have?

Nannin desu ka?  
How many people?

Nando?  
How many times?

Ikutsu?  
How many?

Dono kurai desu ka?  
How much time?

How Old Are You?  
Otoshi wa ikutsu desu ka?  
How old are you?

Hatachi desu.  
I'm twenty.

Kugatsu de nijuu ichi ni narimasu.  
I'll be twenty-one in September.

Anata no otanjoobi wa itsu desu ka?  
When is your birthday?

Watashi no tanjoobi wa nishuu kan saki no Ichigatsu ni juu sanichi desu.  
My birthday is in two weeks—January twenty-third.

I Need It  
Irimasu.  
I need it.

Kore wa irimasen.  
I don't need this one.

Nani ka irimasu ka?  
Do you need anything?

Nani mo irimasen.  
I don't need anything.

Zenzen irimasen.  
I don't need it at all.

In the Bathroom  
ootai  
bandage

nyuuyokuyoo jeru  
bath gel

yokusoo  
shampoo

deoedoranto  
deodorant

yokushitu ni, yokushitsu de  
in the bathroom

ekusuribako  
medicine cabinet

kagami  
mirror

koosui  
perfume

kona, paudaa  
powder

kamisori  
razor

shanpuu  
shampoo

higesoriyoo kuriimu  
shaving cream

shawaa  
shower

senmendai  
sink

sekken  
soap

soru  
to shave

ofuro ni hairu  
to take a bath

shawaa o abiru  
to take a shower

karada o arau  
to wash oneself

otearai, tearaijo, toire  
blanket, toilet paper

toirettopeepaa  
blanket, toilet paper
In the Kitchen

- taoru: towel
- hyoohakuzai: bleach
- mikisaa: blender
- bin: bottle
- booru, donburi, hachi: bowl
- hako: box
- hooki: broom
- kan: can
- kaaton: carton
- kirei/kitanai: clean/dirty
- koohii meekaa: coffeemaker
- kauntaa: counter
- kappu: cup
- shokkidana, todana: cupboard
- saraaraiki: dishwasher
- daidokoroyoo senzai: dishwashing detergent
- hikidashi: drawer
- kansooki, doraiyaa: dryer
- koppu, gurasu: glass
- daidokoro ni, daidokoro de: in the kitchen
- airon: iron
- airondai: ironing board
- daidokoro no nagashi: kitchen sink
- naifu: knife
- sentakuyoo senzai: laundry detergent
- denshirenji: microwave
- oobun: oven
- sara: plate
- reizooko: refrigerator
- supuun: spoon
- konro, renji: stove
- yakan: teakettle
- ryoorisuru: to cook
- sentakusuru: to do the dishes
- sentakuki: washing machine
- In the Office

- isogashii: busy
- dooryoo: colleague
- kaisha: company
- konpyuuta(a): computer
- tsukue: desk
- juugyooin: employee
- koojoo: factory
- fakkusuki: fax machine
- fairu: file
- fairu kyabinetto: file cabinet
- yakusoku, yoyaku: appointment
- hondana: bookshelf
- jooshi: boss
- gyoomu: business
- jimusho ni, jimusho de: in the office
- shigoto: job
- kaigi: meeting
- kaigishitsu: meeting room
I Want to . . .

Kaitaku arimasen.
I don’t want to buy it.

Nomitaku arimasen.
I don’t want to drink it.

Tabetaku arimasen.
I don’t want to eat it.

Mitaku arimasen.
I don’t want to see it.

Kutsu o kaitai desu.
I want to buy (a pair of) shoes.

Kaitai desu.
I want to buy it.

Nomitai desu.
I want to drink it.

Tabetai desu.
I want to eat it.

Eiga o mitai desu.
I want to see a movie.

Mitai desu.
I want to see it.

Kooihii o nomitai desu.
I’d like some coffee. (I want to drink coffee.)

Kudamono o tabetai desu.
I’d like some fruit. (I want to eat fruit.)

Jobs

haiyuu/joyuu
actor/actress

kenchikuka
architect

geijutsuka
artist

asisutanto
assistant

ginkooka, ginkooin
banker

jitsugyooka
businessperson

daiku
carpenter

kensetsusagyoooin
construction worker

haisha, shikai
dentist

isha, ishi
doctor

denkigishi, denkikoo
electrician

gishi, enjinia
engineer

noojookeieisha, noofu
farmer

jookin no, sennin no
full-time

shigoto
jobs

kisha, jaanarisuto
journalist

bengoshi
lawyer

ongakuka
musician

hijookin no, paato taimu no
part-time

haikankoo
plumber

keikan/fujinkeikan
policeman/policewoman

kyooju
professor

taishokushita, intaishita
retired

ten’in, gaikoooin, seerusuman
salesperson

seerusuuuman, joten’in,
joseigaikoooin
saleswoman

hisho
secretary

shufu
stay-at-home parent

teishoku
steady job

takushii no untenshu
taxi driver

sensei, kyooshi
teacher

shitsugyoosha
unemployed

juui
veterinarian

sakka
writer

Likes and Dislikes

Taihen ii hito desu.
He’s very nice. (He is a very good person.)

Taihen kanji no ii hito desu.
He’s very pleasant.
Sakana wa kirai desu.
I dislike fish.

Kirai desu.
I dislike it.

Hon o yomu koto wa kirai desu.
I dislike reading books.

Sakana wa suki ja arimasen.
I don't like fish. (Fish is not my favorite.)

Suki ja arimasen.
I don't like it. (That's not my favorite.)

Hon o yomu koto wa suki ja arimasen.
I don't like reading books.

Suki desu.
I like it. (That's my favorite.)

Nihon ryoori ga suki desu.
I like Japanese cooking.

Hon o yomu koto ga suki desu.
I like reading books.

Oyogu koto ga suki desu.
I like swimming.

Taihen ki ni irimashita.
I'm very pleased with it. I like it very much.

Mazui desu.
It tastes bad.

Kekkoo desu.
It's good. It's fine.

Yoku nai desu./Kanshin dekimasesu.
It's not good.

Amari yoku arimasen.
It's not very good.

Kanzen desu.
It's perfect.

Taihen kekkoo desu.
It's very good.

Subarashii desu.
It's wonderful.

Kekkoo na otenki desu ne.
The weather is nice, isn't it?

Kono niku wa kekkoo desu.
This meat is good.

Kono wain wa kekkoo desu.
This wine is good.

Doomo goshinsetsu ni.
You're very kind. That's very kind of you.

Making Friends

Kon'nichiwa, onamae wa?
Hello, what's your name?

Kokoni suwattemo kamaimasenka?
May I sit here?

Dokoni osumai desu ka?
Where do you live?

Aoyama ni sunde imasu.
I live in Aoyama.

Kochira wa watashi no yuujin desu.
This is my friend.

Kochira wa watashi no booi furendo desu.
This is my boyfriend.

Kochira wa watashi no gaaru furendo desu.
This is my girlfriend.

Kochira wa watashi no tsuma desu.
This is my wife.

Kochira wa watashi no otto desu.
This is my husband.

Anatano kuni wa totemo utsukushii desu ne.
Your country is very beautiful.

Amerika ni kitakoto ga arimasu ka?
Have you been to the U.S.?

Koko no tabemono ga daisuki desu.
I like the food here very much.

Shucchoo de kiteimasu.
I'm on a business trip.

Kazoku to ryokoo shiteimasu.
I'm traveling with my family.

Watashitachi wa kankookyaku desu.
We are tourists.

Eiga wa suki desu ka?
Do you like to go to the movies?

Dansu ga suki desu ka?
Do you like to dance?

Ikimashoo!
Let's go!

Otomodachi ni aemasu ka?
Can I meet your friend?

Denwa bangoo wa nan desu ka?
What is your telephone number?

Zehi asobini kitekudasai.
Please visit me.

Totemotanoshikattasu desu.
I had a wonderful time.

Money

okane
money

en
yen (currency)

ginkoo
bank

Ginkoo wa doko desu ka?
Where is the bank?

Okane o ryoogae shitai no desuga.
I'd like to change some money.

Tsuuka reeto wa ikura desu ka?
What is the exchange rate?
Chiisai okane de kudasai.
I would like that in small bills.

Tesuuryoo wa ikura desu ka?
What is the commission?

More Polite Expressions

Okagesama de.
Thank you. (Due to your kind thought, am well.)

Onamae wa?/Onamae wa nan to osshaimasu ka?
What's your name?

Yamada Masao to mooshimasu.
My name is Masao Yamada.

Yamada desu.
I am Yamada.

Watakushi no namae wa Yamada desu.
My name is Yamada.

Gomen nasai.
Excuse me./I'm sorry.

li desu.
That's all right.

yukkuri
slowly

Yukkuri hanashite kudasai./
Doozo yukkuri hanashite kudasai.
Please speak slowly.

doozo
please

Moo ichido itte kudasai./
Doozo moo ichido itte kudasai.
Please repeat that.

doomo
very much (indeed!)

Arigatoo gozaimashita.
Thank you (for what you have done).

Kochira koso.
It was a pleasure.

Dewa ashita.
Till tomorrow./See you tomorrow.
(Well, then, tomorrow.)

Dewa Doyoobi ni.
Till Saturday./See you Saturday.
(Well, then, on Saturday.)

Nature

hamabe, biichi
beach

sabaku
desert

nohara, soogen, bokusoochi
field

hana
flower

mori
forest

oka
hill

mizuumi
lake

riku, tochi
land

tsuki
moon

yama
mountain

shizen
nature

umi
ocean, sea

shokubutsu
plant

ike
pond

kawa
river

iwa
rock

suna
sand

sora
sky

hoshi
star

taiyoo
sun

ki
tree

mizu
water

Negative Expressions

Nani mo iimasen deshita.
He didn't say anything.

Sukoshi mo jikan ga arimasen.
I don't have any time.

Nani mo motte imasen.
I don't have anything.

Nani mo shirimasen.
i don't know anything.

Doo suru ka shirimasen.
i don't know how to do it.

Itsu ka shirimasen.
i don't know when.

Doko ka shirimasen.
i don't know where.

Waruku arimasen.
it's not bad.

Yoku arimasen.
it's not good.

Koko ni arimasen.
it's not here.
Sore ja arimasen.  
It's not that.

Amari hayaku naku.  
Not too fast.

Amari takusan de naku.  
Not too much.

Mada desu.  
Not yet. (It's yet to come.)

Nani mo arimasen.  
Nothing. (There is nothing.)

Kesshite kimisen.  
She never comes.

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People

otona, seijin
adult

kirei, utsukushii/
minikui, migurushii
beautiful/ugly

otoko no ko, shoonen
boy

kodomo
child

yuumei na
famous

futotta/yaseta
fat/thin

shinsetsuna, aiso no ii/
fushinsetsuna, aiso no warui
friendly/unfriendly

onna no ko, shoojo
girl

ureshii/kanashii
happy/sad

kenkoo na/byooki no
healthy/sick

chiteki na, rikoona
intelligent

otoko no hito
man

toshi o totta/wakai
old/young

hitotachi, hitobito
people

hito
person

tsuyoi/yowai
strong/weak

sainoo no aru
talented

se (sei) ga takai/se (sei) ga hikui
tall/short

juudai, tiineijaa
teenager

onna no hito
woman

Possession: Mine, Yours, Etc.

Watashi no desu.
It's mine.

Anata no desu.
It's yours.

Kare no desu./Kanojo no desu.
It's his./It's hers.

Watashitachi no desu.
It's ours.

Anagata no desu.
It's yours (pl.).

Karera no desu.
It's theirs.

Saying Hello

Kon'nichiwa!
Hello!/Hi!

Ohayoo gozaimasu!
Good morning!

Gokigenyoo!
Good day!

Konbanwa!
Good evening!

Ogenki desu ka?
How are you?

Genki desu.
Fine.

Totemo genki desu.
Very well.

Maa maa desu.
So-so.

Onamae wa nan desu ka?
What's your name?

Watashi wa Sato desu.
My name is Mr. Sato.

Watashi wa Suzuki desu.
My name is Mrs./Ms. Suzuki.

Doozo yoroshiku onegai shimasu.
It's nice to meet you.

Sayoonara.
Good-bye.

Soredewa mata.
See you later.

Jaa mata.
See you soon.

Oyasumi nasai.
Good night.

Seasons

haru
spring
natsu
summer

aki
autumn, fall

fuyu
winter

fuyu ni
in winter

natsu ni
in summer

aki ni
in autumn, in fall

haru ni
in spring

Shopping

Kore wa ikura desu ka?
How much does that cost?

Ikuraka kaite kudasai.
Write that, please.

Mise wa nanji ni akimasu ka?
At what time does the store open?

Mise wa nanji ni shimari masu ka?
At what time does the store close?

Dore ga yoroshii desu ka?
What would you like?

Irasshai mase.
Welcome (to the store, etc.).

Kore o onegai shimasu.
I would like this.

Batterii o onegai shimasu.
I would like batteries.

Fuirumu o ippon onegai shimasu.
I would like a roll of film.

Kono machi no chizu o kudasai.
I would like a map of the city.

Hai, doozo.
Here it is.

Ijoo desu ka?
Is that all?

Genkin de onegai shimasu.
I’d like to pay with cash.

Kurejitto kaado de onegai shimasu.
I’d like to pay by credit card.

Intaanetto de chuomon dekimasu ka?
Can I order this online?

depaato
department store

fujin fuku
women’s clothes

burausu, sukaato, doresu
blouse, skirt, dress

shinshi fuku
men’s clothes

zubon, shatsu, nekutai
pants, shirt, tie

kutsu, kutsushita
shoe, sock

jiipan
jeans

hon’ya
bookstore

pan’ya
bakery

suupaa
supermarket

niku ya
butcher shop

ichiba
market

Speaking and Understanding

Nihongo ga dekimasu ka?
Do you speak Japanese? (Is Japanese possible?)

lie, dekimasu.
No, I don’t speak Japanese.

Taihen heta desu.
I (speak) very poorly.

Hai, sukoshi dekimasu.
Yes, I speak a little.

Honno sukoshi dekimasu.
I speak just a little.

Wakarimasu ka?
Do you understand (it)?

Amari yoku wakarimasen.
I don’t understand (it) very well.

Nihongo wa amariyoku wakarimasen.
I don’t understand Japanese very well.

Hai, wakarimasu.
Yes, I understand.

Hai, sukoshi wakarimasu.
Yes, I understand a little.

Yomemasu ga, hanasemasen.
I can read, but I can’t speak.

Wakarimasu ka?
Do you understand?

Sukoshi mo wakarimasen.
Not at all.

Yoku wakarimasen.
I don’t understand very well.

Kaite kudasai.
Write it, please.

Doo kakimasu ka?
How do you write it?

Sono kotoba wa shirimasen.
i don’t know that word.

Sore wa Nihongo de doo imasu ka?
How do you say that in Japanese?
“Thank you” wa Nihongo de doo iimasu ka?
How do you say “Thank you” in Japanese?

Yukkuri hanashite kudasareba wakarimasu.
If you speak slowly, I’ll be able to understand you.

Yukkuri hanashite kudasai.
Please speak slowly.

Nan to oshaimashita ka?
What did you say?

Doo yuu imi desu ka?
What do you mean?

Motto yukkuri hanashite kudasaimasen ka?
Would you please speak slower?

Doozo motto yukkuri hanashite kudasaimasen ka?
Would you mind speaking a little slower, please?

Moo ichido itte kudasaimasen ka?
Would you please say (that) again?

Sports and Recreation

amerikan futtobooru, amefuto
American football

booru, tama
ball

yakyuu
baseball

basukettobooru
basketball

kaado, toranpu
cards

yuushoosha
champion

koochi
coach

shiai
game

hokkee
hockey

juudoo
judo

kendoo
kendo

senshu
player

biriyaado
pool, billiards

sakkaa
soccer, football

supootsu to rikurieeshon
sports and recreation

kyoogijoo, sutajiamu
stadium

sumoo
sumo

suiie
swimming

chiimu
team

tenisu
tennis

hikiwakeru
to draw/tie

kyanpu (suru/ni iku)
(to go) camping

haikingu (suru/ni iku)
(to go) hiking

makeru
to lose

(shiai o) suru
to play (a game)

(undoo o) suru
to play (a sport)

katsu
to win

Intaanetto o tsukattemo
idesu ka?
May I use your cell phone?

Denwa bangoo wa nanban desu ka?
What number, please?

Hanashi chuu desu.
The line is busy.

Fakkusu
fax

Fakkusu o okuranakereba
narimasen.
I need to send a fax.

Watashi e no fakkusu ga
arimasu ka?
Is there a fax for me?

ii meeru
email

Konpyuuta wa doko desu ka?
Where is the computer?

li meeru o okuranakereba
narimasen.
I need to send an email.

Yuubinkyoku wa doko desu ka?
Where is the post office?
Kitte o kudasai.
I’d like some stamps, please.

Tegami yoo desu.
For a letter.

Hagaki yoo desu.
For a postcard.

Kitte dai wa ikura desu ka?
How much is the postage?

Amerika made desu.
To the United States.

ea meeru
airmail

sokutatsu
overnight delivery

Telling Time

Nanji desu ka?
What time is it?

hiru
noon

yonaka
midnight

Ichiji desu.
It’s 1:00.

Niji desu.
It’s 2:00.

Sanji han desu.
It’s 3:30.

Yoji desu.
It’s 4:00.

Goji yonjuu go fun desu.
It’s 5:45.

Shichiji sanpun desu.
It’s 7:03.

Eega wa kuji han ni hajimarimasu.
The movie starts at 9:30.

Densha wa juuichiji juu nana fun
ni demasu.
The train leaves at 11:17.

asa
morning

gogo
afternoon

yuugata
evening

yoru
night

kyoo
today

ashita
tomorrow

kinoo
yesterday

ima
now

ato
later

sugu
right away

Telling Time, Part 2

byoo
second

fun, pun
minute

ji
hour

Goji goro desu.
It’s about five.

Shichiji goro desu.
It’s about seven.

Juuichiji suksoshi mae desu.
It’s almost eleven.

Mada rokuji-han desu.
It’s only half-past six.

Goji sugi desu.
It’s after five.

Itsu oide ni narimasu ka?
When will you come? (What time will you come?) (respect)

Sanji ni soko e ikimasu.
I’ll be there at three o’clock.

Jikan desu.
It’s time.

Sore o suru jikan desu.
It’s time to do it. (It is to-do-it time.)

Deru jikan desu.
It’s time to leave.

Uchi e kaeru jikan desu.
It’s time to go home.

Jikan ga arimasu.
i have time.

Juubun jikan ga arimasu.
i have enough time.

Jikan ga arimasen.
i don’t have the time.

The Human Body

ude
arm

chi, ketsueki
blood

hone
bone

noo
brain

nyuuboo, mune
breast

hoo, hoho, hoppeta
cheek

mune
chest

ago
chin
mimi
ear

hiji
ear

me
eye

mayuge
eyebrow

matsuge
eyelashes

kao
face

yubi
finger

ashi
foot

hitai, odeko
forehead

ke
hair (on body)

kami no ke
hair (on head)

ta
hand

atama
head

shinzoo
heart

kakato
heel

hiza
knee

ashi
leg

hai
lungs

kuchi
mouth

kinniku
muscle

kubi
neck

hana
nose

penisu
penis

kata
shoulders

hifu, hada
skin

hara, onaka
stomach, abdomen

ken
tendon

ningen no karada
the human body

ashi no yubi
toe

shita, bero
tongue

ha
tooth

chitsu
vagina

tekubi
wrist

This and That

Kore mo sore mo dame desu.
Both this one and that one are no good.

Are o kudasai.
Give me that (over there), please.

Are ja arimasen.
It isn't that./That's not it.

Are desu.
It's that (over there).

Sore o totte kudasai.
Please pick that one.

ano neko
that cat (over there)

sono hi
that day

sono hoteru
that hotel

kono hon
this book

kono hoteru
this hotel

Kore wa watakushi no desu.
This is mine.

kono tegami
this letter

Kore wa watakushi no desu;
are wa anata no desu.
This one is mine; that one (over there) is yours.

kono hito
this person

Sore wa ii kangae desu ne.
That is a good idea.

sono tegami
that letter

sono hito
that person

ano ki
that tree (over there)

sono kotoba
that word

Sore desu.
That's it./It's that.
Kore wa doo yuu imi desu ka?
What does this mean?

This Week, Next Month, etc.

konshuu
this week

senshuu
last week

raishuu
next week

saraishuu
in two weeks, the week after next

kongetsu
this month

sengetsu
last month

raigetsu
next month

saraigetsu
the month after next

sensengetsu
two months ago, the month before last

kotoshi
this year

kyonen, sakunen
last year

rainen
next year

sarainen
in two years, the year after next

issakunen, ototoshi
the year before last

asa
in the morning

ban
in the evening

hiru goro
around noon

yuushokugo
after dinner (the evening meal)

shuumatsu
at the end of the week

getsumatsu
at the end of the month

konshuu no owari goro ni
toward the end of the week

juu gofun inai ni
in a quarter of an hour

sono uchi ni
one of these days

mainichi
every day

ichinichi juu
all day (long)

hitoban juu
all night (long)

To Be or Not to Be

Anata wa Amerikajin desu ka?
Are you an American?

Hai, soo desu.
Yes, I am. (Yes, am so.)

Dono tatemono ga Amerika
Taishikan desu ka?
Which building is the American
Embassy?

Ano tatemono wa Amerika
Taishikan desu.
That building is the American
Embassy.

Ano tatemono ga Amerika
Taishikan desu ka?
Is that building the American
Embassy?

Sumisu-san wa Amerika Taishikan
ni imasu.
Mr. Smith is in the American
Embassy.

Tanaka-san wa Tookyoo ni imasu.
Ms. Tanaka is in Tokyo.

Okinawa wa doko ni arimasu ka?
Where is Okinawa?

Nippon to Taiwan no aida ni
arimasu.
It is between Japan and Taiwan.

Dono kata ga Tanaka-san desu ka?
Which person is Ms. Tanaka?

Enpitsu ga arimasu ka?
Do you have a pencil? Is there a
pencil?

Watashi wa gakusei desu.
I'm a student.

Watashi wa kaishain desu.
I'm a businessperson.

Kono tatemono wa Igirisu
Taishikan desu ka?
Is this building the British Embassy?

Igirisu Taishikan ja arimasen.
It is not the British Embassy.

Watashi wa gakusei ja arimasen.
I'm not a student.

Ano hito wa kaishain ja arimasen.
He (that person) is not a
businessperson.

Watashi wa gakusei deshita.
I was a student.

Tanaka-san wa sensei deshita.
Ms. Tanaka was a teacher.

Kare wa gakusei ja arimasen
deshita.
He was not a student.

Kore wa hoteru deshoo.
This is probably a hotel.

Ano hito wa Amerikajin deshoo.
He (that person) is probably
American.
Ano hito wa sensei ja nai deshoo.  
He (that person) is probably not a teacher.

Kuruma wa Nihonsei ja nai deshoo.  
The car is probably not Japanese.

Ano hito wa sensei ja nakatta deshoo.  
He (that person) was probably not a teacher.

Kuruma wa Nihonsei ja nakatta deshoo.  
The car was probably not Japanese.

To Come

Kimasu.  
I come. (you come, he/she comes, etc.)

Kite kudasai!  
Please come!

Koko e kite kudasai.  
Come here, please.

Watakushi to issho ni kite kudasai.  
Come with me, please.

Mata kite kudasai.  
Come again, please.

Doko kara kimasu ka?  
Where are you coming from?

Tookyoo kara kimasu.  
I am coming from Tokyo.

Gekijoo kara kimasu.  
I am coming from the theater.

Sugu kimasu.  
I am coming right away.

Amerika kara kita bakari desu.  
I have just come from the United States.

To Do

Shimasu.  
I do. (you do, he/she does, etc.)

Shite imasu.  
I'm doing it.

Nani o shite imasu ka?  
What are you doing?

Doo shimasu ka?  
How do you do that?

Nani o shite imashita ka?  
What have you been doing?

Shinaide kudasai!  
Please don't do it!

Moo shinaide kudasai.  
Please don't do it anymore.

Shinakereba narimasen.  
You must do it.

Shite wa ikemasen.  
You mustn't do it.

Nani mo shite imasen.  
I'm not doing anything.

Nani mo shinaide kudasai.  
Don't do anything, please.

Hayaku shite kudasai!  
Do it quickly, please!

Chuu shite kudasai!  
Pay attention, please!

To Eat

Tabemasu.  
I eat./I will eat. (you eat/will eat, etc.)

Tabete imasu.  
I am eating.

Tabemashita.  
I ate.

Tabete imashita.  
I was eating.

Tabete kudasai.  
Please eat.

Tabemashoo.  
Let's eat.

Tabemasen.  
I do not eat./I will not eat.

Tabete imasen.  
I am not eating.

Tabemasen deshita.  
I did not eat.

Tabete imasen deshita.  
I was not eating.

Tabenaide kudasai.  
Please don't eat.

Donna mono o tabemashita ka?  
What kinds of things did you eat?

Sukiyaki ya tenpura o tabemashita.  
We ate sukiyaki, tempura, and things like that.

To Go

ikimasu  
I go (you go, he/she goes, etc.)

ikimashita  
I went

ikimasen  
I don't go

ikimashoo  
I think I'll go./Let's go.

Ike!  
Go! (sharp command)

Itte kudasai!  
Please go!

Ikanaide kudasai.  
Please don't go.

Yukkuri itte kudasai.  
Go slowly, please.

Itte sagashite kudasai.  
Go look for it, please.
Soko e ikanakereba narimasen.
We have to go there. (If I don’t go, it won’t do.)

Itte wa ikemasen.
You must not go.

Ikanakute mo ii desu.
We don’t have to go.

Itte mo ikanakute mo ii desu.
It doesn’t matter whether we go or not.

Itte mo ii desu.
You may go./You have my permission to go.

Ikita desu ga iku koto ga dekimasen.
I want to go, but I can’t (go).

Itta koto ga arimasu.
I have been there.

Itta koto wa arimasen.
I have never been there.

Iku koto ga arimasu.
I sometimes go.

To Have and Have Not

Motte imasu.
I have. (you have, he/she has, etc.)

Motte imasen.
I don’t have. (you don’t have, he/she doesn’t have, etc.)

Nani mo motte imasen.
I have nothing. I don’t have anything.

Okane o motte imasu.
I have money.

Okane o juubun motte imasu.
I have enough money.

Okane o sukoshi mo motte imasen.
I don’t have any money. (I don’t have even a little bit of money.)

Motte imasu ka?
Do you (have it)?

Motte imasen ka?
Don’t you (have it)?

Okane o motte imasu ka?
Do you have (any) money?

Okane o juubun motte imasu ka?
Do you have enough money?

Enpitsu o motte imasu ka?
Do you have a pencil?

Okane o juubun motte imasen ka?
Don’t you have enough money?

Enpitsu o motte imasen ka?
Don’t you have a pencil?

Motte inakereba narimasen.
I have to have (it). (If I don’t have it, it won’t do.)

Motte inakereba narimasen ka?
Do you have to have (it)?

Okane o motte inakereba narimasen.
You have to have money.

Okane o motte inakereba narimasen ka?
Do you have to have money?

Pasupoo o motte inakereba narimasen.
You have to have a passport.

Kippu o motte inakereba narimasen.
You have to have a ticket.

Pasupoo o motte inakute mo ii desu ka?
Do you have to have a passport? (Is it all right to go even if I don’t have a passport?)

Kippu o motte inakute mo ii desu ka?
Do you have to have a ticket? (Is it all right to go even if I don’t have a ticket?)

Motte iru ka moshiiremasen.
I may have (it). (I can’t tell if I have it.)

Motte inai kamoshiroemasen.
I don’t have (it).

Kippu o motte iru kamoshiroemasen.
I may have the ticket.

Okane o motte inai kamoshiroemasen.
I may not have any money.

Kippu o motte inai kamoshiroemasen.
I may not have the ticket.

To Say

Iimasu.
I say. (you say, he/she says, etc.)

Ikina iimashita.
I said that I wouldn’t go. (I said, “I will not go.”)

Iinkui desu.
It’s hard to say.

Itte kudasai.
Say (it)! Tell (it), please.

Iwanaide kudasai.
Don’t say that, please.

Kuru yoo ni itte kudasai.
Tell him to come, please.

Konai yoo ni itte kudasai.
Please tell him not to come.

Nan to iimashita ka?
What did you say?
To Speak

Hanashimasu.
I speak./I talk./I will speak./I will talk.
(you speak/talk, etc.)

Hanashimashita.
I spoke./I talked./I have spoken./
I have talked.

Hanashimashoo.
Let's talk./Let's speak./I think I'll talk./
I think I'll speak.

Hanashite imasu.
I am talking/speaking.

Hanashite imashita.
I was talking/speaking.

Hanashite kudasai.
Please talk/speak.

Hanashimasen.
I don't speak./I will not speak.

Hanashimasen deshita.
I didn't speak.

Hanashite imasen.
I am not speaking.

Hanashite imasen deshita.
I wasn't speaking.

Hanasanai de kudasai.
Please don't speak.

Travel and Tourism

panfuretto
brochure

kamera
camera

Watashitachi no shashin o totte kudasai masu ka?
Can you take our picture?

gaidotsuki no tsuua
guided tour

eroteru
hotel

annaijo, infomeeshonsentaa
information center

chizu
map

kinenhi
monument

pasupooto
passport

furonto desuku
reception desk

yoyaku
reservation

chekkuinsuru
to check in

chekkuautosuru
to check out

kankoo ni iku, kenbutsu ni iku
to go sightseeing

shashin o toru
to take a picture

kankoobasu
tour bus

ryokoosha
tourist

ryokoo to kankoojgyoo
tour and tourism

yuusuhosuteru
youth hostel

Weather

kumo
cloud

do
degree

kiri
fog

Kyoo no tenki wa doo desu ka?
How's the weather today?/What's the weather like today?

taifuu, harikeen
hurricane

Subarashii desu.
It's beautiful.

Kumotteiru.
It's cloudy.

Samui desu.
It's cold.

Suzushii desu.
It's cool.

Arare ga futteiru.
It's hailing.

Atsui desu.
It's hot.

li tenki desu.
It's nice weather.

Ame ga futteiru.
It's raining.

Yuki ga futteiru.
It's snowing.

Hareteiru.
It's sunny.

Kaze ga tsuyoi desu.
It's windy.

kaminari
lightning

ame
rain

sumoggu
smog

yuki
snow

arashi
storm

taiyoo, nikkoo
sun

ondo
temperature
Kyoo wa tenki ga warui.
The weather is bad today.

arashi
thunder

kasa
umbrella

Dialogue 1 (Introductions)
A, Yamada san, kon'nichiwa.
Oh, Mr. Yamada, hello.

Kon'nichiwa. Shibaraku desu nee.
Hello. I haven't seen you for a long time.

Ogenki desu ka?
How are you?

Ee, maa maa.
So-so. (lit., Yes, so-so.)

Kochira wa watashi no tomodachi desu.
This is my friend.

Suzuki san desu.
This is Ms. Suzuki.

Yamada desu.
I'm Yamada.

Hajimemashite.
How do you do?

Suzuki san mo gakusei desu ka?
Are you a student, too, Ms. Suzuki?

lie.
No.

Watashi wa gakusei ja arimsen.
I'm not a student.

Sotsugyoosei desu.
I'm an alumna.

Dialogue 2 (Saying Hello)
Zuibun hisashiburi desu ne?
Long time no see!

Ogenki desu ka?
How are you?

Okage sama de.
Fine, thanks.

Otaku wa?
And you and your family?

Arigatoo.
Thanks.

Minna genki desu.
We're all fine.

Nagai goryokoo de otsukare desu (ka)?
You're not too tired from your trip?

Iya. Betsu ni.
No. Not really.

A, kanai o goshookai shimashoo.
Oh, I'd like you to meet my wife.

Doozo.
I'd be happy to. (lit., Please do.)
Kochira wa Satoo san.
This is Mrs. Sato.

Hajimemashite.
How do you do?

Doozo yoroshiku.
Nice to meet you.

Kochira koso.
I'm glad to know you.

Dialogue 3 (Family)

Gokazoku no shashin desu ka?
Is this a picture of your family?

Ee, mukashi no shashin desu.
Yes, it's an old picture.

Kore wa Nagoya no uchi desu.
This is our house in Nagoya.

Kore wa okaasan desu ne.
This is your mother, isn't it?

Iie, sore wa sobo desu.
No, that's my grandmother.

Haha wa koko ni imasu.
My mother is here.

Kirei na okaasan desu ne.
She's beautiful.

Soo desu ka?
Do you think so?

Takusan irasshaimasu ne.
You have a big family.

Ee, ani ga hitori to ane ga sannin imasu.
Yes, I have one older brother and three older sisters.

Otoosan mo okaasan mo yoku Tookyoo e irasshaimasu ka?
Do both your father and your mother come to Tokyo often?

Iie, amari.
No, not very often.

Futari tomo shigoto de isogashii n desu.
Both of them are busy with their jobs.

Demo, ani ya anetachi wa yoku kimasu kara.
But my older brother and sisters come often.

Itsumo kekkoo nigiyaka desu yo.
It's always very lively.

Ii desu nee!
How nice!

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