

- Japan is called Nihon in Japanese.
- Japanese Language is Nihongo.
- Japanese people are Nihonjin.
- Adjectives conjugate.
- Verbs are at the end of the sentence and almost all end in –u sound.
- Japan is big on ranks and levels. Different words for different people.

Kan ji  
漢字

Hi ra ga na  
ひらがな

Ka ta ka na  
カタカナ

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| <b>A</b> | ka | sa  | ta  | na | ha* | ma | ya | ra | wa  | ga | za | da | ba | pa |
| <b>I</b> | ki | shi | chi | ni | hi  | mi |    | ri |     | gi | ji |    | bi | pi |
| <b>U</b> | ku | su  | tsu | nu | hu* | mu | yu | ru |     | gu | zu |    | bu | pu |
| <b>E</b> | ke | se  | te  | ne | he  | me |    | re |     | ge | ze | de | be | pe |
| <b>O</b> | ko | so  | to  | no | ho  | mo | yo | ro | wo* | go | zo | do | bo | po |
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Ki + a small ya = kya

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| <b>Good Morning</b>   |
| Ohayou (casual) “Ohio”<br>Ohayou Gozaimasu (formal)<br>Go zigh ma ss  |
| <b>Hello / Good Afternoon</b>   |
| Konnichi wa<br>co neechy wah<br><i>Kon = this, nichi = day</i><br><i>Wa = as for / how about it</i>   |
| <b>Good Evening</b>   |
| Konban wa<br>con bahn wah<br><i>Kon = this, ban = day</i><br><i>Wa = as for / how about it</i>  |
| <b>How Are You?</b>   |
| Ogenki desu ka* ( <i>Stop! Grammar time</i> )<br>oh ganky dess kah<br><i>O = polite prefix, genki = health</i><br><i>desu = am, is, are, be ka = question</i>   |
| <b>Desu, Desu ka – (am, is, are, be) it is, is it?</b>  |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <i>Inu = dog. (e new)</i></li> <li>▪ <i>Inu desu. It is a dog.</i></li> <li>▪ <i>Inu desu ka. Is it a dog?</i></li> </ul>  |
| <b>I’m Fine.</b>  |
| Genki desu (no “oh”)<br>ganky dess<br><i>genki = health, desu = am, is, are, be</i><br><i>O is a polite prefix when talking to a superior</i>   |
| <b>Thank You</b>  |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Doumo = thanks (dough moh)</li> <li>▪ Arigatou = thank you (ah ree gah toe)</li> <li>▪ Doumo Arigatou (dough moh ah ree gah toe)<br/>Thank you very much</li> <li>▪ Doumo Arigatou Gozaimasu<br/>Thank you from the bottom of my heart.</li> </ul> |
| <b>You’re Welcome</b>   |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Douitashimashite</li> <li>▪ Dou i ta shi ma shi te</li> <li>▪ Dough E tah she mah she tay</li> <li>▪ How to remember it:<br/><i>Don’t touch my mustache</i></li> </ul>   |