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Introduction

The Rough Guide Japanese dictionary phrasebook is a highly practical introduction to the contemporary language. Laid out in clear A-Z style, it uses key-word referencing to lead you straight to the words and phrases you want – so if you need to book a room, just look up ‘room’. The Rough Guide gets straight to the point in every situation, in bars and shops, on trains and buses, and in hotels and banks.

The main part of the Rough Guide is a double dictionary: English-Japanese then Japanese-English. Before that, there’s a section called **Basic Phrases** and to get you involved in two-way communication, the Rough Guide includes, in this new edition, a set of **Scenario** dialogues illustrating questions and responses in key situations such as renting a car and asking directions. You can hear these and then download them free from www.roughguides.com/phrasebooks for use on your computer or MP3 player.

Forming the heart of the guide, the **English-Japanese** section gives easy-to-use transliterations of the Japanese words wherever pronunciation might be a problem. Throughout this section, cross-references enable you to pinpoint key facts and phrases, while asterisked words indicate where further information can be found in a section at the end of the book called **How the Language Works**. This section sets out the fundamental rules of the language, with plenty of practical examples. You’ll also find here other essentials like numbers, dates, telling the time and basic phrases. The **Japanese-English** section is in two parts: a dictionary, arranged phonetically, of all the words and phrases you’re likely to hear (starting with a section of slang and colloquialisms); then a compilation, arranged by subject, of various signs, labels, instructions and other basic words you may come across in print or in public places.

Near the back of the book too the Rough Guide offers an extensive **Menu Reader**. Consisting of food and drink sections (each starting with a list of essential terms), it’s indispensable whether you’re eating out, stopping for a quick drink, or browsing through a local food market.

楽しいご旅行を！
tanoshī goryokō o!
have a good trip!



Basic Phrases

yes

hai

はい

no

ie

いいえ

OK

ōkē

オーケー

hello

kon·nichi wa

こんにちは

(on phone)

moshi-moshi

もしもし

good morning

ohayō gozaimasu

おはようございます

good evening

komban wa

こんばんは

good night (when leaving)

osaki ni

お先に

(when going to bed)

oyasuminasai

おやすみなさい

goodbye (formal)

sayōnara

さようなら

(informal)

dewa mata

ではまた

(between friends)

jā ne

じゃあね

see you later!

ja, mata!

じゃ、また!

please (requesting something)

onagai shimasu

お願いします

yes, please

hai, onagai shimasu

はい、お願いします

could you please ...?

... -te kuremasen ka?

…—てくれませんか?

thank you

arigatō

ありがとう

thank you very much

hontō ni arigatō gozaimasu

ほんとうにありがとう

うございます

no, thank you

īe kek·kō desu

いいえ、けっこうです

don't mention it

dō itashimashite

どういたしまして

how do you do?

hajimemashite

はじめまして

how are you?

ogenki desu ka?

お元気ですか？

I'm fine, thanks

okagesama de

おかげさまで

nice to meet you

hajimemashite

はじめまして

excuse me (to get past)

shitsurei shimasu

失礼します

excuse me! (to get attention)

chot-to sumimasen!

ちょっとすみません！

excuse me/sorry

gomen·nasai

ごめんなさい

sorry?/pardon me?

nante īmashita ka?

何て言いましたか？

I see/I understand

naruhodo

なるほど

I don't understand

wakarimasen

わかりません

do you speak English?

Eigo o hanasemasu ka?

英語を話せますか？

I don't speak Japanese

nihon·go wa hanasemasen

日本語は話せません

could you speak more slowly?

mot-to yuk·kuri hanashite

kuremasen ka?

もっとゆっくり話してくれませんか？

could you repeat that?

mō ichido it·te kuremasen

ka?

もう一度言ってくれませんか？

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Scenarios

1. Accommodation

is there an inexpensive hotel you can recommend?

▶ yasume no hoteru o shōkai shīte kuremasu ka?

zan-nen desu ga, subete yoyaku zumi desu ◀
I'm sorry, they all seem to be fully booked

can you give me the name of a good middle-range hotel?

▶ chū gurai no hoteru wa arimasu ka?

sōdesu ne, chūshin bu ga ī desu ka? ◀
let me have a look; do you want to be in the centre?

if possible

▶ dekireba

sukoshi hazure demo ī desu ka? ◀
do you mind being a little way out of town?

not too far out

▶ amari tōku nai hō ga ī desu

where is it on the map?

▶ chizu no doko desu ka?

can you write the name and address down?

▶ namae to jyūsho o kaite kudasai

I'm looking for a room in a private house

▶ minsyuku o sagashīte imasu

I'd like to stay in a ryokan, a Japanese-style hotel

▶ ryokan ni tomaritai desu

2. Banks

bank account	ginkō kōza
to change money	ryōgae shimasu
cheque	kogit-te
to deposit	yokin shimasu
pin number	anshō bangō
pound	pondo
to withdraw	hikidashi masu

口座番号
kōza bangō
account number

手数料
tesūryō
commission

当座預金
tōza yokin
current account

貯蓄預金
chōchik(u) yokin
savings account

支店コード
shiten kōdo
sort code

can you change this into yen?

▶ yen ni ryōgae shite kudasai

could I have three 10,000 yen notes, two 5,000 yen notes and five 100 yen coins?

▶ ichiman en satsu sanmai, gosen en satsu nimai to hyaku en dama goko kudasai

do you have information in English about opening an account?

▶ kōza ni tsuite Eigo no setsumē wa arimasu ka?

hai, don-na kōza ga ī desu ka? ◀
yes, what sort of account do you want?

I'd like a current account

▶ tōza yokin ga ī desu

pasupōto o misete kudasai ◀
your passport, please

can I use this card to draw some cash?

▶ kono kādo de genkin ga hikidasemasu ka?

kaikē ni it-te kudasai ◀
you have to go to the cashier's desk

I want to transfer this to my account at Nippon Bank

▶ kore o Nip-pon Ginkō no watashi no kōza ni sōkin shite kudasai

shōchi shimashi'ta, demo denwa ryōkin o itadakimasu ◀
OK, but we'll have to charge you for the phonecall

3. Booking a room

shower	shawā
telephone in the room	heya no denwa
payphone in the lobby	kōshūdenwa

do you have any rooms?

▶ heya wa arimasu ka?

▶ nanmē sama desu ka?
for how many people?

for one/for two

▶ hitori desu/futari desu

▶ hai, aki beya ga arimasu
yes, we have rooms free

▶ nankaku desu ka?
for how many nights?

just for one night

▶ hito ban dake desu

how much is it?

▶ ikura desu ka?

furo tsuki de ichi man en, furo nashi de hassen en desu ◀
ten thousand yen with bathroom and eight thousand yen without
bathroom

does that include breakfast?

▶ chōshoku tsuki desu ka?

can I see a room with bathroom?

▶ furo tsuki no heya o misete kuremasu ka?

ok, I'll take it

▶ kore ni shimasu

when do I have to check out?

▶ chek-ku auto wa nanji desu ka?

is there anywhere I can leave luggage?

▶ nimotsu okiba wa arimasu ka?

4. Car hire

automatic
full tank
manual
rented car

o-tomachik-ku
mantan
manyuaru
renta kā

I'd like to rent a car

▶ *renta kā o karitainodesu ga*

▶ *nan nichi kan desu ka?*
for how long?

two days
▶ *futsuka desu*

I'll take the ...

▶ *...ni shimasu*

is that with unlimited mileage?

▶ *sōkō kyori wa musēgen desu ka?*

hai ◀
it is

menkyo shō o misete kudasai ◀
can I see your driving licence, please?

sorekara pasupōto mo ◀
and your passport

is insurance included?

▶ *hoken komi desu ka?*

so desu ga, saisho no ichi man en wa jiko futan gaku desu ◀
yes, but you have to pay the first ten thousand yen

hoshōkin wa ichi man en desu ◀
can you leave a deposit of ten thousand yen?

and if this office is closed, where do I leave the keys?

▶ *kono ofisu ga shimat-te itara dokoni kī o kaeshimashō ka?*

ano hako ni irete kudasai ◀
you drop them in that box

5. Communications

ADSL modem	ADSL modemu
at	at-to
dial-up modem	daiyaru ap-pu modemu
dot	dot-to
Internet	intānet-to
mobile (phone)	kētai (denwa)
password	pasuwādo
telephone socket adaptor	denwa soket-to adaputā
wireless hotspot	waiyaresu hot-to supot-to

is there an Internet café around here?

▶ kono chikaku ni intānet-to kafe wa arimasu ka?

can I send email from here?

▶ koko kara denshi mēru o okuremasu ka?

where's the at sign on the keyboard?

▶ kono kībōdo dewa dore ga at-to desu ka?

can you switch this to a UK keyboard?

▶ UK kībōdo ni henkan dekimasu ka?

can you help me log on?

▶ rogu in o tetsudat-te kuremasu ka?

I'm not getting a connection, can you help?

▶ setsuzoku dekimasen, mite kuremasu ka?

where can I get a top-up card for my mobile?

▶ doko de kētai denwa no top-pu ap-pu kādo o kaemasu ka?

can you put me through to...?

▶ ...ni tsunaide kudasai

zero	zero	five	go
one	ichi	six	roku
two	ni	seven	nana
three	san	eight	hachi
four	yon	nine	kyū

6. Directions

where?
doko?

which direction?
dochira no hōgaku?

hi, I'm looking for Shinjuku

▶ sumimasen, Shinjuku o sagashi/te imasu

gomen-nasai, shirimasen ◀
sorry, never heard of it

hi, can you tell me where Shinjuku is?

▶ sumimasen, Shinjuku wa dochira desu ka?

watashi mo shiranaindesu ◀
I'm a stranger here too

hi, Shinjuku, do you know where it is?

▶ sumimasen, Shinjuku wa doko daka wakarimasu ka ?

sono kado ◀
around the corner

futatsume no shingō o hidari ◀
left at the second traffic lights

soshi/te saisho no migi no michi ◀
then it's the first street on the right

asoko ni
over there

...no mae
in front of...

mot-to saki
further

tōri
street

chikaku
near

mas-sugu
mae
straight
ahead

...o sugite
past the ...
sugu ato
just after

ushiro
back
wakare michi
turn off

hantai gawa
opposite

migi(gawa) ni
on the right

tonari, tsugi
next

hidari ni
on the left

7. Emergencies

accident

jiko

ambulance

kyūkyūsha

consul

ryōjikan

embassy

taishikan

fire brigade

shōbōtai

police

kēsatsu

help!

▶ tasukete!

can you help me?

▶ tasukete kudasai

please come with me! it's really very urgent

▶ is-sho ni kite kudasai! kinkyū jitai desu

I've lost (my keys)

▶ (kagi) o nakushimashita

(my car) is not working

▶ (kuruma) ga koshō shimashita

(my purse) has been stolen

▶ (saifu) ga nusumare mashita

I've been mugged

▶ gōtō ni aimashita

o namae wa? ◀
what's your name?

pasupōto o misete kudasai ◀
I need to see your passport

I'm sorry, all my papers have been stolen

▶ gomen nasai, shorui ga zembu nusumare mashita

8. Friends

hi, how're you doing?

▶ kon-nichiwa, o genki desu ka?

hai, anata wa? ◀

OK, and you?

yeah, fine

▶ ee, genki desu

not bad

▶ waruku arimasen

d'you know Mark?

▶ Mark-san o go zonji desu ka?

and this is Hannah

▶ kochira wa Han-nah-san desu

ee, shit-te imasu ◀

yeah, we know each other

where do you know each other from?

▶ doko de o ai ni narimashita ka?

Kenji-san no tokoro de ai mashita ◀

we met at Kenji's place

that was some party, eh?

▶ yoi pāī deshita ne?

saikō ◀

the best

are you guys coming for a beer?

▶ bīru o nomini ikimasen ka?

▶ ĩne, ikimashō

cool, let's go

▶ ĩe, Yōko-san to aimasu

no, I'm meeting Yōko

see you at Luke's place tonight

▶ Luke-san no tokoro de konya aimashō

jiyā ne ◀

see you

9. Health

I'm not feeling very well

- ▶ *kibun ga suguremasen*

can you get a doctor?

- ▶ *isha o yonde kuremasu ka?*

doko ga itai desu ka? ◀
where does it hurt?

it hurts here

- ▶ *koko ga itai desu*

▶ *itami wa tsuzuite imasu ka?*
is the pain constant?

it's not a constant pain

- ▶ *zut-to itaku wa arimasen*

can I make an appointment?

- ▶ *yoyaku wa toremasu ka?*

can you give me something for ...?

- ▶ *...no kusuri o kuremasu ka?*

yes, I have insurance

- ▶ *hai, hoken ni hait-te imasu*

antibiotics

antiseptic ointment

cystitis

dentist

diarrhoea

doctor

hospital

ill

medicine

painkillers

pharmacy

to prescribe

thrush

kōsēbus-shitsu

kanōdome nankō

bōkōen

haisha

geri

isha

byōin

byōki

kusuri

itami dome

yak-kyoku

shohō suru

kanjida shō

10. Language difficulties

a few words
interpreter
to translate

ikutsu ka no kotoba
tsūyaku
honyaku suru

anata no kurejit-to kādo wa kyohi saremash/ta ◀
your credit card has been refused

what, I don't understand; do you speak English?

▶ e? wakarimasen, Eigo o hanasemasu ka?

kore wa mukō desu ◀
this isn't valid

could you say that again?

▶ mō ichido it-te kudasai

slowly

▶ yuk-kuri

I understand very little Japanese

▶ Nihongo wa hotondo hanasemasen

I speak Japanese very badly

▶ Nihongo wa amari hanasemasen

kono kādo de harau koto wa dekimasen ◀
you can't use this card to pay

▶ wakarimasu ka?

do you understand?

sorry, no

▶ gomen-nasai, wakarimasen

is there someone who speaks English?

▶ dare ka Eigo o hanaseru hito wa imasu ka?

oh, now I understand

▶ ā, ima wakarimash/ta

is that ok now?

▶ dewa, kore de ī desu ka?

11. Meeting people

hello

▶ kon-nichiwa

kon-nichiwa, watashi wa Kumiko desu ◀
hello, my name's Kumiko

Graham, from England, Thirsk

▶ watashi wa Igrisu no Thirsk kara kita Graham desu

sore wa shirimasen, doko desu ka? ◀
don't know that, where is it?

not far from York, in the North; and you?

▶ hokubu no York no chikaku desu, anata wa?

watashi wa Ōsaka kara kimashite, anata wa kochira dewa o hitori
desu ka? ◀
I'm from Ōsaka; here by yourself?

no, I'm with my wife and two kids

▶ ie, tsuma to kodomo futari ga kochira ni imasu

what do you do?

▶ o shigoto wa?

komyūtā kankē desu ◀
I'm in computers

me too

▶ watashi mo

here's my wife now

▶ kore ga watashi no tsuma desu

hajime mashite ◀
nice to meet you

12. Post offices

airmail
kōkūbin

post card
ehagaki

post office
yūbinkyoku

stamp
kit-te

what time does the post office close? syūjitsu wa goji desu ◀
▶ yūbinkyoku wa nanji ni shimarimasu ka? **five o'clock weekdays**

is the post office open on Saturdays? shōgo made ◀
▶ Doyōbi ni yūbinkyoku wa aite imasu ka? **until midday**

I'd like to send this registered to England
▶ kore o Igrisu ni kakitome de okuritai no desu ga

wakarimashita, san byaku yen desu ◀
certainly, that will cost 300 yen

and also two stamps for England, please
▶ sorekara Igrisu e no kit-te o ni mai kudasai

do you have some airmail stickers?
▶ kōkūbin no sutek-kā wa arimasu ka?

do you have any mail for me?
▶ watashi e no yūbinbutsu wa arimasu ka?

国内

海外/国際

書簡

小包

局留め郵便

kokunai

kaigai/kokusai

shokan

kozutsumi

kyokudome yūbin

domestic

international

letters

parcels

poste restante

13. Restaurants

bill	kanjō gaki
menu	menyū
table	tēburu

can we have a non-smoking table?

▶ kin'en seki o onegai shimasu?

there are two of us

▶ futari desu

there are four of us

▶ yonin desu

what's this?

▶ korewa nan desu ka?

sakana no is-syu desu ◀

it's a type of fish

kono tochi no mēbutsu desu ◀

it's a local speciality

naka ni dōzo, o mise shimashō ◀

come inside and I'll show you

we would like two of these, one of these, and one of those

▶ kore o futatsu, kore o hitotsu, soshite are o hitotsu kudasai

▶ o nomimono wa?
and to drink?

red wine
▶ aka wain

white wine
▶ shiro wain

a beer and two orange juices

▶ bīru hitotsu to orenji jūsu futatsu

some more bread please

▶ mot-to pan o kudasai

▶ ikaga deshita ka?

how was your meal?

excellent!, very nice!

▶ saikō! totemo oishikat-ta desu!

▶ hoka ni wa?
anything else?

just the bill thanks

▶ okanjō onegai shimasu

14. Shopping

nani ka, o sagashi desu ka? ◀
can I help you?

can I just have a look around? yes, I'm looking for ...
▶ miru dake desu ▶ hai, ...o kaitaino desu ga

how much is this?
▶ kore wa ikura desu ka?

ni sen en ◀
two thousand yen

OK, I think I'll have to leave it; it's a little too expensive for me
▶ wakarimashita, yamete okimasu, sukoshi taka sugi masu

kore wa dō desu ka? ◀
how about this?

can I pay by credit card?
▶ kurejit-to kādo de haraemasu ka?

it's too big it's too small
▶ ōki sugi masu ▶ chīsa sugi masu

it's for my son – he's about this high
▶ musuko no desu – kore gurai no takasa desu

▶ hoka ni nani ka? that's all thanks
will there be anything else? ▶ kore de zembu desu

make it five thousand yen and I'll take it
▶ go sen en ni shite kurereba kai masu

fine, I'll take it
▶ ī desu, kaimasu

お支払い
閉店
開店
バーゲンセール
取り替える

o shiharai
hēten
kaiten
bāgen sēru
torikaeru

cash desk
closed
open
sale
to exchange

15. Sightseeing

art gallery	bijutsukan	guide	gaido
bus tour	basu tsuā	museum	hakubutsukan
city centre	chūshinbu	open	aite iru
closed	shimat-te iru		

I'm interested in seeing the old town

▶ kyūshigai ga mitai desu

are there guided tours?

▶ gaido tsuki no tsuā wa arimasu ka?

mōshiwake arimasen, manseki desu ◀

I'm sorry, it's fully booked

how much would you charge to drive us around for four hours?

▶ yo jikan no kankō doraibu wa ikura desu ka?

can we book tickets for the concert here?

▶ koko de konsāto no kip-pu o yoyaku dekimasu ka?

▶ hai, o namae wa?
yes, in what name?

▶ dono kurejit-to kādo?
which credit card?

where do we pick up the tickets?

▶ kip-pu wa doko de moraemasu ka?

iriguchi de uketot-te kudasai ◀
just pick them up at the entrance

is it open on Sundays?

▶ Nichiyōbi wa aite imasu ka?

how much is it to get in?

▶ nūjōryō wa ikura desu ka?

are there reductions for groups of 6?

▶ roku nin no dantai ni waribiki wa arimasu ka?

that was really impressive!

▶ totemo yokat-ta desu!

16. Trains

to change trains	norikaeru
platform	purat-tofōmu
return	ōfuku
single	katamichi
station	eki
stop	eki
ticket	kip-pu

how much is ...?

▶ ...wa ikura desu ka?

a single, second class to ...

▶ katamichi hitori, futsūsha, ... made

two returns, second class to ...

▶ ōfuku futari, futsūsha, ... made

for today

▶ kyō no

for tomorrow

▶ ashita no

for next Tuesday

▶ raisyū no Kayōbi

Shinkansen wa tokubetsu ryōkin desu ◀
there's a supplement for the Bullet Train

zaseki o yoyaku shimasu ka? ◀
do you want to make a seat reservation?

Okayama de norikaete kudasai ◀
you have to change at Okayama

what time is the last train to Kyoto?

▶ Kyoto e no saisyūdensha wa nanji desu ka?

is this seat free?

▶ kono seki wa aite imasu ka?

excuse me, which station are we at?

▶ sumimasen, koko wa doko no eki desu ka?

is this where I change for Okayama?

▶ Okayama e wa koko de norikae desu ka?

English



Japanese

A

a, an* *hitotsu* (no)
 ひとつ(の)
about: about 20 *ni-jū kurai*
 20くらい
it's about 5 o'clock *goji goro*
 5時ごろ
a film about Japan *Nihon ni tsuite no eiga*
 日本についての映画
above ... no ue ni
 …の上に
abroad *gaikoku de*
 外国で
absorbent cotton *das-shimen*
 脱脂綿
accelerator *akseru*
 アクセル
accept (present) *uketorimasu*
 受け取ります
 (credit card etc) *uketsukemasu*
 受け付けます
accident *jiko*
 事故
there's been an accident *jiko ga arimashita*
 事故がありました
accommodation *heya*
 部屋
account *kōza*
 口座
accurate *seikak (na)*
 正確(な)

ache *itami*
 痛み
my back aches *koshi ga itai desu*
 腰が痛いです
across: across the road *michi no mukōgawa*
 道の向う側
adapter *adaptā*
 アダプター
address *jūsho*
 住所
what's your address?
gojūsho wa?
 ご住所は？
address book *jūshorok*
 住所録
admission charge
nyūjōryō
 入場料
adult *otona*
 大人
advance: in advance *mae-mot-te*
 前もって
aeroplane *hikōki*
 飛行機
after ... no ato de
 …の後で
after you *dōzo osaki ni*
 どうぞお先に
after lunch *chūshoku-go ni*
 昼食後に
after all *kek-kyoku*
 結局

afternoon *gogo*
 午後
 in the afternoon *gogo ni*
 午後に
 this afternoon *kyō no gogo ni*
 今日の午後に
 aftershave *afutā-shēbu*
 アフターシェイブ
 aftersun cream *afutāsan-rōshon*
 アフターサンローション
 afterwards *ato de*
 後で
 again *mata*
 また
 against (opposed to) ... to
hantai (no)
 …と反対(の)
 (position) ... *ni tatekakete*
 …に立てかけて
 age *toshi*
 年
 agent *dairinin*
 代理人
 ago *mae*
 前
 a week ago *is-shūkan-mae*
 一週間前
 an hour ago *ichijikan-mae*
 一時間前
 agree: I agree *dōkan desu*
 同感です
 agreement *kyōtei*

協定
 AIDS *eizu*
 エイズ
 air *kūki*
 空気
 by air (travel) *hikōki de*
 飛行機で
 (send) *kōkūbin de*
 航空便で
 air-conditioning *eya-kon*
 エアコン
 airmail: by airmail *kōkūbin de*
 航空便で
 airmail envelope *kōkūbin-yō fūtō*
 航空便用ふうとう
 airplane *hikōki*
 飛行機
 airport *kūkō*
 空港
 to the airport, please *kūkō made, onegai shimasu*
 空港までお願いしま
 す
 airport bus *rimujin-basu*
 リムジンバス
 aisle seat *tsūrogawa no seki*
 通路側の席
 alarm clock *mezamashi-dokei*
 目覚まし時計
 alcohol *arukōru*
 アルコール
 alcoholic drink *osake*
 お酒

all: all the wa min-na

…はみんな

all of it sore zembu

それぜんぶ

all of them zembu

ぜんぶ

that's all, thanks sore dake

desu, dōmo arigatō

それだけです、どう

もありがとう

allergic: I'm allergic to ...

watashi wa ... arerugī desu

私は…アレルギーで

す

allowed: is it allowed? ī desu

ka?

いいですか？

all right kek-kō desu

けっこうです

(I agree) dōkan desu

同感です

I'm all right daijōbu desu

大丈夫です

are you all right? daijōbu

desu ka?

大丈夫ですか？

almost hotondo

ほとんど

alone hitori

ひとり

already mō

もう

also ... mo

…も

although ... keredomo

けれども

although it's expensive takai

keredomo

高いけれども

altogether zembu de

ぜんぶで

always itsumo

いつも

am*: I am watashi wa ... desu

私は…です

am: at 7am gozen shichiji ni

午前7時に

at 1am gozen ichiji ni

午後1時に

amazing (surprising) odoroku-

beki

驚くべき

(very good) subarashī

すばらしい

ambulance kyūkyūsha

救急車

call an ambulance!

kyūkyūsha o yonde

kudasai!

救急車を呼んでくだ

さい！

America Amerika

アメリカ

American (adj) Amerika (no)

アメリカ(の)

I'm American watashi wa

Amerika-jin desu

私はアメリカ人です

among ... no naka de

…のなかで

amount ryō

量

(of money) gak

額

amp: a 13-amp fuse

jūsan-ampeya no hyūz

13アンペアのヒューズ

and*

soshite

そして

(with nouns) to

と

(at beginning of sentence)

sorekara

それから

angry okot-ta

怒った

animal dōbutsu

動物

ankle ashikubi

足首

anniversary (wedding)

kek-kon-kinen-bi

結婚記念日

annoy: this man's annoying me kono hito wa watashi o

komarasete imasu

このひとは私を困らせています

annoying iraira suru

いらいらする

another (different) betsu no

別の

(one more) mō hitotsu

もうひとつ

can we have another room?

betsu no heya wa arimasu

ka?

別の部屋はありますか？

another beer, please bīru o

mō hitotsu onegai shimasu

ビールをもうひとつ

お願いします

antibiotics kōsei-bus-shitsu

抗生物質

antihistamine kō-hisutamin-zai

抗ヒスタミン剤

antique: is it an antique? sore

wa kot-tōhin desu ka?

それは骨董品です

か？

antique shop kot-tōhin-ten

骨董品店

antiseptic shōdoku-zai

消毒剤

any: do you have any ...? ... o

mot-te imasu ka?

…を持っています

か？

have you got any bread/

cherries? pan/sakuranbo wa

arimasu ka?

パン／さくらんぼは

ありますか？

sorry, I don't have any

sumimasen, mot-te imasen

すみません、持って

いません

anybody dare ka
 だれか
 does anybody speak
 English? dare ka Eigo ga
 hanasemasu ka?
 だれか英語が話せますか？
 there wasn't anybody there
 soko niwa dare mo imasen
 deshita
 そこにはだれもいませんでした
 anything nani ka
 何か

dialogue

anything else? hoka ni
 nani ka?
 nothing else, thanks hoka
 niwa nai desu, arigatō
 would you like anything to
 drink? nani ka nomimasu
 ka?
 I don't want anything,
 thanks nani mo hoshiku
 arimasen, arigatō

apart from ... igai dewa
 …以外では
 apartment apāt(o)
 アパート
 apartment block manshon
 マンション
 appetizer zensai

前菜
 apple rin-go
 りんご
 appointment yoyaku
 予約

dialogue

good morning, how can I
 help you? ohayō
 gozaimasu, ikaga
 itashimashō?
 I'd like to make an
 appointment yoyaku o
 shitai no desu ga
 what time would you like?
 nanji ga yoroshī desu
 ka?
 three o'clock sanji ga ī
 desu
 I'm afraid that's not
 possible, is four o'clock all
 right? mōshiwake
 arimasen ga sanji wa
 ip-pai desu, yoji dewa
 ikaga desu ka?
 yes, that will be fine hai, ī
 desu
 the name was? onamae o
 itadakemasu ka?

apricot anzu
 あんず
 April Shigatsu
 四月

are* *desu*
 です
 you are (sing) *anata wa ... desu*
 あなたは…です
 they are (men/women) *karera/ kanojotachi wa ... desu*
 彼ら／彼女たちは…です
 area *chīki*
 地域
 area code *shigai-kyokuban*
 市外局番
 arm *ude*
 うで
 arrange *tehai shimasu*
 手配します
 will you arrange it for us? *sore o tehai shite kuremasu ka?*
 それを手配してくれ
 ますか？
 arrival *tōchaku*
 到着
 arrive *tsukimasu*
 着きます
 when do we arrive? *itsu tsukimasu ka?*
 いつ着きますか？
 has my fax arrived yet?
watashi no fak-kus wa todokimashita ka?
 私のファックスは届
 きましたか？
 we arrived today *kyō tsukimashita*

きょう着きました
 art *bijutsu*
 美術
 art gallery *bijutsu-kan*
 美術館
 artist *geijutsu-ka*
 芸術家
 as: as big as to *onaji ōkisa no*
 …と同じ大きさの
 as soon as possible *dekiru dake hayaku*
 できるだけ早く
 ashtray *haizara*
 灰皿
 Asia *Ajia*
 アジア
 Asian (adj) *Ajia (no)*
 アジア(の)
 (noun) *Ajia-jin*
 アジア人
 ask *tanomimasu*
 頼みます
 I didn't ask for this *kore wa tanonde imasen*
 これは頼んでいませ
 ん
 could you ask him to ...? *kare ni ... yō tanonde kuremasen ka?*
 彼に…よう頼んでく
 れませんか？
 asleep: she's asleep *kanojo wa nemut-te imasu*
 彼女は眠っています

aspirin *asupirin*
 アスピリン
 asthma *zensoku*
 ぜんそく
 astonishing *odoroku hodo*
 (no)
 驚くほど(の)
 at: at the hotel *hoteru de*
 ホテルで
 at the station *eki de*
 駅で
 at six o'clock *rokuji ni*
 6時に
 at Yukiko's *Yukiko-san no*
tokoro de
 ゆきこさんのところ
 で
 ATM *genkin-jidō-shiharaiki*
 現金自動支払機
 attractive *miryoku-teki* (na)
 魅力的(な)
 August *Hachigatsu*
 八月
 aunt (one's own) *oba*
 おば
 (someone else's) *oba-san*
 おばさん
 Australia *Ōsutoraria*
 オーストラリア
 Australian (adj) *Ōsutoraria*
 (no)
 オーストラリ
 ア(の)
 I'm Australian *watashi wa*
Ōsutoraria-jin desu

私はオーストラリア
 人です
 automatic (adj) *jidō* (no)
 自動(の)
 (noun: car) *ōtomachik-ku*
 オートマチック
 autumn *aki*
 秋
 in the autumn *aki ni*
 秋に
 avalanche *nadare*
 なだれ
 avenue *ōdōri*
 大通り
 average (not good) *heikin-teki*
 (na)
 平均的(な)
 on average *heikin shite*
 平均して
 awake: is he awake? *kare wa*
okite imasu ka?
 彼は起きています
 か?
 away: go away! *at-chi e it-te!*
 あっちへ行って!
 is it far away? *tōi desu ka?*
 遠いですか?
 awful *hidoi*
 ひどい

B

baby *akachan*
 赤ちゃん

baby food *bebī-fūdo*
 ベビーフード
 baby's bottle *honyūbin*
 ほ乳びん
 baby-sitter *bebī-shit-tā*
 ベビーシッター
 back (of body) *senaka*
 背中
 (back part) *ura*
 裏
 at the back *ushiro ni*
 後ろに
 can I have my money back?
okane o kaeshite
kuremasen ka?
 お金を返してくれま
 せんか？
 to come back *modot-te*
kimasu
 戻ってきます
 to go back *modot-te*
ikimasu
 戻っていきます
 backache *koshi no itami*
 腰の痛み
 bacon *bēkon*
 ベーコン
 bad *warui*
 悪い
 a bad headache *hidoi zutsū*
 ひどい頭痛
 not bad *māmā desu*
 まあまあです
 badly *hidoku*
 ひどく

badminton *badominton*
 バドミントン
 bag *kaban*
 かばん
 (paper bag) *fukuro*
 袋
 (carrier bag) *binīru-bukuro*
 ビニール袋
 (handbag) *handobag-gu*
 ハンドバッグ
 baggage *nimotsu*
 荷物
 baggage checkroom
tenimotsu-azukari-jo
 手荷物預り所
 baggage claim
tenimotsu-uketori-jo
 手荷物受取所
 baker's *pan-ya*
 パン屋
 balcony *beranda*
 ベランダ
 a room with a balcony
beranda-tsuki no heya
 ベランダ付きの部屋
 ball *bōru*
 ボール
 ballpoint pen *bōru-pen*
 ボールペン
 bamboo *take*
 竹
 bamboo shoots *takenoko*
 たけのこ
 banana *banana*
 バナナ

band (musical) bando

バンド

bandage hōtai

包帯

Bandaïd® bando-eido

バンドエイド

bank (money) ginkō

銀行

bank account ginkō-kōza

銀行口座

banker's draft kawase-tegata

為替手形

bar bā

バー

a bar of chocolate

chokorēto-bā

チョコレートバー

barber's toko-ya

床屋

baseball yakyū

野球

basket kago

かご

(in shop) basuket-to

バスケット

basketball basuket-to-borū

バスケットボール

bath ofuro

お風呂

can I have a bath? ofuro ni

hait-te mo ī desu ka?

お風呂にはいっても

いいですか?

bathroom ofuro-ba

お風呂場

with a private bathroom

basu-tsuki no heya

バス付きの部屋

bath towel basu-taoru

バスタオル

bathtub yokusō

浴槽

battery (for radio etc)

denchi

電池

(for car) bat-terī

バッテリー

bay wan

湾

be* desu

です

beach hamabe

浜辺

on the beach hamabe de

浜辺で

bean curd tōfu

豆腐

beans mame

豆

soya beans daizu

大豆

beard hige

ひげ

beautiful (object, painting)

subarashī

すばらしい

(person, view) kirei (na)

きれいな

(building) utsukushī

美しい

because *nazenara*
 なぜなら
 because of no tame ni
 ...のために
 bed (Western-style) *bed-do*
 ベッド
 (Japanese-style) *nedoko*
 寝床
 I'm going to bed now
sorosoro nemasu
 そろそろ寝ます
 bed and breakfast
chōshoku-tsuki yado
 朝食付き宿
 bedding (Japanese) *futon*
 ふとん
 bedroom *shinshitsu*
 寝室
 beef *gyūniku*
 牛肉
 beer *bīru*
 ビール
 two beers, please *bīru*
futatsu, onegai shimasu
 ビールふたつ、お願い
 します
 before ... *mae ni*
 ...前に
 begin *hajimarimasu*
 始まります
 when does it begin? *itsu*
hajimarimasu ka?
 いつ始まりますか？
 beginner *shoshinsha*
 初心者

beginning: at the beginning
hajime ni
 始めに
 behind ... *no ushiro ni*
 ...の後ろに
 behind me *watashi no*
ushiro ni
 私の後ろに
 below ... *no shita ni*
 ...の下に
 belt *beruto*
 ベルト
 bend (in road) *kābu*
 カーブ
 berth (on ship) *shindai*
 寝台
 beside ... *no soba ni*
 ...のそばに
 best *saikō (no)*
 最高(の)
 better *mot-to ī*
 もっと良い
 are you feeling better?
kibun wa yoku narimashita
ka?
 気分はよくなりました
 ですか？
 between ... *no aida ni*
 ...の間に
 beyond ... *no mukō ni*
 ...の向こうに
 bicycle *jitensha*
 自転車
 big *ōkai*
 大きい

too big *ōkīsugimasu*
 大きすぎます
 it's not big enough
chīsasugimasu
 小さすぎます
 bikini bikini
 ビキニ
 bill *seikyūsho*
 請求書
 (in restaurant, bar etc) *okanjō*
 お勘定
 (US: banknote) *shihei*
 紙幣
 could I have the bill, please?
okanjō o onegai shimasu
 お勘定をお願いし
 ます
 bin *gomibako*
 ごみ箱
 bird *tori*
 鳥
 birthday *tanjōbi*
 誕生日
 happy birthday! *otanjōbi*
omedetō gozaimasu!
 お誕生日おめでとう
 ございます
 biscuit *bisuket-to*
 ビスケット
 bit: a little bit *sukoshi*
 すこし
 a big bit *ōkī bubun*
 大きい部分
 a bit of *o sukoshi*
 ...をすこし

a bit expensive *chot-to takai*
desu
 ちょっと高いです
 bite (by insect) *mushi-sasare*
 虫さされ
 (by dog) *inu no kamikizu*
 犬の噛み傷
 bitter (taste etc) *nigai*
 にがい
 black *kuroi*
 黒い
 blanket *mōfu*
 毛布
 blind me no *fujiyū na*
hito (no)
 目の不自由な人
 (の)
 blinds *buraindo*
 ブラインド
 blocked (road, pipe) *fusagat-ta*
 ふさがった
 (sink) *tsumat-ta*
 つまった
 blond (adj) *kimpatsu (no)*
 金髪(の)
 blood *ketsu-eki*
 血液
 high blood pressure
kōketsu-atsu
 高血圧
 blouse *burausu*
 ブラウス
 blow-dry *burō-dorai*
 ブロードライ
 I'd like a cut and blow-dry

kat-to to burō-dorai o
onegai shimasu
カットとブロードラ
イをお願いします

blue aoi

青い

boarding pass tōjōken

搭乗券

boat bōto

ボート

(for passengers) fune

船

body karada

からだ

boiled egg yude-tamago

ゆでたまご

boiled rice gohan

ごはん

bone hone

ほね

bonnet (of car) bon-net-to

ボンネット

book (noun) hon

本

(verb) yoyaku shimasu

予約します

can I book a seat? seki o
yoyaku dekimasu ka?

席を予約できますか？

dialogue

I'd like to book a table for
two tēburu o futari-yō ni

yoyaku shitai no desu ga
what time would you like it
booked for? nanji ni
otorishimashō ka?
half past seven shichiji-
han ni onegai shimasu
that's fine o-uke-
itashimasu
and your name?
dochirasama desu ka?

bookshop, bookstore hon-ya

本屋

boot (footwear) bōtsu

ブーツ

(of car) toranku

トランク

border (of country) kok-kyō

国境

bored: I'm bored taikutsu
desu

退屈です

boring taikutsu (na)

退屈な

born: I was born in ... (place)
... de umaremashita

…で生まれました
(year) ... ni umaremashita

に生まれました

borrow karimasu

借ります

may I borrow ...? ... o

okarishite mo ī desu ka?

…をお借りしてもいいですか？

both *ryōhō*

両方

bother: sorry to bother you

*otesū o okakeshite**sumimasen*お手数をおかけして
すみませんbottle *bin*

びん

a bottle of sake *sake ip-pon*

酒一本

bottle-opener *sen-nuki*

栓抜き

bottom (of person) *oshiri*

お尻

at the bottom of the *no**soko ni*

…の底に

(hill, mountain) ... *no fumoto**ni*

…のふもとに

(road, street) ... *no tsukiataru**ni*

…のつきあたりに

bowl (porcelain) *chawan*

茶碗

(wooden) *owan*

お椀

box *hako*

箱

(wooden) *kibako*

木箱

box office *kip-p-uriba*

切符売り場

boy *otoko no ko*

男の子

boyfriend *bōi-frendo*

ボーイフレンド

bra *brajā*

ブラジャー

bracelet *buresuret-to*

ブレスレット

brake (noun) *burēki*

ブレーキ

brandy *burandē*

ブランデー

bread *pan*

パン

white bread *shiro-pan*

白パン

brown bread *kuro-pan*

黒パン

wholemeal bread *zenryūko**no pan*

全粒粉のパン

break (verb) *kowashimasu*

壊します

I've broken the *o**kowashite shimai-**mashita*

…を壊してしまい

ました

I think I've broken my wrist

*dōmo tekubi o ot-ta yō**desu*

どうも手首を折った

ようです

break down *koshō shimasu*

故障します

I've broken down *kuruma ga*

enku shimashita
車がエンコしました
breakdown koshō
故障
breakdown service rek-kā-sha
レッカー車
breakfast chōshoku
朝食
break-in: I've had a break-in
dorobō ni hairaremashita
どろぼうにはいられました
ました
breast chibusa
乳房
bridge (over river) hashi
橋
brief mijikai
短い
briefcase burīfu-kēsu
ブリーフケース
bright (light etc) akarui
あかるい
(colour) azayaka (na)
あざやか(な)
brilliant subarashī
すばらしい
bring mot-te kimasu
持ってきます
I'll bring it back later atode
kaeshi ni kimasu
後で返しにきます
Britain Eikoku
英国
British (adj) Eikoku (no)
英国(の)

brochure panfret-to
パンフレット
broken kowareta
壊れた
(leg etc) hone ga oreta
骨が折れた
brooch burōchi
ブローチ
brother kyōdai
兄弟
(elder: one's own) ani
兄
(someone else's) onī-san
お兄さん
(younger: one's own) otōto
弟
(someone else's) otōto-san
弟さん
brother-in-law giri no kyōdai
義理の兄弟
(elder: one's own) giri no ani
義理の兄
(someone else's) giri no
onī-san
義理のお兄さん
(younger: one's own) giri no
otōto
義理の弟
(someone else's) giri no
otōto-san
義理の弟さん
brown cha-iro (no)
茶色
bruise daboku-shō
打撲傷

brush (for hair) *burashi*
 ブラシ
 (artist's) *efude*
 絵筆
 (for cleaning) *hōki*
 ほうき
 Buddha *hotoke-sama*
 仏様
 Buddhism *Buk·kyō*
 仏教
 Buddhist (adj) *Buk·kyō* (no)
 仏教 (の)
 (noun) *Buk·kyōto*
 仏教徒
 buffet car *shokudōsha*
 食堂車
 buggy (for child) *uba-guruma*
 乳母車
 building *biru*
 ビル
 bullet train *shinkansen*
 新幹線
 bunk *shindai*
 寝台
 bureau de change *ryōgae-jo*
 両替所
 burglary *oshikomi-gōtō*
 押し込み強盗
 burn (noun) *yakedo*
 やけど
 (verb) *yakedo shimasu*
 やけどします
 burnt: this is burnt (food) *kore wa kogete imasu*
 これは焦げています

bus *basu*
 バス
 what number bus is it to ...?
 ...-iki no *basu wa namban desu ka?*
 …一歩きのバスは何番ですか？
 when is the next bus to ...?
tsugi no ...-iki no basu wa nanji desu ka?
 次の…一歩きのバスは何時ですか？
 what time is the last bus?
saishū basu wa nanji desu ka?
 最終バスは何時ですか？

dialogue

does this bus go to ...?
kono basu wa ...-iki desu ka?
 no, you need a number ...
īe, ... ban no basu desu

business *shigoto*
 仕事
 (company) *kaisha*
 会社
 business card *meishi*
 名刺
 business hotel
bijinesu-hoteru
 ビジネスホテル

businessman *bijinesu-man*
 ビジネスマン
 business trip *shut-chō*
 出張
 businesswoman *kyaria-ūman*
 キャリアウーマン
 bus station *basu-tāminaru*
 バスターミナル
 bus stop *basu-tei*
 バス停
 bust *basuto*
 バスト
 busy (restaurant etc) *konde iru*
 込んでいる
 I'm busy tomorrow *ashita wa isogashi desu*
 あしたは忙しいです
 but *demo*
 でも
 butcher's *niku-ya*
 肉屋
 butter *batā*
 バター
 button *botan*
 ボタン
 buy *kaimasu*
 買います
 where can I buy ...? *doko de ... ga kaemasu ka?*
 どこで…が買えますか？
 by: by car *kuruma de*
 車で
 by bus *basu de*
 バスで

written by ... *... ga kaita*
 …が書いた
 by the window *mado no soba*
 窓のそば
 by the sea *umi no soba*
 海のそば
 by Thursday *Moku-yōbi made ni*
 木曜日までに
 bye *dewa mata*
 ではまた
 (between friends) *jā ne*
 じゃあね

C

cabin (on ship) *senshitsu*
 船室
 (in mountains) *yamagoya*
 山小屋
 cable car *kēburu-kā*
 ケーブルカー
 café *kis-saten*
 喫茶店
 cake *kēki*
 ケーキ
 cake shop *kēki-ya*
 ケーキ屋
 calendar *karendā*
 カレンダー
 lunar calendar *kyūreki*
 旧暦
 call (verb: to phone) *denwa shimasu*

電話します
 what's it called? *kore wa nan to imasu ka?*
 これはなんと言
 いますか?
 he/she is called ...
kare/kanojo wa ... to imasu
 彼／彼女は…と言
 います
 please call the doctor *isha o yonde kudasai*
 医者を呼んで
 ください
 please give me a call at
 7.30am tomorrow *ashita no asa shichi-ji han ni denwa o kudasai*
 あしたの朝7時半に
 電話をください
 please ask him to call me
kare ni denwa o kureru yō tsutaete kudasai
 彼に電話をくれるよ
 う伝えてください
 call back: I'll call back later
ato de mata ukagaimasu
 後でまたうかがい
 ます
 (phone back) *ato de mata denwa shimasu*
 後でまた電話します
 call round: I'll call round
 tomorrow *ashita ukagaimasu*
 あしたうかがいます

calligraphy *shodō*
 書道
 camcorder *bideo-kamera*
 ビデオカメラ
 camera *kamera*
 カメラ
 camera shop *kamera-ya*
 カメラ屋
 campsite *kyamp-jō*
 キャンプ場
 can *kanzume*
 缶詰め
 a can of beer *kan-biru*
 缶ビール
 can*: can you ...? ...-koto ga
dekimasu ka?
 …—ことができます
 か?
 can I have ...? ... o morat-te
 mo i desu ka?
 …をもらってもいい
 ですか?
 I can't-koto ga
dekimasen
 …—ことができません
 Canada *Kanada*
 カナダ
 Canadian (adj) *Kanada (no)*
 カナダ(の)
 I'm Canadian *watashi wa Kanada-jin desu*
 私はカナダ人です
 canal *un-ga*
 運河

cancel *torikeshimasu*
 取り消します
 candies *kyandi*
 キャンディー
 candle *rōsoku*
 ロウソク
 canoe *kanū*
 カヌー
 canoeing *kanūingu*
 カヌーイング
 can-opener *kankiri*
 缶切り
 cap (hat) *bōshi*
 ぼうし
 (of bottle) *futa*
 ふた
 car *kuruma*
 車
 by car *kuruma de*
 車で
 card (birthday etc) *kādo*
 カード
 New Year's card *nen-gajō*
 年賀状
 here's my (business) card
watashi no meishi desu
 私の名刺です
 cardphone *kādo-denwa*
 カード電話
 careful *chūibukai*
 注意深い
 be careful! *ki o tsukete!*
 気をつけて!
 carp *koi*
 こい

car park *chūshajō*
 駐車場
 carpet *jūtan*
 じゅうたん
 carp streamer *koi-nobori*
 こいのぼり
 car rental *rentakā*
 レンタカー
 carriage (of train) *kyakusha*
 客車
 carrier bag *binīru-bukuro*
 ビニール袋
 carrot *ninjin*
 にんじん
 carry *mochimasu*
 持ちます
 carry-cot *keitai-yō*
bebī-bed-do
 携帯用ベビーベッド
 carton *pak-ku*
 パック
 cartoon (film) *animēshon*
 アニメーション
 cash (noun) *genkin*
 現金
 (verb) *genkin ni kaemasu*
 現金に換えます
 will you cash this for me?
genkin ni kaete kuremasen ka?
 現金に換えてくれませんか?
 cash desk *kaikai*
 会計
 cash dispenser

genkin-jidō-shiharaiki
現金自動支払機
cassette kaset-to
カセット
cassette recorder
kaset-to-rekōdā
カセットレコーダー
castle shiro
城
casualty department
kyūkyūbyōtō
救急病棟
cat neko
ねこ
catch tsukamaemasu
捕まえます
where do we catch the bus
to ...? ...-iki no basu wa
doko kara dete imasu ka?
…一歩きのバスはどこ
から出ていますか？
Catholic (adj) Katorik-ku (no)
カトリック(の)
cauliflower karifurawā
カリフラワー
cave hora-ana
洞穴
CD shī-dī
シーディー
ceiling tenjō
天井
cemetery bochi
墓地
centigrade ses-shi

摂氏
centimetre senchi-mētoru
センチメートル
central chūshin (no)
中心(の)
centre chūshin
中心
how do we get to the city
centre? hankagai niwa dō
ikimasu ka?
繁華街にはどう行きますか？
cereal kōnfurēku
コーンフレーク
ceremony shikiten
式典
opening ceremony
kaikaishiki
開会式
tea ceremony chakai
茶会
certainly tashika ni
たしかに
certainly not! (that's wrong)
zet-tai chigaimasu!
絶対違います！
(refusal) dame desu!
だめです！
certificate shōmeisho
証明書
chair isu
いす
change (verb: replace)
torikaemasu
取りかえます

(trains etc) *norikaemasu*

乗り換えます

(money) *kuzushimasu*

くずします

(noun: money) *kozeni*

小銭

can I change this for ...,

please? *kore o ... to**torikaete kudasai*

これを…と取りかえ

てください

where do I change trains?

*doko de norikaereba ī desu**ka?*

どこで乗り換えれば

いいですか？

I don't have any change

kozeni ga arimasen

小銭がありません

can you give me change for a

1,000-yen note?

*sen-en-satsu o kuzushite**kuremasen ka?*

千円札をくずして

くれませんか？

dialogue

do we have to change

(trains)? *norikae-nakute**wa narimasen ka?*

yes, change at Tokyo/no,

it's a direct train *hai,**Tokyo-eki de norikae**desu/īe, chokutsū desu*

changed: to get changed

kigaemasu

着替えます

character (written) *kanji*

漢字

charge (noun) *ryōkin*

料金

(verb) *seikyū shimasu*

請求します

charge card *kurejit-to-kādo*

クレジットカード

cheap *yasui*

安い

do you have anything

cheaper? *mō sukoshi yasui**no wa arimasu ka?*

もう少し安いの

はありますか？

check (US: noun) *kogit-te*

小切手

(bill) *seikyūsho*

請求書

(in restaurant, bar etc) *okanjō*

お勘定

could I have the check,

please? *okanjō o onegai**shimasu*

お勘定をお願いします

check (verb) *shirabemasu*

調べます

could you check the ...? ... o

shirabete kuremasen ka?

…を調べてくれ

ませんか？

check-in *chek-ku-in*

チェックイン
 check in *chek-ku-in shimasu*
 チェックインします
 where do we have to check in?
doko de chek-ku-in
shinakute wa narimasen ka?
 どこでチェックイン
 しなくてはなりません
 にか?
 cheek (on face) *hō*
 ほお
 cheerio! *bai-bai!*
 バイバイ!
 cheers! (toast) *kampai!*
 乾杯!
 cheese *chīzu*
 チーズ
 chemist's *yak-kyoku*
 薬局
 cheque *kogit-te*
 小切手
 cherry *sakuranbo*
 さくらんぼ
 cherry blossom *sakura*
 桜
 cherry tree *sakura no ki*
 桜の木
 chess (Western) *chesu*
 チェス
 (Japanese) *shōgi*
 将棋
 chest *mune*
 胸
 chestnut *kuri*
 くり

chewing gum *chūin-gam*
 チューイングガム
 chicken (meat) *toriniku*
 鶏肉
 chickenpox *mizubōsō*
 水ぼうそう
 child *kodomo*
 子供
 children *kodomo-tachi*
 子供たち
 child minder *komori*
 子守
 children's pool *kodomo-yō*
pūru
 子供用プール
 children's portion
okosama-yō
 お子様用
 chin *ago*
 あご
 china *setomono*
 瀬戸もの
 China *Chūgoku*
 中国
 Chinese (adj) *Chūgoku (no)*
 中国(の)
 chips (French fries) *fūrench-frai*
 フレンチフライ
 (US) *poteto-chip-pu*
 ポテトチップ
 chocolate *chokorēto*
 チョコレート
 milk chocolate
miruku-chokorēto
 ミルクチョコレート

plain chocolate
burak-ku-chokorēto
ブラックチョコレート
ト
a hot chocolate kokoa
ココア
choose erabimasu
選びます
chopstick rest hashioki
はしおき
chopsticks hashi
はし
Christmas Kurimasu
クリスマス
merry Christmas!
Merī-Kurimasu!
メリークリスマス
Christmas Eve
Kurimasu-Ibu
クリスマスイブ
church kyōkai
教会
cider rin-goshu
りんご酒
cigar hamaki
葉巻
cigarette tabako
タバコ
cigarette lighter raitā
ライター
cinema eiga
映画
circle en
円
(in theatre) barukonī-seki

バルコニー席
city toshi
都市
city centre hankagai
繁華街
clean (adj) kirei (na)
きれい(な)
(verb) kirei ni shimasu
きれいにします
can you clean these for me?
kore o kirei ni shite
kuremasen ka?
これをきれいにしてくれませんか?
cleaning solution (for contact lenses) kontakuto-renzu-yō kurinā
コンタクトレンズ用クリーナー
cleansing lotion
kurenjing-rōshon
クレンジングローション
clear tōmei (na)
透明(な)
(obvious) akiraka (na)
明らか(な)
clever kashikoi
かしこい
client irainin
依頼人
cliff gake
崖
climbing tozan
登山

clinic *shinryōjo*
 診療所
 cloakroom *kurōku*
 クローク
 clock *tokei*
 時計
 close (verb) *shimarimasu*
 閉まります

dialogue

what time do you close?
nanji ni shimarimasu ka?
 we close at 8pm on
 weekdays, and 6pm on
 Saturdays *heijitsu wa*
hachiji, Doyōbi wa rokji
ni shimarimasu
 do you close for lunch?
hiruyasumi wa arimasu
ka?
 yes, between 12 and 1pm
hai, jūniji kara ichiji desu

closed (door) *shimat-ta*
 閉まった
 (shop) *heiten (no)*
 閉店 (の)
 cloth (fabric) *nunoji*
 布地
 (for cleaning etc) *zōkin*
 ぞうきん
 clothes (Western) *yōfuku*
 洋服
 (Japanese) *kimono*

着物
 cloudy *kumori (no)*
 くもり (の)
 clutch (in car) *kurat-chi*
 クラッチ
 coach (bus) *chōkyori-basu*
 長距離バス
 (on train) *kyaksha*
 客車
 coach station *basu-tāminaru*
 バスターミナル
 coach trip *basu-ryokō*
 バス旅行
 coast *kaigan*
 海岸
 on the coast *engan ni*
 沿岸に
 coat (long coat) *kōto*
 コート
 (jacket) *jaket-to*
 ジャケット
 coathanger *han-gā*
 ハンガー
 code (for phoning)
shigai-kyokban
 市外局番
 what's the (dialling) code for
 Osaka? *Ōsaka no shigai-*
kyokban wa namban desu
ka?
 大阪の市外局番は
 何番ですか?
 coffee *kōhī*
 コーヒー
 two coffees, please *kōhī*

fūtatsu, *onegai shimasu*

コーヒーふたつ、
お願いします

coin *kōka*

硬貨

Coke® *kōla*

コーラ

cold *tsumetai*

冷たい

(weather, person) *samui*

寒い

I'm cold *samui desu*

寒いです

I have a cold *kaze o*

hikimashita

風邪を引きました

collar *eri*

えり

collect *atsumemasu*

集めます

I've come to collect *o*

tori ni kimashita

…を取りに来ました

collect call *korekuto-kōru*

コレクトコール

college *daigaku*

大学

colour *iro*

色

do you have this in other

colours? *hoka no iro wa*

arimasu ka?

ほかの色はありますか？

か？

colour film *karā-firumu*

カラーフィルム

comb *kushi*

くし

come *kimasu*

来ます

dialogue

where do you come from?

doko kara

iras-shaimashita ka?

I come from Edinburgh

Ejinbara kara kimashita

come back *modot-te kimasu*

戻ってきます

I'll come back tomorrow

mata ashita kimasu

またあした来ます

come in *hairimasu*

入ります

comfortable *yut-tari shita*

ゆったりした

comic book *man-ga*

漫画

compact disc

kompakuto-disuku

コンパクトディスク

company (business) *kaisha*

会社

compare *kurabemasu*

比べます

compartment (on train)

koshitsu

個室

compass *kompasu*
コンパス

complain *kujō o īmasu*
苦情を言います

complaint *kujō*
苦情

I have a complaint *kujō ga arimasu*
苦情があります

completely *kanzen ni*
完全に

computer *kompyūtā*
コンピューター

concert *konsāto*
コンサート

conditioner (for hair) *rinsu*
リンス

condom *kondōmu*
コンドーム

conference *kaigi*
会議

conference room *kaigijō*
会議場

confirm *kakunin shimasu*
確認します

congratulations! *omedetō!*
おめでとう!

connecting flight
setsuzokubin
接続便

connection (in travelling)
setsuzoku
接続

constipation *bempi*
便秘

consulate *ryōjikan*
領事館

contact (verb) *renraku shimasu*
連絡します

contact lenses
kontakuto-renzu
コンタクトレンズ

contract *keiyaku*
契約

convenient (time) *tsugō no ī*
都合のいい
(location, object) *benri (na)*
便利(な)

that's not convenient *sore wa tsugō ga yoku arimasen*
それは都合がよくありません

cook (verb) *ryōri shimasu*
料理します

not cooked *han-nama (na)*
半なま(な)

cooker *renji*
レンジ

cookie *bisuket-to*
ビスケット

cool *suzushī*
涼しい

cork *koroku*
コルク

corkscrew *koroku-nuki*
コルク抜き

corner: on the corner
machikado ni
街角に

in the corner *sumi ni*
隅に
cornflakes *kōnfurēku*
コーンフレーク
correct (right) *tadashī*
正しい
corridor *rōka*
廊下
cosmetics *keshōhin*
化粧品
cost (noun) *hiyō*
費用
(verb) *hiyō ga kakarimasu*
費用がかかります
how much does it cost?
ikura desu ka?
いくらですか?
cot *bebī-bed·do*
ベビーベッド
cotton *momen*
木綿
cotton wool *das-shimen*
脱脂綿
couchette *shindai*
寝台
cough (noun) *seki*
せき
cough medicine *sekidome*
せき止め
could: could you ...? ...-te
kuremasen ka?
…てくれませんか?
could I have ...? ... o
kuremasen ka?

…をくれませんか?
I couldn't *koto wa*
dekimasen deshita
…ことはできません
でした
country (nation) *kuni*
国
(countryside) *inaka*
いなか
countryside *inaka*
いなか
couple: a couple of ...
... *futatsu*
…ふたつ
courier *gaido*
ガイド
course *kōsu*
コース
of course *mochiron*
もちろん
of course not *mochiron*
chigaimasu
もちろん違います
cousin *itoko*
いとこ
crab *kani*
かに
cracker (biscuit) *kurak-kā*
クラッカー
craft shop *min·geihin-ten*
民芸品店
crash (noun) *shōtotsu-jiko*
衝突事故
I've had a crash
shōtotsu-jiko ni aimashita

衝突事故に
あいました

crazy muchū (na)

夢中(な)

cream kurīmu

クリーム

creche takuji-sho

託児所

credit card kurejit-to-kādo

クレジットカード

do you take credit cards?

kurejit-to-kādo wa

tsukaemasu ka?

クレジットカードは

使えますか?

dialogue

can I pay by credit card?

kurejit-to-kādo de

haraemasu ka?

which card do you want to

use? doko no kādo desu

ka?

Mastercard/Visa

masutā/biza desu

yes, sir hai, oshiharai

itadakemasu

what's the number?

ban-gō o itadakemasu ka?

and the expiry date?

yūkōkigen wa itsu desu

ka?

crisps poteto-chip-pu

ポテトチップ

crockery tōjiki

陶磁器

crossing (by sea) ōdan

横断

crossroads jūjiro

十字路

crowd hitogomi

ひと込み

crowded konda

込んだ

crown (dental) kuraun

クラウン

cruise kōkai

航海

crutches matsubazue

松葉杖

cry (verb) nakimasu

泣きます

cucumber kyūri

きゅうり

cup kap-pu

カップ

a cup of ..., please ... o

hitotsu kudasai

…をひとつください

cupboard oshire

押し入れ

(with shelves) todana

戸棚

curly kāri-hea (no)

カーリーヘア

(の)

curtains kāten

カーテン

cushion *kus-shon*
クッション
floor cushion *zabuton*
ざぶとん
custom *shūkan*
習慣
customer *kyaku*
客
Customs *zeikan*
税関
cut (noun) *kirikizu*
切り傷
(verb) *kirimasu*
切ります
I've cut myself *kit-te*
shimaimashita
切ってしまいました
cutlery *naifu-fōku-ru*
ナイフ・フォーク類
cycling *saikuringu*
サイクリング
cyclist *saikurisuto*
サイクリスト

D

daily *mainichi* (no)
毎日
damage (verb) *kowashimasu*
壊します
damaged *kowareta*
壊れた
I'm sorry, I've damaged this
sumimasen, kore o

kowashite shimaimashita
すみません、これを
壊してしまいました
た
damn! *chikushō!*
ちくしょう!
damp *shimet-ta*
しめった
dance (noun) *dansu*
ダンス
(verb) *odorimasu*
おどります
would you like to dance?
odorimasen ka?
おどりませんか?
dangerous *abunai*
危ない
Danish (adj) *Dem-māku* (no)
デンマーク (の)
dark (adj: colour) *koi*
濃い
(hair) *kuroi*
黒い
it's getting dark *kuraku*
nat-te kimashita
暗くなってきました
date*: what's the date today?
kyō wa nan-nichi desu ka?
きょうは何日です
か?
let's make a date for next
Monday *raishū no*
Getsuyōbi ni shimashō
来週の月曜日に
しまししょう

daughter (one's own) *musume*

娘

(someone else's) *ojō-san*

お嬢さん

daughter-in-law (one's own) *giri*no *musume*

義理の娘

(someone else's) *giri no**musume-san*

義理の娘さん

dawn *yoake*

夜明け

at dawn *yoake ni*

夜明けに

day *hi*

日

the day after *sono tsugi no**hi*

その次の日

the day after tomorrow

as-sat-te

あさって

the day before *sono mae no**hi*

その前の日

the day before yesterday

ototoi

おととい

every day *mainichi*

毎日

all day *ichinichi-jū*

一日中

in two days' time

futsuka-inai ni

二日以内に

have a nice day! *gokigen-yō!*

ごきげんよう!

day trip *higaeri-ryokō*

日帰り旅行

dead *shinda*

死んだ

deaf *mimi ga kikoenai*

耳がきこえない

deal (business) *torihiki*

取り引き

it's a deal *sore de te o**uchimashō*

それで手を打ちま

しょう

death *shi*

死

decaffeinated coffee *kafein**nuki no kōhī*

カフェイン抜き

のコーヒー

December *Jūnigatsu*

十二月

decide *kimemasu*

決めます

we haven't decided yet *mada**kimete imasen*

まだ決めていません

decision *ket-tei*

決定

deck (on ship) *dek-ki*

デッキ

deckchair *dek-ki-chea*

デッキチェア

deep *fukai*

深い

definitely *mat-taku sono tōri desu*

まったくそのとおりです

definitely not *mat-taku chigaimasu*

まったく違います

degree *do*

度

(qualification) *gakui*

学位

delay (noun) *okure*

遅れ

deliberately *waza to*

わざと

delicatessen *sōzai-ya*

惣菜屋

delicious *totemo oishi*

とてもおいしい

deliver *haitatsu shimasu*

配達します

delivery *haitatsu*

配達

Denmark *Den-māku*

デンマーク

dental floss *dentaru-fūrosu*

デンタルフロス

dentist *haisha*

歯医者

dialogue

it's this one here *koko no kore desu*

this one? *kore desu ka?*

no that one *īe, sore desu*
here? *koko desu ka?*
yes *hai*

dentures *ireba*

入れ歯

deodorant *deodoranto*

デオドラント

department *bumon*

部門

department store *depāto*

デパート

departure *shup-patsu*

出発

departure lounge

shup-patsu-raunji

出発ラウンジ

depend: it depends *bā ni*

yorimasu

場合によります

it depends on *ni*

yorimasu

…によります

deposit (for bike/boat hire)

hoshōkin

保証金

(as part payment) *atamakin*

頭金

description *setsuimei*

説明

design *dezain*

デザイン

dessert *dezāto*

デザート

destination *mokutekichi*

目的地
develop *genzō shimasu*
現像します

dialogue

could you develop these
films? *kono firumu o*
genzō shite kuremasen
ka?

yes, certainly *hai, genzō*
desu ne

when will they be ready?
itsu dekiagarimasu ka?

tomorrow afternoon *ashita*
no gogo desu

how much is the four-hour
service? *yojikan no*
sābisu wa ikura desu ka?

diabetic (noun)

tōnyōbyō-kanja

糖尿病患者

diabetic foods

tōnyōbyō-kanja-yō

shokujin

糖尿病患者用食品

dial (verb) *daiyaru shimasu*

ダイヤルします

dialling code

shigai-kyokuban

市外局番

diamond *daiyamondo*

ダイヤモンド

diaper *omutsu*

おむつ
diarrhoea *geri*

下痢

do you have any medicine for
diarrhoea? *geridome wa*
arimasu ka?

下痢止めはありますか？

diary (business etc) *techō*

手帳

(for personal experiences) *nik·ki*

日記

dictionary *jisho*

辞書

didn't* ...-*masen deshita*

…—ませんでした

see not

die *shinimasu*

死にます

diesel *dīzeru-sha*

ディーゼル車

diet *daiet-to*

ダイエット

I'm on a diet *daiet-to-chū*
desu

ダイエット中です

I have to follow a special

diet *shokujī-seigen ga*

arimasu

食事制限があります

difference *chigai*

違い

what's the difference? *chigai*

wa nan desu ka?

違いは何ですか？

different *chigau*
 違う
 this one is different *kore wa chigaimasu*
 これは違えます
 a different table *chigau tēburu*
 違うテーブル
 difficult *muzukashī*
 むずかしい
 dining room *shokudō*
 食堂
 dinner (evening meal) *yūshoku*
 夕食
 to have dinner *shokujī o shimasu*
 食事をします
 direct (adj) *choksetsu* (no)
 直接(の)
 is there a direct train?
chokutsū no densha wa arimasu ka?
 直通の電車はありますか?
 direction *hōkō*
 方向
 which direction is it? *dot-chi no hōkō desu ka?*
 どちらの方向ですか?
 is it in this direction? *kono hōkō desu ka?*
 この方向ですか?
 director (section chief) *kachō*
 課長

(of department) *buchō*
 部長
 (of company) *shachō*
 社長
 directory enquiries
denwa-ban-gō-an-nai
 電話番号案内
 dirt *yogore*
 汚れ
 dirty *kitanai*
 汚い
 disabled: disabled person
shintai-shōgai-sha
 身体障害者
 is there access for the disabled?
shintai-shōgai-sha mo riyō dekimasu ka?
 身体障害者も利用できますか?
 disappear *nakumarimasu*
 なくなります
 it's disappeared
nakumarimashita
 なくなりました
 disappointed *gak-kari shi*(ta)
 がっかりした
 disappointing *kitai hazure* (no)
 期待はずれ(の)
 disaster *saigai*
 災害
 this is a disaster *kore wa hidoi desu*
 これはひどいです
 disco *disuko*
 ディスコ

discount waribiki
割引
is there a discount? waribiki
ni narimasu ka?
割引になりますか?
disease byōki
病気
disgusting iya (na)
いや(な)
dish (meal) ryōri
料理
(plate) sara
皿
disk (for computer) disuku
ディスク
disposable diapers/nappies
kami-omutsu
紙おむつ
distance kyori
距離
in the distance tōku ni
遠くに
district chihō
地方
disturb jama shimasu
じゃまします
do not disturb okosanaide
kudasai
起こさないで
ください
diversion (detour)
mawari-michi
回り道
divorced rikon shita
離婚した

dizzy: I feel dizzy memai ga
shimasu
めまいがします
do (verb) shimasu
します
what shall we do? nani o
shimashō ka?
何をしましょうか?
how do you do it? dōyat-te
surundesu ka?
どうやってするん
ですか?
will you do it for me? sōshite
kuremasen ka?
そうしてくれませんか?

dialogue

how do you do?
hajimemashite, dōzo
yoroshiku
nice to meet you
o-aidekite ureshīdes
what do you do? (work)
oshigoto wa nan desu
ka?
I'm a teacher, and you?
watashi wa kyōshi desu
ga anata wa?
I'm a student watashi wa
gakusei desu
what are you doing
tonight? koman wa nani
o shite imasu ka?

we're going out for a drink,
do you want to join us?
watashitachi wa nomi ni
ikimasu ga, is-sho ni
kimasen ka?

do you want tea? ocha wa
ikaga desu ka?

I do, but she doesn't
watashi wa itadakimasu
ga, kanojo niwa kek-kō
desu

doctor isha

医者

we need a doctor isha ga
hitsuyō desu

医者が必要で
す please call a doctor isha o
yonde kudasai

医者を呼んで
ください

dialogue

where does it hurt? doko
ga itai desu ka?

right here koko desu

does that hurt now? kore
wa itai desu ka?

yes hai

take this to the chemist
kore o mot-te kusuri-ya
ni ikinasai

document shorui

書類

dog inu

犬

doll nin-gyō

人形

domestic flight kokumaisen

国内線

don't!* dame!

だめ!

don't do that! yoshinasai!

よしなさい!

see not

door doa

ドア

(of house: Japanese-style) to
戸

sliding door (wooden lattice and
paper) shōji

障子

(patterned) fusuma

ふすま

doorman doaman

ドアマン

doorway genkan

玄関

double nibai (no)

二倍

double bed daburu-bed-do

ダブルベッド

double room daburu

ダブル

double whisky daburu

ダブル

doughnut dōnat-tsu

ドーナツ
 down: down here *kono shita desu*
 この下です
 put it down over there *soko ni oite kudasai*
 そこに置いて
 ください
 it's down there on the right
soko o it-te migi desu
 そこを行って右です
 it's further down the road
mot-to saki desu
 もっと先です
 downmarket (restaurant etc)
yasup-poi
 安っぽい
 downstairs *shita*
 下
 dozen *ichi-dāsū (no)*
 1 ダース
 half a dozen *han-dās (no)*
 半ダース
 draught beer *nama-bīru*
 生ビール
 draughty: it's draughty
sukima-kaze ga hairimasu
 すきま風がはいります
 ます
 drawer *hikidashi*
 引出し
 drawing *e*
 絵
 dreadful *hidoi*
 ひどい

dream (noun) *yume*
 夢
 dress (noun) *doresu*
 ドレス
 dressed: to get dressed *fuku o kimasu*
 服を着ます
 dressing gown *gaun*
 ガウン
 drink (noun) *nomimono*
 飲物
 (alcoholic) *osake*
 お酒
 (non-alcoholic) *seiryō-inryō*
 清涼飲料
 (verb) *nomimasu*
 飲みます
 a cold drink *tsuimetai nomimono*
 冷たい飲物
 can I get you a drink?
nomimono wa ikaga desu ka?
 飲物はいかがですか？
 what would you like (to drink)? *nani o nomimasu ka?*
 何を飲みますか？
 no thanks, I don't drink
arigatō, demo arukōru wa nomimasen
 ありがとう、でもアルコールは飲みません

I'll just have a drink of water
 mizu o kudasai
 水をください
 drinking water inryōsui
 飲料水
 is this drinking water? kore
 wa inryōsui desu ka?
 これは飲料水ですか？
 drive (verb) unten shimasu
 運転します
 we drove here kuruma de
 kimashita
 車で来ました
 I'll drive you home okut-te
 ikimasu
 送って行きます
 driver untenshu
 運転手
 driving licence
 unten-menkyo-shō
 運転免許証
 drop: just a drop, please (of
 drink) hon no sukoshi dake
 kudasai
 ほんの少しだけ
 ください
 drug (medicine) kusuri
 薬
 drugs (narcotics) mayaku
 麻薬
 drunk (adj) yop-parat-ta
 酔っぱらった
 dry (adj) kawaita
 乾いた

(wine) karakuchi (no)
 辛口(の)
 dry-cleaner's kurūning-ya
 クリーニング屋
 due: he was due to arrive
 yesterday kare wa kinō
 tōchaku suru hazu deshita
 彼はきのう到着する
 はずでした
 when is the train due?
 densha wa itsu kuru hazu
 desu ka?
 電車はいつ来るはず
 ですか？
 dull (pain) zuki-zuki
 ずきずき
 (weather) kumori (no)
 くもり(の)
 (uninteresting) tsumaranai
 つまらない
 dummy (baby's) oshaburi
 おしゃぶり
 during ... no aida ni
 …の間に
 dust hokori
 ほこり
 dustbin gomibako
 ごみ箱
 dusty hokorip-poi
 ほこりっぽい
 Dutch (adj) Oranda (no)
 オランダ
 duty-free (goods)
 menzei(hin)
 免税(品)

duty-free shop
menzeihin-ten
免税品店
duvet *kakebuton*
かけぶとん

E

each (every) *sorezore* (no)
それぞれ(の)
how much are they each?
hitotsu ikura desu ka?
ひとついくらですか?
ear *mimi*
耳
earache: I have earache *mimi*
ga itai desu
耳が痛いです
early *hayai*
早い
early in the morning *asa*
hayaku
朝早く
I called by earlier *sakihodo*
mo ukagaimashita
先程もうかがいました
earrings *iyaringu*
イヤリング
earthquake *jishin*
地震
east *higashi*
東
in the east *higashi ni*
東に

Easter *Fuk-katsu-sai*
復活祭
Eastern (oriental) *tōyō* (no)
東洋(の)
easy *yasashī*
やさしい
eat *tabemasu*
食べます
we've already eaten
watashitachi wa mō
tabemashita
私たちはもう食べ
ました
eau de toilette
ō-do-toware
オードトワレ
economy class *ekonomī-*
kurasu
エコノミークラス
eel *unagi*
うなぎ
egg *tamago*
たまご
either: either ... or *ka ...*
ka
…か…か
either of them *dochiraka*
どちらか
elbow *hiji*
ひじ
electric *denki* (no)
電気(の)
electrical appliances
denki-kigu
電気器具

E

electrician *denki-ya*
 電気屋
 electricity *denki*
 電気
 elevator *erebētā*
 エレベーター
 else: something else *nani ka*
hoka no mono
 何かほかのもの
 somewhere else *doko ka*
hoka no tokoro
 どこかほかのところ

dialogue

would you like anything
 else? *hoka ni nani ka*
irimasu ka?
 no, nothing else, thanks *īe,*
hoka niwa nani mo
irimasen, arigatō

e-mail *ī-mēru*
 イーメール
 embassy *taishikan*
 大使館
 emergency *kinkyū*
 緊急
 this is an emergency! *kinkyū*
desu!
 緊急です
 emergency exit *hijōguchi*
 非常口
 Emperor of Japan *Ten-nō-*
Heika

天皇陛下
 Empress of Japan *Kōgō-*
Heika
 皇后陛下
 empty *kara (no)*
 から(の)
 end (noun) *owari*
 終わり
 at the end of the street *sono*
michi no tsukiatari ni
 その道の突き当たり
 に
 when does it end? *itsu owari*
masu ka?
 いつ終わりますか?
 engaged (toilet) *shiyō-chū*
 使用中
 (phone) *hanashi-chū*
 話し中
 (to be married) *kon-yaku shita*
 婚約した
 engine (car) *enjin*
 エンジン
 England *Igirisu*
 イギリス
 English (adj) *Igirisu (no)*
 イギリス(の)
 (language) *Eigo*
 英語
 I'm English *watashi wa*
Igirisu-jin desu
 私はイギリス人です
 do you speak English? *Eigo*
ga hanasemasu ka?
 英語が話せますか?

enjoy: to enjoy oneself
tanoshimasu
楽しみます

dialogue

how did you like the film?
eiga wa dō deshita ka?
I enjoyed it very much, did
you enjoy it? totemo
tanoshikat-ta desu, anata
wa dō deshita ka?

enlargement (of photo)
hiki-nobashi
引き伸ばし
enormous totemo ōkī
とても大きい
enough jūbun
十分
there's not enough tarimasen
たりません
it's not big enough
chīsasugimasu
小さすぎます
that's enough sore de jūbun
desu
それで十分です
entrance iriguchi
入り口
(of house) genkan
玄関
envelope fūtō
ふうとう
epileptic tenkan-kanja

てんかん患者
equipment setsubi
設備
(for climbing etc) sōbi
装備
error machigai
まちがい
especially toku ni
とくに
essential hitsuyō (na)
必要(な)
it is essential that ... -koto
wa hitsuyō desu
…—ことは必要です
Europe Yōrop-pa
ヨーロッパ
European (adj) Yōrop-pa (no)
ヨーロッパ(の)
even: even the ... demo
…でも
even if ... moshi ... demo
もし…でも
evening yūgata
夕方
this evening komban
今晚
in the evening yoru ni
夜に
evening meal yūshoku
夕食
eventually tsui ni
ついに
ever: I hardly ever ... hotondo
…-masen
ほとんど…—ません

dialogue

have you ever been to
Hiroshima? Hiroshima ni
it-ta koto ga arimasu ka?
yes, I was there two years
ago hai, ni-nen mae ni
ikimashita

every *subete no*
すべての
every day *mainichi*
毎日
everyone *mina-san*
皆さん
everything *subete*
すべて
everywhere *doko demo*
どこでも
exactly! *sono tōri desu!*
そのとおりです!
exam *shiken*
試験
example *rei*
例
for example *tatoeba*
たとえば
excellent *subarashī*
すばらしい
(food) *totemo oishī*
とてもおいしい
(hotel) *ichiryū (no)*
一流(の)
excellent! *subarashī!*
すばらしい!

except ... *igai wa*
…以外は
excess baggage
chōka-tenimotsu
超過手荷物
exchange rate *ryōgae-rēto*
両替レート
exciting *omoshiroi*
おもしろい
excuse me (to get past)
shitsurei shimasu
失礼します
(to say sorry) *gomen-nasai*
ごめんなさい
(to get attention) *chot-to*
sumimasen!
ちょっとすみません
executive *kanrishoku*
管理職
exhaust (pipe) *haikikan*
排気管
exhibition *tenrankai*
展覧会
exit *deguchi*
出口
where's the nearest exit?
ichiban chikai deguchi wa
doko desu ka?
いちばん近い出口は
どこですか?
expensive *takai*
高い
experienced *keiken no aru*
経験のある
explain *setsuimei shimasu*

説明します
can you explain that?
setsu_{mei} shite kuremasen
ka?
説明してくれませんか?

express (mail) sokutatsu

速達
(train) tok·kyū

特急

extension (telephone) naisen

内線

extension ..., please naisen

no ..., onegai shimasu

内線の…、お願いします

extension lead encho-kōdo

延長コード

extra: can we have an extra

one? mō hitotsu

moraemasen ka?

もうひとつもらえますか?

do you charge extra for that?

sore wa betsu-ryōkin desu
ka?

それは別料金ですか?

extraordinary mezurashī

めずらしい

extremely totemo

とても

eye me

目

will you keep an eye on my

suitcase for me? chot-to
sūsukēs o mite ite
kuremasen ka?

ちょっとスーツケース
を見ていてくれま
せんか?

eyeglasses (US: spectacles)

megane

めがね

eyeliner ai-rainā

アイライナー

eye make-up remover

ai-mēku-otoshi

アイメイク落とし

eye shadow ai-shadō

アイシャドウ

F

face kao

かお

face mask (for colds) masuku

マスク

factory kōjō

工場

Fahrenheit kashi

華氏

faint (verb) ki o

ushinaimasu

気を失います

she's fainted kanojo wa ki o

ushinaimashita

彼女は気を失いま
した

I feel faint *fura-fura shimasu*
 ふらふらします
 fair (funfair) *yūenchi*
 遊園地
 (trade fair) *mihon-ichi*
 見本市
 (impartial) *kōhei (na)*
 公平(な)
 (amount) *kanari (no)*
 かなり(の)
 fairly (quite) *kanari*
 かなり
 fake (adj) *nise (no)*
 にせ(の)
 fall (US: season) *aki*
 秋
 in the fall *aki ni*
 秋に
 fall (verb) *korobimasu*
 ころびます
 she's had a fall *kanojo wa*
korobimashita
 彼女はころびました
 false (not true) *machigat-ta*
 まちがった
 family *kazoku*
 家族
 famous *yūmei (na)*
 有名(な)
 fan (electrical) *sempūki*
 扇風機
 (handheld) *sensu*
 せんす
 (sports) *fan*
 ファン

fantastic *subarashī*
 すばらしい
 far *tōi*
 遠い

dialogue

is it far from here? *koko*
kara tōi desu ka?
 no, not very far *Īe, amari*
tōku nai desu
 well, how far? *dono kurai*
desu ka?
 it's about 20 kilometres *ni-*
juk-kiro kurai desu

fare *ryōkin*
 料金
 fare box (on buses)
ryōkinbako
 料金箱
 farm *nōjō*
 農場
 fashionable *oshare (na)*
 おしゃれ(な)
 fast *hayai*
 速い
 fat (person) *futot-ta*
 太った
 (on meat) *aburami*
 あぶらみ
 father (one's own) *chichi*
 父
 (someone else's) *otō-san*
 お父さん

father-in-law (one's own) *giri*
 no chichi
 義理の父
 (someone else's) *giri no*
 otō-san
 義理のお父さん
 faucet *jaguchi*
 じゃ口
 fault: sorry, it was my fault
gomen-nasai, watashi no sei
deshita
 ごめんなさい、私の
 せいでした
 it's not my fault *watashi no*
sei dewa arimasen
 私のせいではあり
 ません
 faulty *chōshi ga okashī*
 調子がおかしい
 favourite *oki ni iri (no)*
 お気に入り(の)
 fax (noun) *fak·ksu*
 ファックス
 (verb) *fak·ksu o okurimasu*
 ファックスを送り
 ます
 February *Nigatsu*
 二月
 feel *kanjimasu*
 感じます
 I feel hot *atsui desu*
 暑いです
 I feel unwell *kibun ga yoku*
nai desu
 気分がよくないです

I feel like going for a walk
sampo ni ikitai desu
 散歩にいきたいです
 how are you feeling? *ikaga*
desu ka?
 いかがですか？
 I'm feeling better *zut-to ī*
desu
 ずっといいです
 fence (noun) *hei*
 塀
 fencing *fensingu*
 フェンシング
 Japanese fencing *kendō*
 剣道
 ferry *ferī*
 フェリー
 festival *omatsuri*
 お祭り
 fetch (person) *tsurete*
kimasu
 連れてきます
 (object) *tot-te kimasu*
 取ってきます
 I'll fetch him *kare o yonde*
kimashō
 彼を呼んできま
 しょう
 will you come and fetch me
 later? *atode mukae ni kite*
kuremasen ka?
 後でむかえに来て
 くれませんか？
 feverish *netsup-poi*
 熱っぽい

- few: a few *sukoshi no*
 少しの
 a few days *ni-san nichi*
 二三日
 fiancé(e) *kon-yakusha*
 婚約者
 field *hatake*
 畑
 fight (noun) *kenka*
 けんか
 fill in *kinyū shimasu*
 記入します
 do I have to fill this in? *kinyū shinakute wa narimasen ka?*
 記入しなくてはなりませんか？
 fill up *ip-pai ni shimasu*
 いっぱいにします
 fill it up, please *ip-pai ni shite kudasai*
 いっぱいにして
 ください
 filling (in cake, sandwich) *nakami*
 なかみ
 (in tooth) *ha no tsumemono*
 歯の詰めもの
 film (movie) *eiga*
 映画
 (for camera) *firumu*
 フィルム

dialogue

do you have this kind of film? *kon-na firumu wa*

arimasu ka?
 yes, how many exposures?
hai, nan-mai dori desu ka?
 36 *san-jū-roku-mai desu*

- film processing *genzō*
 現像
 final (adj) *saigo (no)*
 最後(の)
 find (verb) *mitsukemasu*
 見つけます
 I can't find it *mitsukarimasen*
 見つかりません
 I've found it *mitsukemashita*
 見つけました
 find out *shirabemasu*
 調べます
 could you find out for me?
shirabete kuremasen ka?
 調べてくれませんか？
 fine (weather) *hareta*
 晴れた
 (punishment) *bak·kin*
 罰金

dialogue

how are you? *ogenki desu ka?*
 I'm fine, thanks
okagesama de
 is that OK? *sore de ī desu ka?*

that's fine, thanks ē,
kek-kō desu

finger yubi

指

finish (verb) owarimasu

終わります

I haven't finished yet mada

owat-te imasen

まだ終わっていません

when does it finish? itsu

owarimasu ka?

いつ終わりますか？

fire (in hearth) hi

火

(blaze) kaji

火事

fire! kaji da!

火事だ！

can we light a fire here?

koko de hi o taite mo ī
desu ka?

ここで火をたいても
いいですか？

it's on fire kaji desu

火事です

fire alarm kasai-hōchiki

火災報知機

fire brigade shōbōtai

消防隊

fire escape hijōguchi

非常口

fire extinguisher shōkaki

消火器

fireworks hanabi

花火

first saisho (no)

最初(の)

I was first watashi ga saki
deshita

私が先でした

at first saisho ni

最初に

the first time hajimete

はじめて

first on the left hidarigawa
no saisho

左がわの最初

first aid ōkyū-te-ate

応急手当

first-aid kit kyūkyūbako

救急箱

first class (train) gurīnsha

グリーン車

(plane) fāsuto-kurasu

ファーストクラス

first-class ticket (train)

gurīnsha jōshaken

グリーン車乗車券

(plane) fāsuto-kurasu

chiket-to

ファーストクラスチ

ケット

first floor ni-kai

二階

(US) ik-kai

一階

first name namae

名前

fish (noun) *sakana*
 さかな
 fishmonger's *sakana-ya*
 魚屋
 fit (attack) *hos-sa*
 発作
 fit: it doesn't fit me *sore wa watashi ni aimasen*
 それは私に合いません
 fitting room *shichaku-shitsu*
 試着室
 fix (verb: arrange) *tehai shimasu*
 手配します
 can you fix this? (repair)
naosemasu ka?
 なおせますか?
 fizzy *tansan* (no)
 炭酸(の)
 fizzy orange *tansan-iri orenji jūsu*
 炭酸入りオレンジ
 ジュース
 flag *hata*
 はた
 flannel *taoru*
 タオル
 flash (for camera) *furashu*
 フラッシュ
 flat (noun: apartment) *apāto*
 アパート
 (adj) *taira* (na)
 たいら(な)
 I've got a flat tyre *taiya ga panku shimashita*

タイヤがパンクしました
 flavour *fūmi*
 風味
 flea *nomi*
 のみ
 flight *hikō*
 飛行
 flight number *bin-me*
 便名
 flood *kōzui*
 洪水
 floor (of room) *yuka*
 床
 (storey) *kai*
 階
 on the floor *yuka ni*
 床に
 florist's *hana-ya*
 花屋
 flower *hana*
 花
 flower arranging *ikebana*
 生け花
 flu *infuruenza*
 インフルエンザ
 fluent: he speaks fluent
 Japanese *kare wa ryūchō na Nihon-go o hanashimasu*
 彼は流暢な日本語を話します
 fly (noun) *hae*
 ハエ
 (verb) *tobimasu*

飛びます
can we fly there? hikōki de
ikemasu ka?

飛行機で行けます
か？

fog *kiri*

霧

foggy: it's foggy *kiri ga dete
imasu*

霧が出ています

food (in general) *tabemono*

食べ物

(in shop) *shokuryōhin*

食料品

(in restaurant) *ryōri*

料理

food poisoning

shokuchūdokū

食中毒

food shop/store

shokuryōhin-ten

食料品店

foot (of person) *ashi*

足

on foot *aruite*

歩いて

football (game) *sak-kā*

サッカー

(ball) *sak-kā-bōru*

サッカーボール

footwarmer *katatsu*

こたつ

for: do you have something for
...? (headache/diarrhoea etc) ...

ni kik kūsuri wa arimasu

ka?

…に効く薬はありま
すか？

dialogues

who's the tempura for?

*tempura wa dochira desu
ka?*

that's for me *watashi desu*

and this one? *kore wa*

dochira desu ka?

that's for her *kanojo desu*

where do I get the bus for

Shinjuku? *Shinjuku-iki*

no basu wa doko de

noremasu ka?

the bus for Shinjuku leaves

from Tokyo station

Shinjuku-iki no basu wa

Tōkyō eki kara dete

imasu

how long have you been

here? *koko niwa mō*

dono kurai ni narimasu

ka?

I've been here for two

days, how about you?

futsuka desu ga, anata

wa?

I've been here for a week

is-shūkan ni narimasu

forehead *odeko*
 おでこ
 foreign *gaikoku* (no)
 外国
 foreigner *gaijin*
 外人
 forest *mori*
 森
 forget *wasuremasu*
 忘れます
 I forget, I've forgotten
wasurete shimaimashita
 忘れてしまいました
 fork *fōk*
 フォーク
 (in road) *bunkiten*
 分岐点
 form (document) *yōshi*
 用紙
 formal *seishiki* (na)
 正式(な)
 (dress) *aratamat-ta*
 あらたまった
 fortnight *nishūkan*
 二週間
 fortunately *un-yoku*
 運よく
 forward: could you forward my
 mail? *tegami o tensō shite*
kuremasen ka?
 手紙を転送して
 くれませんか?
 forwarding address *tensō saki*
 転送先
 foundation (make-up)

fandēshon
 ファンデーション
 fountain (ornamental) *fun sui*
 噴水
 (for drinking) *kyūsui*
 給水器
 foyer *robī*
 ロビー
 fracture (noun) *kos-setsu*
 骨折
 France *Furansu*
 フランス
 free (no charge) *tada, muryō*
 ただ、無料
 is it free (of charge)? *muryō*
desu ka?
 無料ですか?
 freeway *kōsokudōro*
 高速道路
 freezer *reitōko*
 冷凍庫
 French (adj) *Furansu* (no)
 フランス(の)
 (language) *Furansu-go*
 フランス語
 French fries *furenchi-furai*
 フレンチフライ
 frequent *tabitabi* (no)
 たびたび(の)
 how frequent is the bus to
 Kobe? *Kōbe-iki no basu wa*
nambon kurai dete imasu ka?
 神戸行きのバスは何
 本くらいでています
 か?

fresh (food) *shinsen* (na)

新鮮 (な)

Friday *Kin-yōbi*

金曜日

fridge *reizōko*

冷蔵庫

fried *itameta*

いためた

fried egg *medamayaki*

めだまやき

fried rice *chāhan*

チャーハン

friend *tomodachi*

友達

friendly *shinsetsu* (na)

親切 (な)

from *kara*

から

when does the next train

from Hakata arrive? *tsugi no**Hakata hatsu no res-sha wa**itsu tsukimasu ka?*

次の博多発の列車は

いつ着きますか?

from Monday to Friday

Getsuyōbi kara Kin-yōbi

月曜日から金曜日

from next Thursday *tsugi no**Mok-yōbi kara*

次の木曜日から

dialogue

where are you from? *doko*
kara kimashita ka?

I'm from Manchester

*Manchesutā kara desu*front *mae*

前

in front *mae ni*

前に

in front of the hotel *hoteru**no mae ni*

ホテルの前に

at the front *mae de*

前で

frost *shimo*

霜

frozen *reitō shita*

冷凍した

fruit *kudamono*

くだもの

fruit juice *frūtsu-jūsu*

フルーツジュース

full *ip-pai*

いっぱい

it's full of *de ip-pai**desu*

…でいっぱいです

I'm full *onaka ga ip-pai desu*

おなかがいっぱい

です

full board *san-shoku-tsuki*

三食付き

fun: it was fun

omoshirokat-ta desu

おもしろかったです

funeral *osōshiki*

お葬式

funny (strange) *okashī*

おかしい

(amusing) *omoshiroi*

おもしろい

furniture *kagu*

家具

further *mot-to tōku*

もっと遠く

it's further down the road

*sono michi no mot-to saki**desu*

その道のもっと先

です

dialogue

how much further is it to
Kinkakuji? Kinkakuji ewa
dono kurai arimasu ka?
about 5 kilometres
go-kiro kurai desu

fuse (noun) *hyūzu*

ヒューズ

future *shōrai*

将来

in future *kore kara*

これから

Ggallon *garon*

ガロン

game (cards etc) *gēmu*

ゲーム

(match) *shiai*

試合

garage (for fuel) *gasorin-sutando*

ガソリンスタンド

(for repairs) *shūrikōjō*

修理工場

(for parking) *shako*

車庫

garden *niwa*

庭

garlic *nin-niku*

ニンニク

gas *gasu*

ガス

(US) *gasorin*

ガソリン

gas permeable lenses

sanso-tōka-sei kontakuto-renzu

酸素透過性コンタクト

レンズ

gas station (US) *gasorin-sutando*

ガソリンスタンド

gate *mon*

門

(at airport) *gēto*

ゲート

gay *homo (no)*

ホモ

gay bar *gei-bā*

ゲイバー

gears (in car) *gia*

ギア

general (adj) ip-pan-teki (na)

一般的 (な)

gents' toilet dansei-yō toire

男性用トイレ

genuine (antique etc)

hon-mono (no)

本物 (の)

German (adj) Doitsu (no)

ドイツ (の)

Germany Doitsu

ドイツ

get (fetch) te ni iremasu

手に入れます

could you get me another

one, please? mō hitotsu

moraemasu ka?

もうひとつもらえ

ますか?

how do I get to ...? ... ewa

dō ikeba ī desu ka?

…へはどう行けばい

いですか?

do you know where I can get

them? sore wa dokode te ni

hairimasu ka?

それはどこで手に入

りますか?

dialogue

can I get you a drink?

nomimono wa ikaga

desu ka?

no, I'll get this one, what

would you like? īe, kore

wa watashi mochi desu,

nani ga ī desu ka?

a beer, please bīru kudasai

get back (return) modorimasu

戻ります

get in (arrive) tōchaku shimasu

到着します

get off orimasu

降ります

where do I get off? doko de

orireba ī desu ka?

どこで降りればいい

ですか?

get on (to train etc) norimasu

乗ります

get out (of car etc) orimasu

降ります

(take out) toridashimasu

取り出します

get up (in the morning) okimasu

起きます

gift okurimono

贈り物

gift shop gifuto-shop-pu

ギフトショップ

gin jin

ジン

a gin and tonic, please jin-

tonik-ku o onegai shimasu

ジントニックをお願い

します

girl on-na no ko

女の子

girlfriend *gāru-fūrendo*

ガールフレンド

give *agemasu*

あげます

can you give me some

change? *kore o kuzushite**kuremasen ka?*これをくずしてくれ
ませんか？I gave it to him *sore wa kare**ni watashimashita*それは彼にわたし
しましたwill you give this to ...? *kore**o ... ni watashite**kuremasen ka?*これを…にわたして
くれませんか？give back *kaeshimasu*

返します

glad *ureshī*

うれしい

glass (material) *garasu*

ガラス

(for drinking) *kop-pu*

コップ

a glass of wine *wain o**ip-pai*

ワインを一杯

glasses (spectacles) *megane*

めがね

gloves *tebukuro*

手袋

glue (noun) *set-chaku-zai*

接着剤

go *ikimasu*

行きます

we'd like to go to Tokyo

Disneyland Tōkyō-

Dizunirando ni it-te mitai

*desu*東京ディズニーラン
ドに行ってみたい
ですwhere are you going? *doko e**ikundesu ka?*どこへ行くんです
か？

where does this bus go?

*kono basu wa doko e**ikimasu ka?*このバスはどこへ行
きますか？let's go! *ikimashō!*

行きましょう！

hamburger to go *hambāgā o**teiku-auto de*ハンバーガーをテイ
クアウトでshe's gone (left) *kanojo wa*
*it-te shimaimashita*彼女は行ってしま
いましたwhere has he gone? *kare wa**doko e ikimashita ka?*彼はどこへ行き
ましたか？I went there last week *senshū**soko e ikimashita*

先週そこへ行き

ました
 go away *dekakemasu*
 出かけます
 go away! *at-chi e it-te!*
 あっちへ行って!
 go back (return) *kaerimasu*
 帰ります
 go down (the stairs etc) *shita e ikimasu*
 下へ行きます
 go in *naka e hairimasu*
 なかへ入ります
 go out (in the evening) *gaishutsu shimasu*
 外出します
 do you want to go out tonight?
komban dekaketai desu ka?
 今晚出かけたいたいですか?
 go through *tōrinukemasu*
 通り抜けます
 go up (the stairs etc) *ue e ikimasu*
 上へ行きます
 God *kami-sama*
 神様
 goggles *gōguru*
 ゴーグル
 gold *kin*
 金
 goldfish *kin-gyo*
 金魚
 golf *gorufu*
 ゴルフ
 golf course *gorufu-jō*

ゴルフ場
 good *ī*
 いい
 good! *yokat-ta!*
 よかった!
 it's no good *sore wa dame desu*
 それはだめです
 goodbye (formal) *sayōnara*
 さようなら
 (informal) *dewa mata*
 ではまた
 (between friends) *jā ne*
 じゃあね
 good evening *komban wa*
 こんばんは
 Good Friday *Sei-Kin-yōbi*
 聖金曜日
 good morning *ohayō gozaimasu*
 おはようございます
 す
 good night (when leaving) *osaki ni*
 お先に
 (when going to bed)
oyasuminasai
 おやすみなさい
 got: we've got to leave *mō ikanakereba narimasen*
 もう行かなければなりません
 have you got any ...? ... *o mot-te imasu ka?*
 を持っていますか?

government *seifu*
政府

gradually *dandan*
だんだん

gram(me) *guramu*
グラム

granddaughter (one's own)
magomusme
孫娘
(someone else's) *omago-san*
お孫さん

grandfather (one's own) *sofu*
祖父
(someone else's) *ojī-san*
おじいさん

grandmother (one's own)
sobo
祖母
(someone else's) *obā-san*
おばあさん

grandson (one's own)
magomusuko
孫息子
(someone else's) *omago-san*
お孫さん

grapefruit *gurēpu-frūtsu*
グレープフルーツ

grapes *budō*
ぶどう

grass *kusa*
草

grateful *ureshī*
うれしい

gravy *gurēbī-sōsu*
グレービーソース

great (excellent) *subarashī*
すばらしい
that's great! *sore wa sugoi!*
それはすごい!
a great success *daiseikō*
大成功

Great Britain *Eikoku*
英国

greedy *yoku/bari (na)*
よくばり(な)
(for food) *kuishimbō (no)*
くいしんぼうの

green *midori (no)*
みどり(の)

green card (car insurance)
jidōsha-hoken
自動車保険

greengrocer's *yao-ya*
八百屋

grey *hai-iro (no)*
灰色(の)

grilled *guriru de yaita*
グリルで焼いた

grocer's *shokuryōhin-ten*
食料品店

ground *jimen*
地面
on the ground *jimen ni*
地面に

ground floor *ik-kai*
一階

group *gurūpu*
グループ

guarantee (noun) *hoshō*
保証

is it guaranteed? *hoshō-tsuki desu ka?*

保証付きですか？

guest *okyaku-sama*

お客さま

guesthouse *minshuku*

民宿

guide (person) *gaido*

ガイド

guidebook *gaido-buk-ku*

ガイドブック

guided tour *gaido-tsuki tuā*

ガイド付きツアー

gum (in mouth) *haguki*

歯ぐき

gun (rifle) *jū*

銃

(pistol) *pisutoru*

ピストル

gym *jimū*

ジム

H

hair *kami*

髪

hairbrush *burashi*

ブラシ

haircut (man's) *sampatsu*

散髪

(woman's) *heya-kat-to*

ヘアカット

hairdresser's (men's) *toko-ya*

床屋

(women's) *biyōin*

美容院

hairdryer *doraiyā*

ドライヤー

hair gel *jeru*

ジェル

hairgrips *heya-pin*

ヘアピン

hair spray *heya-supurē*

ヘアスプレー

half *hambun*

半分

half an hour *han-jikan*

半時間

half a litre *han-rit-toru*

半リットル

about half that *sono*

hambun kurai

その半分かくらい

half board

asayū-nishoku-tsuki

朝夕二食付き

half-bottle *hāfu-botoru*

ハーフボトル

half fare *hangaku*

半額

half-price *hangaku*

(no)

半額(の)

ham *hamu*

ハム

hamburger *hambāgā*

ハンバーガー

hand *te*

手

handbag *handobag-gu*
 ハンドバッグ
 handbrake *handoburēki*
 ハンドブレーキ
 handkerchief *hankachi*
 ハンカチ
 handle (on door) *tot-te*
 取っ手
 (on suitcase) *mochite*
 持ち手
 hand luggage *tenimotsu*
 手荷物
 hang-gliding *hanguraidingu*
 ハングライディング
 hangover *futsukayoi*
 ふつか酔い
 I've got a hangover
futsukayoi desu
 ふつか酔いです
 happen *okorimasu*
 起ります
 what's happening? *dō nat-te imasu ka?*
 どうなっていますか?
 (what's on?) *nani o yat-te imasu ka?*
 何をやっていますか?
 (what's wrong?) *dō shitandesu ka?*
 どうしたんですか?
 what has happened? *nani ga at-tandesu ka?*
 何があったんですか?

happy *ureshī*
 うれしい
 I'm not happy about this *sore niwa nat-toku dekimasen*
 それには納得できません
 harbour *minato*
 港
 hard *katai*
 かたい
 (difficult) *muzukashī*
 むずかしい
 hard-boiled egg
katayude-tamago
 かたゆでたまご
 hard lenses *hādo-kontakuto*
 ハードコンタクト
 hardly: I hardly ever ...
hotondo ...-masen
 ほとんど…—ません
 I hardly ever go *met-ta ni ikimasen*
 めったに行きません
 I hardly know him *kare no koto wa hotondo shirimasen*
 彼のことはほとんど知りません
 hardware shop *kanamono-ya*
 金物屋
 hat *bōshi*
 ぼうし
 hate (verb) *kirai desu*
 きらいです
 have *mochimasu*

持ちます

can I have a ...? ... o

morat-te mo ī desu ka?

…をもらってもいい
ですか？

can we have some ...? ... o

ikutsuka moraemasu ka?

…をいくつかもらえ
ますか？

do you have ...? ... o mot-te

imasu ka?

…を持っています
か？

what'll you have (to drink)?

nani ni shimasu ka?

何にしますか？

I have to-nakute wa

narimasen

…一なくてはなり
ません

I have to leave now mō

ikanakute wa narimasen

もう行かなくてはな
りません

do I have to ...? ...-nakute

wa narimasen ka?

…一なくてはなり
ませんか？

hayfever kafun-shō

花粉症

he* kare

彼

head atama

あたま

headache zutsū

頭痛

headlights hed·do-raito

ヘッドライト

headphones hed·do-hon

ヘッドホン

healthy (person) kenkō (na)

健康(な)

(food) karada ni ī

からだにいい

hear kikoemasu

きこえます

dialogue

can you hear me?

kikoemasu ka?

I can't hear you, could you
repeat that? kikoemasen,
mō ichido it-te
kuremasen ka?

hearing aid hochōki

補聴器

heart shinjō

心臓

heart attack shinzōmahi

心臓麻痺

heat atsusa

暑さ

heater (in room) dambō

暖房

(in car) hītā

ヒーター

heating dambō

暖房

heavy *omoi*
 おもい
 heel (of foot) *kakato*
 かかと
 (of shoe) *hīru*
 ヒール
 could you heel these? *hīru o*
naoshite kuremasen ka?
 ヒールをなおして
 くれませんか?
 height (of person) *shincho*
 身長
 (of object) *takasa*
 高さ
 helicopter *herikoptā*
 ヘリコプター
 hello *kon-nichi wa*
 こんにちは
 (on phone) *moshi-moshi*
 もしもし
 helmet (for motorcycle)
herumet-to
 ヘルメット
 help (noun) *kyōryoku*
 協力
 (verb) *tetsudaimasu*
 手伝います
 help! *tasukete!*
 たすけて!
 can you help me? *tetsudat-te*
kuremasen ka?
 手伝ってくれませんか?
 thank you very much for your
 help *tetsudat-te kurete*

dōmo arigatō
 手伝ってくれてどう
 もありがとう
 helpful *yaku ni tatsu*
 役に立つ
 hepatitis *kan-en*
 肝炎
 her* *kanojo (o)*
 彼女(を)
 to her *kanojo ni*
 彼女に
 with her *kanojo to*
 彼女と
 for her *kanojo no tame*
ni
 彼女のために
 that's her *kanojo desu*
 彼女です
 I haven't seen her *kanojo*
niwa at-te imasen
 彼女には会って
 いません
 her ... *kanojo no ...*
 彼女の…
 it's her car *sore wa kanojo*
no kuruma desu
 それは彼女の車です
 herbal tea *hābu-tī*
 ハーブティー
 herbs (for cooking) *hābu*
 ハーブ
 (medicinal) *yakusō*
 薬草
 here *koko*
 ここ

here is/are wa koko
desu
…はここです
here you are (offering) hai,
dōzo
はい、どうぞ
hers* kanojo no
彼女の
that's hers sore wa kanojo
no desu
それは彼女のです
hey! chot-to!
ちょっと！
hi! (hello) dōmo!
どうも！
high takai
高い
highchair bebī-cha
ベビーチェア
highway kōsokudōro
高速道路
hill oka
丘
him* kare (o)
彼(を)
to him kare ni
彼に
with him kare to
彼と
for him kare no tame ni
彼のために
that's him kare desu
彼です
I haven't seen him kare niwa
at-te imasen

彼には会って
いません
hip oshiri
おしり
hire karimasu
借ります
for hire rentaru (no)
レンタル(の)
where can I hire a bike?
doko de jitensha ga
kariraremasu ka?
どこで自転車が借り
られますか？
his* kare no
彼の
it's his car sore wa kare no
kuruma desu
それは彼の車です
that's his sore wa kare no
desu
それは彼のです
hitch-hike hit-chi-haikū
ヒッチハイク
hobby shumi
趣味
hold (verb) mochimasu
持ちます
hole ana
あな
holiday yasumi
休み
on holiday yasumi de
休みで
Holland Oranda
オランダ

home *uchi*
 うち
 at home (in my house) *uchi de*
 うちで
 (in my country) *watashi no*
kuni de
 私の国で
 we go home tomorrow
watashitachi wa ashita
kikoku shimasu
 私たちはあした帰国
 します
 honey *hachimitsu*
 はちみつ
 honeymoon *shinkon-ryokō*
 新婚旅行
 hood (US: of car) *bon-net-to*
 ボンネット
 hope *kibō*
 希望
 I hope so *sō da to ī desu ne*
 そうだといいですね
 I hope not *sō de nai to ī*
desu ne
 そうでないとい
 いですね
 hopefully *dekireba*
 できれば
 horrible *osoroshī*
 おそろしい
 horse *uma*
 馬
 horse riding *jōba*
 乗馬
 hospital *byōin*

病院
 hospitality *omotenashi*
 おもてなし
 thank you for your hospitality
omotenashi dōmo arigatō
gozaimashita
 おもてなしどうもあ
 りがとうございまし
 た
 hot *atsui*
 暑い
 (spicy) *karai*
 からい
 I'm hot *atsui desu*
 暑いです
 it's hot today *kyō wa atsui*
desu
 きょうは暑いです
 hotel *hoteru*
 ホテル
 (Japanese-style) *ryokan*
 旅館
 hotel room *hoteru no heya*
 ホテルの部屋
 hot spring *onsen*
 温泉
 hour *jikan*
 時間
 house *ie*
 家
 hovercraft *hobā-kurafūto*
 ホバークラフト
 how *dō*
 どう
 how many? *ikutsu?*

いくつ？
how do you do?
hajimemashite
はじめまして

dialogues

how are you? *ogenki desu ka?*

fine, thanks, and you? *e, okagesama de, sochira wa dō desu ka?*

how much is it? *ikura desu ka?*

520 yen *go-hyaku-ni-jū-en desu*

I'll take it *ja, sore o kudasai*

humid *mushi-atsui*

蒸し暑い

hungry *onaka ga suitea*

おなかがすいた

are you hungry? *onaka ga sukimashita ka?*

おなかがすきましたか？

hurry (verb) *isogimasu*

急ぎます

I'm in a hurry *isoide imasu*

急いでいます

there's no hurry *isogu koto wa arimasen*

急ぐことはあり

ません

hurry up! *isoide kudasai!*

急いでください！

hurt (verb) *itamimasu*

痛みます

it really hurts *totemo*

itamimasu

とても痛みます

husband (one's own) *shujin*

主人

(someone else's) *goshujin*

御主人

my husband *uchi no shujin*

うちの主人

hydrofoil *suichū-yokusen*

水中翼船

I *watashi*

私

ice *kōri*

氷

with ice *kōri-iri*

氷入り

no ice, thanks *kōri wa ī desu*

氷はいいです

ice cream *aisu-kurīmu*

アイスクリーム

ice-cream cone *aisu-kurīmu*

no *kōn*

アイスクリームの

コーン

ice lolly *aisu-kyandī*
 アイスクャンデー
 idea *kan-gae*
 考え
 idiot *hakuchi*
 白痴
 if *moshi*
 もし
 ill *byōki (no)*
 病気(の)
 I feel ill *kibun ga warui desu*
 気分が悪いです
 illness *byōki*
 病気
 imitation (leather etc) *mozōhin*
 模造品
 immediately *sugu*
 すぐ
 important *taisetsu (na)*
 大切(な)
 it's very important *totemo taisetsu desu*
 とても大切です
 it's not important *dō demo ī koto desu*
 どうでもいいことです
 impossible *fukanō (na)*
 不可能(な)
 impressive *inshō-teki (na)*
 印象的(な)
 improve: I want to improve my Japanese *Nihon-go ga umak naritai desu*
 日本語がうまくなり

たいです
 in: it's in the centre *sore wa hankagai ni arimasu*
 それは繁華街にあります
 in my car *watashi no kuruma no naka*
 私の車のなか
 in Sapporo *Sapporo ni*
 札幌に
 in May *Gogatsu ni*
 五月に
 in English *Eigo de*
 英語で
 in Japanese *Nihon-go de*
 日本語で
 in two days from now *ima kara futataka de*
 いまから二日で
 in five minutes *go-fun de*
 五分で
 is he in? *kare wa imasu ka?*
 彼はいますか?
 incense *okō*
 お香
 inch *inchi*
 インチ
 include *fukumimasu*
 含みます
 does that include meals? *shokujī wa komi desu ka?*
 食事は込みですか?
 is that included? *sore mo ryōkin ni fukumarete imasu ka?*

それも料金に含まれていますか？
 inconvenient fuben (na)
 不便(な)
 incredible shinjirarenai
 信じられない
 Indian (adj) Indo (no)
 インド(の)
 indicator winkā
 ウィンカー
 indigestion shōkafuryō
 消化不良
 indoor pool okunai-pūru
 屋内プール
 indoors okunai
 屋内
 inexpensive tegoro (na)
 手ごろ(な)
 infection kansenshō
 感染症
 infectious densensei (no)
 伝染性(の)
 inflammation enshō
 炎症
 informal kudaketa
 くだけた
 information jōhō
 情報
 do you have any information
 about ...? ... ni tsuite no
 jōhō ga arimasu ka?
 …についての情報が
 ありますか？
 information desk an-naisho
 案内所

injection chūsha
 注射
 injured kega o shita
 けがをした
 she's been injured kanojo
 wa kega o shimashita
 彼女はけがをし
 ました
 inn (Japanese-style) ryokan
 旅館
 inner tube (for tyre) chūbu
 チューブ
 insect mushi
 虫
 insect bite mushi-sasare
 虫さされ
 do you have anything for
 insect bites? mushi-sasare
 no kusuri wa arimasu ka?
 虫さされの薬はあり
 ますか？
 insect repellent
 mushiyoke
 虫よけ
 inside: inside the hotel hoteru
 no naka
 ホテルのなか
 let's sit inside naka ni
 suwarimashō
 なかに座りましょう
 insist iharimasu
 言いほります
 I insist dōka zehi
 どうかぜひ
 if you insist dō shitemo to

iunara

どうしてもと
いうならinstant coffee *insutanto-kōhī*インスタント
コーヒー

instead: give me that one

instead *kawari ni sot-chi o**kudasai*かわりにそっちを
くださいinstead of no *kawari**ni*

…のかわりに

insulin *inshurin*

インシュリン

insurance *hoken*

保険

intelligent *atama ga ī*

あたまがいい

interested: I'm interested in ...

... *ni kyōmi ga arimasu*

…に興味があります

interesting *omoshiroi*

おもしろい

that's very interesting *sore**wa totemo omoshiroi desu*それはとてもおもしろ
いですinternational *kokusai-teki**(na)*

国際的(な)

Internet *intānet-to*

インターネット

interpreter *tsūyaku*

通訳

intersection *kōsaten*

交差点

interval (at theatre) *kyūkei-**jikan*

休憩時間

into ... *ni*

…に

I'm not into *wa suki**dewa arimasen*…は好きではあり
ませんintroduce *shōkai shimasu*

紹介します

may I introduce ...? (formal)

... *o goshōkai itashimasu*…をご紹介いたし
ます(informal) ... *o shōkai**shimasu*

…を紹介します

invitation *shōtai*

招待

invite *shōtai shimasu*

招待します

invoice *seikyūsho*

請求書

Ireland *Airurando*

アイルランド

Irish *Airurando (no)*

アイルランド

(の)

I'm Irish *watashi wa**Airurando-jin desu*

私はアイルランド人

です
 iron (for ironing) airon
 アイロン
 can you iron these for me?
 kore ni airon o kakete
 kuremasen ka?
 これにアイロンをかけて
 くれますませんか?
 is* ... desu
 ...です
 island shima
 島
 it sore
 それ
 it is ... sore wa ... desu
 それは...です
 is it ...? ... desu ka?
 ...ですか?
 where is it? doko desu ka?
 どこですか?
 it's him kare desu
 彼です
 it was deshita
 ...でした
 Italian (adj) Itaria (no)
 イタリア(の)
 Italy Itaria
 イタリア
 itch: it itches kayui desu
 かゆいです
 ivory zōge
 ぞうげ

J

jacket jaket-to
 ジャケット
 jam (preserve) jamu
 ジャム
 jammed: it's jammed
 tsumat-te imasu
 つまっています
 January Ichigatsu
 一月
 Japan Nihon
 日本
 Japanese (adj) Nihon
 (no)
 日本(の)
 (noun) Nihon-jin
 日本人
 (language) Nihon-go
 日本語
 the Japanese Nihon-jin
 日本人
 Japanese food washoku
 和食
 Japanese-style wafū
 和風
 Japan Sea Nihon-kai
 日本海
 jar (noun) bin
 びん
 jaw ago
 あご
 jazz jazu
 ジャズ

jeans *jīnzu*
 ジーンズ
 jellyfish *kurage*
 くらげ
 jersey *sētā*
 セーター
 jetty *sambashi*
 さんばし
 jeweller's *hōseki-ten*
 宝石店
 jewellery *hōseki*
 宝石
 Jewish *Yudaya (no)*
 ユダヤ(の)
 job *shigoto*
 仕事
 jogging *jogingu*
 ジョギング
 joke *jōdan*
 冗談
 joss stick *osenkō*
 お線香
 journey *ryokō*
 旅行
 have a good journey! *sore*
dewa tanoshī ryokō o!
 それでは楽しい旅行
 を!
 judo *jūdō*
 柔道
 jug *mizusashi*
 水さし
 a jug of water *mizusashi*
ip-pai no mizu
 水さし一杯の水

juice *fres-shu-jūsu*
 フレッシュジュース
 July *Shichigatsu*
 七月
 jump (verb) *jampu shimasu*
 ジャンプします
 junction (in road) *kōsaten*
 交差点
 (on motorway) *intāchenji*
 インターチェンジ
 June *Rokgatsu*
 六月
 just (only) ... *dake*
 ...だけ
 just two *futatsu dake*
 ふたつだけ
 just for me *watashi ni dake*
 私にだけ
 just here *chōdo koko de*
 ちょうどここで
 not just now *ima wa dame*
desu
 いまはだめです
 we've just arrived *ima tsuita*
tokoro desu
 いま着いたところ
 です

K

keep (verb) *tot-te okimasu*
 取っておきます
 keep the change *otsuri wa*
kek-kō desu

おつりはけっこうです
can I keep it? *morat-te mo ī desu ka?*

もらってもいいですか?

please keep it *dōzo omochi kudasai*

どうぞお持ち
ください

ketchup *kechap-pu*

ケチャップ

kettle *yakan*

やかん

key *kagi*

かぎ

the key for room 201, please
ni-maru-ichi-gō no kagi o onegai shimasu

201号のかぎをお願い
します

keyring *kīhorudā*

キーホルダー

kidneys *jinzō*

腎臓

kilo *kiro*

キロ

kilometre *kiromētoru*

キロメートル

how many kilometres is it to
...? ... *made nan-kiro arimasu ka?*

…まで何キロあり
ますか?

kind (generous) *shinsetsu*

親切

that's very kind *sore wa goshinsetsu ni*

それはご親切に

dialogue

which kind do you want?

dochira ga ī desu ka?

I want this/that kind *kono/ sono shurui ga hoshī desu*

kiosk *kiosuku*

キオスク

kiss (noun) *kisu*

キス

(verb) *kisu shimasu*

キスします

kitchen *daidokoro*

台所

kite *tako*

たこ

kite-flying *tako-age*

たこあげ

Kleenex® *tis-shu-pēpā*

ティッシュペーパー

knee *hiza*

ひざ

knickers *shōtsu*

ショーツ

knife *naifu*

ナイフ

knock (verb) *nok-ku shimasu*

ノックします

knock over (object) *hik-kuri*

親切

ひっくり返します
(pedestrian) hanemasu
はねます
he's been knocked over kare
wa kuruma ni
haneraremashita
彼は車にはねられ
ました
know shit-te imasu
知っています
I don't know shirimasen
知りません
I didn't know that sore wa
shirimasen deshita
それは知りません
でした
do you know where I can
find ...? doko de ... ga te ni
hairimasu ka?
どこで…が手に入り
ますか?
Korean (adj) Kankoku (no)
韓国(の)

L

label raberu
ラベル
lacquerware shik-ki
漆器
ladies' room, ladies' toilets
keshōshitsu
化粧室
ladies' wear fujinfuku-uriba

婦人服売り場
lady josei
女性
lager ragā-bīru
ラガービール
lake mizūmi
湖
lamb (meat) kohitsuji
仔羊
lamp sutando
スタンド
lane (motorway) shasen
車線
(small road) roji
路地
language kotoba
言葉
(foreign language) gaikoku-go
外国語
language course
gogaku-kōsu
語学コース
large ōki
大きい
last (final) saigo (no)
最後(の)
last week senshū
先週
last Friday senshū no
Kin-yōbi
先週の金曜日
last night yūbe
ゆうべ
what time is the last train to
Yokohama? Yokohama-iki

no saishū-densha wa nanji
desu ka?

横浜行きの最終電車
は何時ですか？

late osoi

遅い

sorry I'm late okurete

sumimasen

遅れてすみません

the train was late densha ga

okuremashita

電車が遅れました

we must go - we'll be late

ikanaito chikoku shite

shimaimasu

行かないと遅刻して

しまいます

it's getting late zuibun

osoku narimashita

ずいぶん遅くなり

ました

later ato de

あとで

I'll come back later ato de

modot-te kimasu

あとで戻ってきます

see you later sore jā mata

それじゃあまた

later on ato de

あとで

latest (most recent) saishin (no)

最新(の)

by Wednesday at the latest

osoku-tomo Suiyōbi made

ni

遅くとも水曜日まで
に

laugh (verb) waraimasu

笑います

launderette, laundromat

koin-randorī

コインランドリー

laundry (clothes) sentaku-

mono

せんたくもの

(place) sentaku-ya

せんたく屋

lavatory toire

トイレ

law hōritsu

法律

lawn shibafu

しばふ

lawyer ben-goshi

弁護士

laxative gezai

下剤

lazy namake-mono

なまけもの

lead (electrical) kōdo

コード

lead (verb) tsūjite imasu

通じています

where does this road lead?

kono michi wa doko ni

tsūjite imas ka?

この道はどこに

通じていますか？

leaf hap-pa

葉っぱ

leaflet *chirashi*
 ちらし
 leak (noun) more
 もれ
 the roof leaks *amamori ga shimasu*
 雨もりがします
 learn *naraimasu*
 習います
 least: not in the least *zenzen*
 ぜんぜん
 at least *sukunaku-tomo*
 すくなくとも
 leather *kawa*
 革
 leave (verb: depart) *shup-patsu shimasu*
 出発します
 (put somewhere) *okimasu*
 置きます
 (forget) *okiwasuremasu*
 置き忘れます
 I am leaving tomorrow *ashita shup-patsu shimasu*
 あした出発します
 he left yesterday *kare wa kinō tachimashita*
 彼はきのう立ちました
 when does the bus for Kanazawa leave? *Kanazawa-iki no basu wa itsu shup-patsu shimasu ka?*
 金沢行きのバスはいつ出発しますか？

may I leave this here? *koko ni oite mo ī desu ka?*
 ここに置いてもいいですか？
 I left my coat in the bar *bā ni kōto o okiwasuremashita*
 バーにコートを置き忘れました
 left *hidari*
 左
 on the left *hidari ni*
 左に
 to the left *hidari e*
 左へ
 turn left *hidari e magat-te kudasai*
 左へ曲がってください
 there's none left *mō arimasen*
 もうありません
 left-handed *hidari-kiki (no)*
 左きき
 left luggage (office) *tenimotsu-azukari-jo*
 手荷物預り所
 leg *ashi*
 足
 lemon *remon*
 レモン
 lemonade *remonēdo*
 レモネード
 lend *kashimasu*
 貸します
 will you lend me your ...?

... o kashite kuremasen ka?

…を貸してくれませんか？

lens (of camera) *renzu*

レンズ

lesbian *rezubian*

レズビアン

less *mot-to sukunaku*

もっとすくなく

less than ... *ika*

…以下

less expensive *sore hodo*

takaku nai

それほど高くない

lesson *jogyō*

授業

let: will you let me know?

shirasete kuremasen ka?

知らせてくれませんか？

I'll let you know *oshirase*

shimasu

お知らせします

let's go for something to eat

nani ka tabe ni ikimashō

何か食べに行き

ましょう

let off *oroshimasu*

降ろします

will you let me off at ...? ...

de oroshite kuremasen ka?

…で降ろしてくれませんか？

letter *tegami*

手紙

do you have any letters for me? *watashi-ate no tegami wa arimasu ka?*

私宛ての手紙はありますか？

letterbox *posuto*

ポスト

lettuce *retasu*

レタス

library *toshokan*

図書館

licence *menkyo*

免許

lid *futa*

ふた

lie (verb: tell untruth) *uso o*

tsukimasu

うそをつきます

lie down *yoko ni*

narimasu

横になります

lifebelt *kyūmeitai*

救命帯

lifeguard *raifu-gādo*

ライフガード

life jacket *kyūmei-dōi*

救命胴衣

lift (elevator) *erebētā*

エレベーター

could you give me a lift?

nosete kuremasen ka?

乗せてくれませんか？

would you like a lift? *nosete*

agemashō ka?
乗せてあげましょ
うか?

light (noun) hikari

ひかり

(electric) denki

電気

(adj: not heavy) karui

かるい

do you have a light? (for
cigarette) hi o mot-te imasu
ka?

火を持っています
か?

light green usu-midori (no)
うすみどり(の)

light bulb denkyū

電球

I need a new light bulb
atarashī denkyū ga hitsuyō
desu

新しい電球が必要
です

lighter (cigarette) raitā

ライター

lightning inabikari

いなびかり

like (verb) suki desu

好きです

I like it suki desu

好きです

I like going for walks sampo
ni ikuno ga suki desu

散歩に行くのが好き
です

I like you anata ga suki
desu

あなたが好きです

I don't like it suki ja

arimasen

好きじゃありません

do you like ...? ... ga suki

desu ka?

…が好きですか?

I'd like a beer bīru ga hoshī

desu

ビールが欲しいです

I'd like to go swimming oyogi

ni ikitai desu

泳ぎにいきたいです

would you like a drink?

nomimono wa ikaga desu

ka?

飲み物はいかがですか?

would you like to go for a

walk? sampo ni ikitaku

arimasen ka?

散歩にいきたくあり

ませんか?

what's it like? dō yū kanji

desu ka?

どういふ感じですか?

か?

I want one like this kon-na

no ga hoshī desu

こんなのが欲しい

です

lime raimu

ライム

line *sen*

線

could you give me an outside

line? *gaisen ni tsunaide**kudasai*外線につないで
くださいlips *kuchibiru*

くちびる

lipstick *kuchibeni*

口紅

liqueur *rikyūru*

リキュール

listen *kikimasu*

聞きます

litre *rit-toru*

リットル

little *sukoshi*

すこし

just a little, thanks *arigatō,**hon no sukoshi*ありがとう、ほんの
すこしa little milk *miruku o hon**no sukoshi*ミルクをほんの
すこしa little bit more *mō sukoshi*

もうすこし

live (verb) *sunde imasu*

住んでいます

we live together *is-sho ni**sunde imasu*

一緒に住んでいます

dialogue

where do you live? *doko*
*ni sunde imasu ka?*I live in London *Rondon*
*ni sunde imasu*lively *iki-iki shita*

いきいきした

liver (in body) *kanzō*

肝臓

(food) *rebā*

レバー

lobby (in hotel) *robī*

ロビー

lobster *ise-ebi*

いせえび

local *jimoto no*

地元の

lock (noun) *kagi*

かぎ

it's locked *kagi ga kakat-te*
*imasu*かぎがかかって
いますlock in *tojikomemasu*

閉じ込めます

lock out

shimedashimasu

締め出します

I've locked myself out of my
room *kagi o naka ni**wasuremashita*かぎを中に忘れ
ました

locker (for luggage etc) rok·kā
 ロッカー
 lollipop kyandī
 キャンディー
 London Rondon
 ロンドン
 long nagai
 長い
 how long will it take to fix it?
 naosu no ni dono kurai
 kakarimasu ka?
 なおすのにどのくらいかかりますか?
 how long does it take? dono
 kurai kakarimasu ka?
 どのくらいかかりますか?
 a long time nagai aida
 長い間
 long-distance call
 chōkyori-denwa
 長距離電話
 look: I'm just looking, thanks
 miteru dake desu, arigatō
 見てるだけです、ありがとうございます
 you don't look well guai ga
 yoku nasasō desu ne
 具合がよくなさそうですね
 look out! ki o tsuete!
 気をつけて!
 can I have a look? chot-to
 misete kuremasen ka?
 ちょっと見せてくれ

ませんか?
 look after sewa o shimasu
 世話をします
 look at mimasu
 見ます
 look for sagashimasu
 さがします
 I'm looking for o
 sagashite imasu
 …をさがしています
 look forward to tanoshimi ni
 shimasu
 楽しみにします
 I'm looking forward to it
 tanoshimi ni shite imasu
 楽しみにしています
 loose (handle etc) yurui
 ゆるい
 lorry torak·ku
 トラック
 lose nakushimasu
 なくします
 I've lost my way michi ni
 mayot-te shimaimashita
 道に迷ってしまいました
 I'm lost, I want to get to ...
 ... e itakai no desu ga,
 mayot-te shimaimashita
 …へ行きたいのですが、迷ってしまいました
 I've lost my bag bag·gu o
 nakshimashita
 バッグをなくし

ました
 lost property (office)
 ishitsu**bu**tsu-**tori**atsukai-**jo**
 遺失物取扱所
 lot: a lot, lots **taku**san
 たくさん
 not a lot **an**-**mari** **ōku** **naku**
 あんまり多くなく
 a lot of people **taku**san no
hito
 たくさんのひと
 a lot bigger **zut**-**to** **ōkī**
 ずっとおおきい
 I like it a lot **totemo** **suki**
desu
 とても好きです
 lotion **rōshon**
 ローション
 loud **sawagashi**
 騒がしい
 lounge **raunji**
 ラウンジ
 love (noun) **ai**
 愛
 (verb) **daisuki** **desu**
 大好きです
 I love Japan **Nihon** **ga**
daisuki **desu**
 日本が大好きです
 lovely **steki** (na)
 すてき(な)
 low (prices) **yasui**
 安い
 (bridge) **hikui**
 低い

luck **un**
 運
 good luck! **umaku** **ikimasu**
yōni!
 うまくいきます
 ように!
 luggage **nimotsu**
 荷物
 luggage trolley **nimotsu**-**yō**
kāto
 荷物用カート
 lunch **chūshoku**
 昼食
 boxed lunch **obentō**
 お弁当
 lungs **hai**
 肺
 luxurious **zeitaku** (na)
 ぜいたく(な)

M

machine **kikai**
 機械
 magazine **zas-shi**
 雑誌
 maid (in hotel)
kyakushitsu-**gakari**
 客室係
 (in Japanese inn, restaurant)
nakai-**san**
 仲居さん
 maiden name **kyūsei**
 旧姓

mail (noun) *yūbin*
郵便
(verb) *yūsō shimasu*
郵送します
is there any mail for me?
nani ka yūbin ga kite imasu ka?
何か郵便がきて
いますか?
mailbox *posuto*
ポスト
main *omo* (na)
主(な)
main course *mein-kōsu*
メインコース
main post office *yūbinkyoku*
no honkyok
郵便局の本局
main road *ōdōri*
大通り
mains switch *dengen*
電源
make (brand name) *shurui*
種類
(verb) *tsukurimasu*
つくります
I make it 500 yen *tat-ta go-hyaku-en desu*
たった五百円です
what is it made of? *nani de dekite imasu ka?*
何で出来ていますか?
make-up *keshō*
化粧

Malaysia *Marēshia*
マレーシア
Malaysian (adj) *Marēshia*
(no)
マレーシア(の)
man *otoko no hito*
男の人
manager (in restaurant, hotel)
shihainin
支配人
(in shop) *tenchō*
店長
(in business) *keieisha*
経営者
can I see the manager?
shihainin ni awasete kuremasen ka?
支配人に会わせて
くれませんか?
managing director *shachō*
社長
manual (car with manual gears)
manyuaru (no)
マニュアル(の)
many *takusan* (no)
たくさん(の)
not many *amari ōk nai*
あまり多くない
map *chizu*
地図
network map *rosenzu*
路線図
March *San-gatsu*
三月
margarine *māgarin*

マーガリン
 market *ichiba*
 市場
 (in business) *shijō*
 市場
 marmalade *māmarēdo*
 マーマレード
 married: I'm married *kek-kon*
shite imasu
 結婚しています
 are you married? *kek-kon*
shite imasu ka?
 結婚していますか？
 martial arts *budō*
 武道
 mascara *masukara*
 マスカラ
 massage (noun) *mas-sāji*
 マッサージ
 mat (Japanese) *tatami*
 たたみ
 match (football etc) *shiai*
 試合
 matches *mat-chi*
 マッチ
 material (fabric) *kiji*
 生地
 matter: it doesn't matter *nan*
demo ī desu
 なんでもいいです
 what's the matter? *dō*
shimashita ka?
 どうしましたか？
 mattress *futon*
 ふとん

May *Gogatsu*
 五月
 may: may I have another one?
mō hitotsu morat-te mo ī
desu ka?
 もうひとつもらって
 もいいですか？
 may I come in? *hait-te mo ī*
desu ka?
 入ってもいいです
 か？
 may I see it? *mite mo ī desu*
ka?
 見てもいいですか？
 may I sit here? *koko ni*
suwat-te mo ī desu ka?
 ここに座ってもいい
 ですか？
 maybe *tabun*
 たぶん
 mayonnaise *mayonēzu*
 マヨネーズ
 me* *watashi (o)*
 私(を)
 that's for me *sore wa*
watashi no desu
 それは私のです
 send it to me *okut-te*
kudasai
 送ってください
 me too *watashi mo*
 私も
 meal *gohan, shokujī*
 ごはん、食事

dialogue

did you enjoy your meal?
 oshokujī no hō wa ikaga
 deshita ka?
 it was excellent, thank you
 arigatō gozaimasu,
 totemo oishikat-ta desu

mean: what do you mean? dō
 iu koto desu ka?
 どういうことですか?

dialogue

what does this word
 mean? kono kotoba wa
 dō iu imi desu ka?
 it means ... in English Eigo
 de ... to iu imi desu

measles hashika
 はしか
 German measles fūshin
 風疹
 meat nikū
 肉
 mechanic shūrikō
 修理工
 medicine kusuri
 薬
 medium (adj) chū kurai (no)
 中くらい(の)
 (clothes) emu-saizu
 エムサイズ

medium-dry chū kurai no
 karasa (no)
 中くらいの辛さ
 (の)

medium-rare midiamu-rea
 (no)
 ミディアム・レア
 (の)

medium-sized chū kurai (no)
 中くらい(の)

meet aimasu

会います

nice to meet you

hajimemashite

はじめまして

where shall I meet you? doko
 de aimashō ka?

どこで会いましょう
 か?

meeting shūkai

集会

(business) kaigi

会議

meeting place

machi-awase-basho

待ち合わせ場所

men dansei

男性

mend naoshimasu

なおします

could you mend this for me?

kore o naoshite kuremasen
 ka?

これをなおして
 くれませんか?

men's room *dansei-yō toire*
 男性用トイレ
 menswear *shinshifuku-uriba*
 紳士服売り場
 mention: don't mention it *dō itashimashite*
 どういたしまして
 menu *menyū*
 メニュー
 may I see the menu, please?
menyū o onegai shimasu
 メニューをお願いします
 see menu reader page 266
 message *dengon*
 伝言
 are there any messages for me?
dengon ga nani ka arimasen deshita ka?
 伝言が何かありませんでしたか?
 I want to leave a message for ...
 ...-san ni *dengon o onegai shimasu*
 ...-さんに伝言をお願いします
 metal *kinzoku*
 金属
 metre *mētoru*
 メートル
 microwave (oven) *denshi-renji*
 電子レンジ
 midday *shōgo*
 正午

at midday *shōgo ni*
 正午に
 middle: in the middle
man-naka ni
 真ん中に
 in the middle of the night
mayonaka ni
 真夜中に
 the middle one *man-naka no*
 真ん中の
 midnight *mayonaka*
 真夜中
 at midnight *mayonaka ni*
 真夜中に
 might: I might go *iku kamo shiremasen*
 行くかもしれません
 I might not go *ikanai kamo shiremasen*
 行かないかもしれません
 I might want to stay another day
mō ip-paku suru kamo shiremasen
 もう一泊するかもしれません
 migraine *henzutsū*
 偏頭痛
 mild (taste) *usuaji (no)*
 うすあじ(の)
 (weather) *ataakai*
 あたたかい
 mile *mairu*
 マイル

milk *miruku*
 ミルク
 milkshake *miruku-sēki*
 ミルクセーキ
 millimetre *mirimētoru*
 ミリメートル
 mind: never mind *ki ni shinaide kudasai*
 気にしないで
 ください
 I've changed my mind *ki ga kawarimashita*
 気が変わりました

dialogue

do you mind if I open the window? *mado o akete mo ī desho ka?*
 no, I don't mind *ē, dōzo*

mine*: it's mine *watashi no desu*
 私のです
 mineral water *mineraru-uōtā*
 ミネラルウォーター
 mints *minto*
 ミント
 minute *fun*
 分
 in a minute *sug ni*
 すぐに
 just a minute *chot-to mat-te kudasai*
 ちょっと待って

ください
 mirror *kagami*
 かがみ
 Miss-san
 …—さん
 miss: I missed the bus *basu ni noriokuremashita*
 バスに乗り遅れました
 missing: one of my ... is
 missing ... *ga hitotsu miatarimasen*
 …がひとつ見あたりません
 there's a suitcase missing
sūtsuēsū ga miatarimasen
 スーツケースが見あたりません
 mist *kiri*
 霧
 mistake (noun) *machigai*
 まちがい
 I think there's a mistake
dōmo machigai ga aru yō nan desu ga
 どうもまちがいがあるようなんですが
 sorry, I've made a mistake
sumimasen, machigaemashita
 すみません、まちがえました
 mix-up: sorry, there's been a
 mix-up *sumimasen, techigai deshita*

すみません、手違い
でした

mobile phone *keitaidenwa*

携帯電話

modern *modan (na)*

モダン(な)

moisturizer *nyūeki*

乳液

moment: I won't be a moment

sugu modorimasu

すぐ戻ります

monastery *sōin*

僧院

Monday *Getsuyōbi*

月曜日

money *okane*

お金

month (this, last, next etc) *getsu*

月

(one, two, three etc) *kagetsu*

ヶ月

monument *kinenhi*

記念碑

moon *tsuki*

月

moped *tansha*

単車

more* *mot-to*

もっと

can I have some more water,
please? *omizu o mō*

sukoshi moraemasu ka?

お水をもうすこし
もらえますか?

more expensive/interesting

mot-to takai/omoshiroi

もっと高い／おも
しろい

more than 50 *go-jū ijō*

50以上

more than that *sore ijō*

それ以上

a lot more *mot-to takusan*

もっとたくさん

dialogue

would you like some
more? *mō sukoshi ikaga
desu ka?*

no, no more for me,
thanks *īe, mō kek-ko
desu*

how about you? *sochira
wa dō desu ka?*

I don't want any more,
thanks *mō kek-ko desu*

morning *asa*

朝

this morning *kesa*

けさ

in the morning *asa ni*

朝に

mosquito *ka*

蚊

mosquito repellent

kayoke-sipurē

蚊よけスプレー

most: I like this one most of all

kore ga ichiban suki desu
これがいちばん好き
です

most of the time taitei
たいてい

most tourists taitei no
ryokōkyaku
たいていの旅行者

mostly taitei

たいてい

mother (one's own) haha
母

(someone else's) okā-san

お母さん

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

義理の母

(someone else's) giri no okā-
san

義理のお母さん

motorbike ōtobai

オートバイ

motorboat mōtābōto

モーターボート

motorway kōsokudōro

高速道路

mountain yama

山

up in the mountains yama ni

山に

mountaineering tozan

登山

mouse nezumi

ねずみ

moustache kuchihige

くちひげ

mouth kuchi

口

move (verb) ugokashimasu

動かします

he's moved to another
room kare wa

hik-koshimashita

彼は引っ越しました

could you move your car?

kuruma o ugokashite

kuremasen ka?

車を動かしてくれま

せんか?

could you move up a little?

sukoshi tsumete kuremasen
ka?

すこしつめてくれま

せんか?

movie eiga

映画

movie theater (US) eigakan

映画館

Mr ...-san

…さん

Mrs ...-san

…さん

Ms ...-san

…さん

much takusan (no)

たくさん(の)

much better zut-to ī desu

ずっといいです

much worse nao warui desu

なお悪いです

much hotter *zut-to atsui*
 ずっと暑い
 not much *sukoshi*
 すこし
 not very much *amari*
 あまり
 I don't want very much *amari*
hoshiku nai desu
 あまり欲しくない
 です
 mud *doro*
 どろ
 mug (for drinking) *magukap-pu*
 マグカップ
 I've been mugged *gōtō ni*
osoware mashita
 強盗におそわれ
 ました
 mum *mama*
 ママ
 mumps *otafuku-kaze*
 おたふくかぜ
 museum *hakubutsuan*
 博物館
 mushrooms *kinoko*
 きのこ
 music *on-gaku*
 音楽
 musician *on-gak-ka*
 音楽家
 Muslim (adj) *Isuramukyo* (no)
 イスラム教
 mussels *mūrugai*
 ムール貝
 must: I must-*nakereba*

narimasen
 …—なければなりません
 I mustn't drink alcohol
watashi wa arukōru o
nonde wa ikenain desu
 私はアルコールを飲
 んではいけない
 んです
 mustard *masutādo*
 マスタード
 (Japanese) *karashi*
 からし
 my* *watashi no*
 私の
 myself: I'll do it myself *jibun*
de shimasu
 自分でします
 by myself *jibun de*
 自分で

N

nail (finger) *tsūme*
 つめ
 (metal) *kugi*
 くぎ
 nailbrush *tsūme-burashi*
 つめブラシ
 nail varnish *manikyua*
 マニキュア
 name *namae*
 名前
 my name's John *watashi no*

name wa John desu
 私の名前はジョン
 です
 what's your name? *shitsurei*
desu ga, onamae wa?
 失礼ですがお名前
 は？
 what is the name of this
 street? *kono tōri no namae*
wa nan desu ka?
 この通りの名前は何
 ですか？
 napkin *napukin*
 ナプキン
 nappy *omutsu*
 おむつ
 narrow (street) *semai*
 せまい
 nasty (person) *iya (na)*
 いや(な)
 (weather, accident etc) *hidoi*
 ひどい
 national *kokuritsu (no)*
 国立(の)
 nationality *kokuseki*
 国籍
 natural *shizen (na)*
 自然(な)
 nausea *hakike*
 吐き気
 navy (blue) *kon-iro (no)*
 紺色(の)
 near ... *no soba*
 ...のそば
 is it near the city centre?

hankagai kara chikai desu
 ka?
 繁華街から近いです
 か？
 do you go near the Osaka-jo?
 Ōsaka-jo no chikaku e
 ikimasu ka?
 大阪城の近くへ行き
 ますか？
 where is the nearest ...?
 ichiban chikai ... wa doko
 desu ka?
 いちばん近い…ほど
 ですか？
 nearby *chikai*
 近い
 nearly *hotondo*
 ほとんど
 necessary *hitsuyō (na)*
 必要(な)
 neck *kubi*
 くび
 necklace *nek-kuresu*
 ネックレス
 necktie *nekutai*
 ネクタイ
 need: I need *ga hitsuyō*
desu
 …が必要です
 do I need to pay? *okane wa*
haraun deshō ka?
 お金は払うん
 でしょうか？
 needle *hari*
 針

negative (film) *nega*
 ネガ
 neither: neither (one) of them
dochira demo nai
 どちらでもない
 neither ... nor ... *demo ... demo nai*
 …でも…でもない
 nephew (one's own) *oi*
 甥
 (someone else's) *oigo-san*
 甥御さん
 net (in sport) *net-to*
 ネット
 net price *seika*
 正価
 never* *kes-shite ...-masen*
 けっして…—ません
 I never go there *soko e wa kes-shite ikimasen*
 そこへはけっして
 行きません
 (never been/done) ... *koto ga arimasen*
 …ことがありません

dialogue

have you ever been to
 Tokyo? *Tōkyō ni it-ta*
koto wa arimasu ka?
 no, I've never been there
īe, ichido mo it-ta koto
ga arimasen

new *atarashī*
 新しい
 news (radio, TV etc) *nyūs*
 ニュース
 newsagent's *shimbun-ya*
 新聞屋
 newspaper *shimbun*
 新聞
 New Year *oshōgatsu*
 お正月
 Happy New Year!
akemashite omedetō
gozaimasu!
 明けましておめでと
 うございます！
 New Year's Day *gantān*
 元旦
 New Year's Eve *ōmisoka*
 大晦日
 New Zealand *Nyū-Jīrando*
 ニュージーランド
 New Zealander: I'm a New
 Zealander *watashi wa Nyū-*
Jīrando-jin desu
 私はニュージーラン
 ド人です
 next *tsugi* (no)
 次(の)
 the next turning/street on the
 left *tsugi no hidari no*
magarikado/michi
 次の左の曲り角／道
 at the next stop *tsugi no*
teiryū-jo de
 次の停留所で

next week *raishū*
来週
next to ... *no tonari*
…のとなり
nice (food) *oishī*
おいしい
(looks, view etc) *kirei (na)*
きれい(な)
(person) *shinsetsu (na)*
親切(な)
niece (one's own) *mei*
姪
(someone else's) *meigo-san*
姪御さん
night *yoru*
夜
at night *yoru ni*
夜に
good night *oyasuminasai*
おやすみなさい

dialogue

do you have a single room
for one night? *ip-paku*
desu ga shinguru wa aite
imasu ka?
yes, madam *hai,*
gozaimasu
how much is it per night?
ip-paku ikura desu ka?
5,000 yen *ip-paku go-*
sen-en ni narimasu
thank you, I'll take it *ja,*
onegai shimasu

nightclub *naitokurabu*
ナイトクラブ
nightdress *naitodoresu*
ナイトドレス
night porter *yakan no*
furonto-gakari
夜間のフロント係
*no** (answer) *īe*
いいえ
no ga arimasen
…がありません
I've no change *kozeni ga*
arimasen
小銭がありません
there's no ... left ... *ga mō*
arimasen
…がもうありません
no way! tondemo nai!
とんでもない!
oh no! (upset) masaka!
まさか!
nobody dare mo ...-masen*
だれも…—ません
there's nobody there *soko*
niwa dare mo imasen
そこにはだれもい
ません
noise *sō-on*
騒音
noisy *urusai*
うるさい
non-alcoholic *arukōru-nuki*
(no)
アルコール抜き
(の)

none* (people) dare mo
 ...-masen
 だれも…—ません
 (things) dore mo ...-masen
 どれも…—ません
 nonsmoking compartment
 kin-en-koshitsu
 禁煙個室
 noodles menrui
 めん類
 noon shōgo
 正午
 at noon shōgo ni
 正午に
 no-one* dare mo ...-masen
 だれも…—ません
 nor: nor do I watashi mo sō
 desu
 私もそうです
 normal futsū (no)
 ふつう(の)
 north kita
 北
 in the north kita ni
 北に
 to the north kita e
 北へ
 north of Kanazawa
 Kanazawa no kita
 金沢の北
 northeast hokutō
 北東
 Northern Ireland Kita-
 Airurando
 北アイルランド

North Korea Kita-Chōsen
 北朝鮮
 northwest hokusei
 北西
 Norway Noruē
 ノルウェー
 Norwegian (adj) Noruē (no)
 ノルウェー(の)
 nose hana
 鼻
 not* ...-masen
 …—ません
 no, I'm not hungry iē, onaka
 ga suite imasen
 いいえ、おなかが
 すいていません
 I don't want any, thank you
 arigatō, demo watashi wa
 kek-kō desu
 ありがとう、でも私
 はけっこうです
 it's not necessary hitsuyō
 nai desu
 必要ないです
 I didn't know that sore wa
 shirimasen deshita
 それは知りません
 でした
 not that one sore ja
 arimasen
 それじゃありません
 not that one, this one sore ja
 nakute, kore desu
 それじゃなくてこれ
 です

note (banknote) *shihei*
紙幣
notebook *techō*
手帳
nothing *nani mo ...-masen*
何も…—ません
nothing for me, thanks *nani mo irimasen*
何もいりません
novel *shōsetsu*
小説
November *Jūichigatsu*
十一月
now *ima*
いま
number *ban-gō*
番号
(figure) *sūji*
数字
I've got the wrong number
ban-go o machigaemashita
番号をまちがえました
what is your phone number?
denwaban-go wa nan-ban desu ka?
電話番号は何番ですか?
number plate *nambā-purēto*
ナンバープレート
nurse (man) *kan-goshi*
看護師
(woman) *kan-gofu*
看護婦

nuts *nat-tsu*
ナッツ

O

Occidental *sei-yō (no)*
西洋(の)
occupied (phone) *hanashi-chū*
話し中
(toilet) *shiyō-chū*
使用中
October *Jūgatsu*
十月
o'clock *ji*
時
odd (strange) *kawat-ta*
変わった
of* ... *no*
…の
off (lights) *kiete ru*
消えている
it's just off ... *sore wa ... kara sugu desu*
それは…からすぐです
we're off tomorrow *ashita tachimasu*
あした立ちます
office (place of work) *jimusho*
事務所
officer (said to policeman)
omawari-san
おまわりさん
often *yoku*
よく

not often *met-ta ni*

めったに

how often are the buses?

basu wa nan-bon kurai arimasu ka?

バスは何本くらいありますか？

oil (for car) *oiru*

オイル

(for cooking) *abura*

あぶら

(for salad) *sarada-oiru*

サラダオイル

ointment *nankō*

軟膏

OK *ōkē*

オーケー

are you OK? *daijōbu desu*

ka?

大丈夫ですか？

is that OK with you? *sore de**ī desu ka?*

それでいいですか？

is it OK to ...? ... *shite mo ī**desu ka?*

…してもいいですか？

that's OK, thanks *sore de**kamaimasen, arigatō*

それがかまいません、ありがとう

I'm OK (nothing for me) *watashi**wa kek-ko desu*

私はけっこうです

(I feel OK) *daijōbu desu*

大丈夫です

is this train OK for ...? *kono*
densha wa ... e ikimasu ka?

この電車は…へ行きますか？

old (person) *toshi o tot-ta*

年をとった

(thing) *furui*

古い

dialogue

how old are you? *oikutsu*
*desu ka?*I'm 25 *ni-jū-go desu*
and you? *anata wa?*old-fashioned *mukashi-fū*

(no)

昔風(の)

old town (old part of town)

kyūshigai

旧市街

in the old town *kyūshigai ni*

旧市街に

omelette *omuretsu*

オムレツ

on ... *no ue*

…の上

on the street *tōri de*

通りで

is it on this road? *sore wa**kono michizoi desu ka?*それはこの道沿い
ですか？

on the plane hikōki de
飛行機で
on Saturday Doyōbi ni
土曜日に
on television terebi de
テレビで
I haven't got it on me ima
mot-te imasen
いま持っていません
this one's on me (drink) kore
wa watashi mochi desu
これは私持ちです
the light wasn't on denki ga
tsuite imasen deshita
電気がついてい
ませんでした
what's on tonight? komban
wa nani o yat-te imasu ka?
今晚は何をやって
いますか?
once (on one occasion) ik-kai
一回
(formerly) mae ni
前に
(as soon as) it-tan ...-tara
いったん…一たら
at once (immediately) sugu
すぐ
one* hitotsu
ひとつ
the white one shiroi no
しろいの
one-way ticket katamichi-
kip-pu
片道切符

a one-way ticket to ...
... made katamichi-kip-pu
o ichi-mai
…までの片道切符を
一枚
onion tamanegi
たまねぎ
only ... dake
…だけ
only one hitotsu dake
ひとつだけ
it's only 6 o'clock mada
rokujū desu
まだ6時です
I've only just got here mada
tsuita bakari desu
まだ着いたばかり
です
on/off switch suit-chi
スイッチ
open (adj) hiraita
開いた
(verb: door) akemasu
開けます
(of shop) eigyō-chū
営業中
when do you open? koko wa
itsu akimasu ka?
ここはいつ開きます
か?
I can't get it open akimasen
開きません
in the open air kogai de
戸外で
opening times eigyōjikan

営業時間
 open ticket *ōpun-chiket-to*
 オープンチケット
 opera *opera*
 オペラ
 operation (medical) *shujutsu*
 手術
 operator (telephone) *operētā*
 オペレーター
 opposite: the opposite
 direction *hantaihōkō*
 反対方向
 the bar opposite *mukai no*
bā
 向かいのバー
 opposite my hotel *hoteru no*
mukaigawa ni
 ホテルの向かい側に
 optician *megane-ya*
 めがね屋
 or *mata wa*
 または
 orange (fruit) *orenji*
 オレンジ
 (colour) *orenji-iro (no)*
 オレンジ色(の)
 orange juice *orenji-jūsū*
 オレンジジュース
 orchestra *ōkesutora*
 オーケストラ
 order (noun) *chūmon*
 注文
 (verb) *chūmon shimasu*
 注文します
 can we order now? (in

restaurant) *chūmon shite mo*
ī desu ka?
 注文してもいいですか？
 I've already ordered *mō*
chūmon shimashita
 もう注文しました
 I didn't order this *kore wa*
chūmon shimasen deshita
 これは注文しません
 でした
 out of order *kowarete imasu*
 こわれています
 ordinary *futsū (no)*
 ふつう(の)
 other *hoka no*
 ほか(の)
 the other one *mō katahō no*
 もう片方の
 the other day *sūjitsu mae*
 数日前
 I'm waiting for the others *hoka*
no hitotachi o mat-te imasu
 ほかのひとたちを
 待っています
 do you have any others?
hoka nimo arimasu ka?
 ほかにありますか？
 otherwise *samonaito*
 さもないと
 Oriental *tōyō (no)*
 東洋(の)
 our(s)* *watashitachi no*
 私たちの
 out: he's out *kare wa*

gaishutsu-chū desu
 彼は外出中です
 three kilometres out of town
 machi kara san-kiro
 町から3キロ
 outdoor pool okugai-pūru
 屋外プール
 outside ... no soto ni
 ...の外に
 can we sit outside? soto ni
 suwaremasu ka?
 外に座れますか?
 oven ōbun
 オーブン
 over: over here koko ni
 ここに
 over there asoko ni
 あそこに
 over 500 go-hyaku ijō
 500以上
 it's over owarimashita
 終わりました
 overcharge: you've overcharged
 me kore wa torisugi desu
 これは取りすぎです
 overcoat ōbā
 オーバー
 overland mail sarubin
 サル便
 overnight (travel) ip-paku (no)
 一泊(の)
 overtake oikoshimasu
 追い越します
 owe: how much do I owe you?
 ikura haraeba ī desu ka?

いくら払えばいい
 ですか?

own: my own ...
 watashi-jishin no ...
 私自身の...
 are you on your own? ohitori
 desu ka?
 おひとりですか?
 I'm on my own hitori desu
 ひとりです
 owner mochinushi
 持ち主
 oyster kaki
 かき

P

Pacific Ocean Taiheiyō
 太平洋
 pack (verb) nimotsu o
 tsumemasu
 荷物をつめます
 a pack of ... hito-pak-ku
 ひとパック
 package (parcel) kozutsumi
 小包
 package holiday pak-ku-
 ryokō
 パック旅行
 packed lunch obentō
 お弁当
 packet: a packet of cigarettes
 tabako hito-hako
 たばこ1箱

paddy field **tambo**

たんぼ

page (of book) **pēji**

ページ

could you page Mr ...? ...-san

o yobidashite kuremasen ka?

…-さんをお呼び出

してくれませんか？

pagoda **tō**

塔

pain **itami**

痛み

I have a pain here **koko ga****itai desu**

ここが痛いです

painful **itai**

痛い

painkillers **itamidome**

痛み止め

painting **e**

絵

pair: a pair of ... **hito-kumi**

no ...

一組の…

palace **kyūden**

宮殿

pale (colour) **usu-...**

うすー…

pale blue **usu-aoi**

うすあおい

pan **furaipan**

フライパン

panties (women's underwear)

shōtsu

ショーツ

pants (underwear: men's) **pantsu**

パンツ

(women's) **shōtsu**

ショーツ

(US: trousers) **zubon**

ズボン

pantyhose **panti-sutok-kingu**

パンティーストッキング

paper **kami**

紙

(Japanese) **washi**

和紙

(newspaper) **shimbun**

新聞

a piece of paper **kami****ichi-mai**

紙一枚

paper folding **origami**

折り紙

paper handkerchiefs **tis-shu-****pēpā**

ティッシュペーパー

parcel **kozutsumi**

小包

pardon (me)? (didn't

understand/hear) **nante****īmashita ka?**

なんて言いました

か？

parents (one's own) **ryōshin**

両親

(someone else's) **goryōshin**

御両親

park (noun) **kōen**

公園

(verb) *chūshajō*

駐車場

can I park here? *koko ni chūsha shite mo ī desu ka?*

ここに駐車してもいいですか？

parking lot *chūshajō*

駐車場

part (noun) *bubun*

部分

partner (boyfriend, girlfriend etc)

pātonā

パートナー

(in business) *kyōdo-keiei-sha*

共同経営者

party (group) *dantai*

団体

(celebration) *pātī*

パーティー

passenger *jōkyaku*

乗客

passport *pasupōto*

パスポート

past*: in the past *mae ni*

まえに

just past the information

office *an-naijo o koete sugu*

案内所を越えてすぐ

path *komichi*

小道

pattern *moyō*

もよう

pavement *hodō*

歩道

on the pavement *hodō de*

歩道で

pavilion *tenjikan*

展示館

pay (verb) *shiharaimasu*

支払います

can I pay, please? *okanjō o**onegai shimasu*

お勘定をお願い

します

it's already paid for *mō**harat-te arimasu*

もう払ってあります

dialogue

who's paying? *dare ga**haraimasu ka?*I'll pay *watashi ga**haraimasu*

no, you paid last time, I'll

pay *īe, konomae harat-te**moraimashita, watashi ga**haraimasu*payment *shiharai*

支払い

payphone *kōshūdenwa*

公衆電話

peaceful *shizuka (na)*

しずか(な)

peach *momo*

もも

peanuts *pīnat-tsu*

ピーナッツ

pear nashi
なし
pearl shinju
真珠
peculiar (strange) kawat-ta
変わった
pedestrian crossing ōdanhodō
横断歩道
pedestrian zone hokōsha-
ten-goku
歩行者天国
peg (for washing) sentaku-
basami
せんたくばさみ
(for tent) pegu
ペグ
pen pen
ペン
pencil empitsu
えんぴつ
penfriend pemparu
ペンパル
penicillin penishirin
ペニシリン
penknife poket-to-naifu
ポケットナイフ
pensioner
nenkin-seikatsu-sha
年金生活者
people hito
ひと
the other people in the hotel
hoteru no hoka no
tomarikyaku
ホテルのほかの泊り

客
too many people hito ga
ōsugi
ひとが多すぎ
pepper (spice) koshō
こしょう
per: per night hito-ban ni
tsui
一晚につき
how much per day?
ichinichi ikura desu ka?
一日いくらですか?
per cent pāsento
パーセント
perfect kampeki (na)
完璧(な)
perfume kōsui
香水
perhaps tabun
たぶん
perhaps not tabun chigau
deshō
たぶん違うでしょう
period (of time) kikan
期間
(menstruation) seiri
生理
permit (noun) kyoka
許可
person hito
ひと
personal stereo uōkuman
ウォークマン
petrol gasorin
ガソリン

petrol can *sekiyukan*
 石油缶
 petrol station *gasorin-sutando*
 ガソリンスタンド
 pharmacy *yak-kyoku*,
kusuri-ya
 薬局、薬屋
 Philippines *Firipin*
 フィリピン
 phone (noun) *denwa*
 電話
 (verb) *denwa shimasu*
 電話します
 phone book *denwachō*
 電話帳
 phone box *kōshūdenwa*
 公衆電話
 phonecard *terefōn-kādo*
 テレホンカード
 phone number *denwaban-gō*
 電話番号
 photo *shashin*
 写真
 excuse me, could you take a
 photo of us? *chot-to*
sumimasen, shashin tot-te
kuremasen ka?
 ちょっとすみませ
 ん、写真とってくれ
 ませんか？
 phrasebook *kaiwa-hyōgen-*
shū
 会話表現集
 piano *piano*

ピアノ
 pickpocket *suri*
 スリ
 pick up: will you be there to pick
 me up? *soko made mukae ni*
kite kuremasen ka?
 そこまでむかえに
 来てくれませんか？
 picnic (noun) *piknik-ku*
 ピクニック
 picture (painting) *e*
 絵
 (photo) *shashin*
 写真
 piece *hitotsu*
 ひとつ
 a piece of ... *hito-kire no ...*
 ひときれの…
 pill *piru*
 ピル
 I'm on the pill *piru o nonde*
imasu
 ピルを飲んでます
 pillow *makura*
 まくら
 pillow case *makura-kabā*
 まくらカバー
 pin (noun) *pin*
 ピン
 pinball *pachinko*
 パチンコ
 pine *matsu*
 松
 pineapple *painap-puru*
 パイナップル

pink pinku-iro (no)
 ピンク色(の)
 pipe (for smoking) paipu
 パイプ
 (for water) suidōkan
 水道管
 pity: it's a pity
 zan-nen desu
 残念です
 pizza piza
 ピザ
 place (noun) tokoro
 ところ
 at your place anata no
 tokoro de
 あなたのところで
 at his place kare no tokoro
 de
 彼のところで
 plain (not patterned) muji (no)
 無地(の)
 plane hikōki
 飛行機
 by plane hikōki de
 飛行機で
 plant shokubutsu
 植物
 plasters bansōkō
 ばんそうこう
 plastic purastik-ku
 プラスティック
 (credit cards) kurejit-to-kādo
 クレジットカード
 plastic bag binīru-bukuro
 ビニール袋

plate sara
 さら
 platform purat-to-hōmu
 プラットホーム
 which platform is it for Nara?
 Nara-iki wa dono purat-to-
 hōmu desu ka?
 奈良行きはどのプ
 ラットホームです
 か?
 play (verb: sports, game) shimasu
 します
 (musical instrument) hikimasu
 ひきます
 (music) kakemasu
 かけます
 (noun: in theatre) shibai
 芝居
 playground asobiba
 あそび場
 pleasant kimochi no ī
 気持ちのいい
 please (requesting) onegai
 shimasu
 お願いします
 (go ahead) dōzo
 どうぞ
 yes, please hai, onegai
 shimasu
 はい、お願いします
 could you please ...? ... -te
 kuremasen ka?
 …—てくれませんか?
 please don't dōka yamete

kudasai

どうかやめてくだ
さい

pleased: pleased to meet you

hajimemashite

はじめまして

pleasure: my pleasure dō

itashimashite

どういたしまして

plenty: plenty of ... takusan no

...

たくさんの...

there's plenty of time jikan

wa jūbun arimasu

時間は十分あります

that's plenty, thanks mō

kek-kō desu, dōmo

もうけっこうです、

どうも

plug (electrical, for car) puragu

プラグ

(in sink) sen

せん

plum (Western) sumomo

すもも

(Japanese) ume

うめ

plumber suidō-ya

水道屋

pm gogo

午後

poached egg otoshi-tamago

おとしたまご

pocket poket-to

ポケット

point: two point five ni-ten-
go

2.5

there's no point muda desu

むだです

poisonous yūdoku (na)

有毒(な)

police keisatsu

警察

call the police! keisatsu o

yonde kudasai!

警察を呼んでくだ

さい

policeman keikan

警官

police station keisatsu-sho

警察署

policewoman fukei

婦警

polish (noun) tsuyadashi

つや出し

polite teinei (na)

ていねい(な)

polluted yogoreta

よごれた

pool (for swimming) pūru

プール

poor (not rich) bimbō (na)

びんぼう(な)

(quality) somatsu (na)

そまつ(な)

pop music pop-psu

ポップス

pop singer kashu

歌手

popular *ninki no aru*
 人気のある
 pork *butaniku*
 豚肉
 port (for boats) *minato*
 みなと
 (drink) *pōto-wain*
 ポートワイン
 porter (in hotel) *bōi*
 ボーイ
 portrait *shōzōga*
 肖像画
 posh (restaurant) *shareta*
 しゃれた
 (people) *jōhin (na)*
 上品(な)
 possible *kanō (na)*
 可能(な)
 is it possible to ...?
 ... *-koto ga dekimasu ka?*
 ...ことができますか?
 as ... as possible *dekiru-*
dake ...
 できるだけ...
 post (noun: mail) *yūbin*
 郵便
 (verb) *yūsō shimasu*
 郵送します
 could you post this for me?
kore o tōkan shite
kuremasen ka?
 これを投函してくれ
 ませんか?
 postcard *ehagaki*

絵はがき
 postcode *yūbimban-gō*
 郵便番号
 poster *posutā*
 ポスター
 poste restante
kyoku-dome-yūbin
 局止め郵便
 post office *yūbinkyoku*
 郵便局
 potato chips (US: crisps)
poteto-chip-pu
 ポテトチップ
 pottery (objects) *tōki*
 陶器
 pound (money) *pondo*
 ポンド
 (weight) *paundo*
 パウンド
 power cut *teiden*
 停電
 power point *konsento*
 コンセント
 practise: I want to practise my
 Japanese *Nihon-go o*
renshū shitai desu
 日本語を練習したい
 です
 prawns *ebi*
 えび
 prefer: I prefer ... no *hō ga*
suki desu
 ...のほうが好きです
 pregnant *ninshin-chū (no)*
 妊娠中(の)

prescription (for medicine) *shohōsen*
 処方せん
 present (gift) *purezento*
 プレゼント
 president (of country) *daitōryō*
 大統領
 (of company) *shachō*
 社長
 pretty *kirei (na)*
 きれい(な)
 it's pretty expensive *kanari*
takai desu
 かなり高いです
 price *nedan*
 値段
 priest *obō-san*
 お坊さん
 (Shinto) *kan-nushi-san*
 神主さん
 prime minister *sōridaijin*
 総理大臣
 printed matter *insatsubutsu*
 印刷物
 prison *keimusho*
 刑務所
 private *shi-teki (na)*
 私的(な)
 private bathroom *sen-yō no*
basu-toire
 専用のバス・トイレ
 probably *osoraku*
 おそらく
 problem *mondai*
 問題

no problem! *daijōbu!*
 大丈夫!
 product *seihin*
 製品
 program(me) (TV, radio)
ban-gumi
 番組
 (theatre, computer) *puroguramu*
 プログラム
 promise: I promise *yakusoku*
shimasu
 約束します
 pronounce: how is this
 pronounced? *kore wa dō*
hatsu-on shimasu ka?
 これはどう発音しま
 すか?
 properly (repaired, locked etc)
chanto
 ちゃんと
 protection factor *fakutā*
 ファクター
 Protestant *purotesutanto*
 プロテスタント
 public baths *sentō*
 銭湯
 public holiday *saijitsu*
 祭日
 public toilets *kōshūbenjo*
 公衆便所
 pull *hikimasu*
 引きます
 puncture (noun) *panku*
 パンク
 puppet *nin-gyō*

人形
puppet show *nin-gyō-geki*
人形劇
puppet theatre (Japanese
traditional) *bunraku*
文楽
purple *murasaki* (no)
むらさき(の)
purse (for money) *saifu*
さいふ
(US: handbag) *handobag-gu*
ハンドバッグ
push *oshimasu*
押します
pushchair *kuruma-isu*
車いす
put *okimasu*
置きます
where can I put ...? ... o
doko ni okimashō ka?
…をどこに置き
ましょうか?
could you put us up for the
night? *komban tomete*
itadakemassen deshō ka?
今晚泊めていただけ
ませんでしょうか?
pyjamas *pajama*
パジャマ

Q

quality *hinshitsu*
品質

quarantine *ken-eki*
検疫
quarter (amount) *yom-bun no*
ichi
四分の一
(time) *jū-go-fun*
15分
quayside: on the quayside
hatoba de
波止場で
question *shitsumon*
質問
queue (noun) *gyōretsu*
行列
quick *hayai*
速い
that was quick *hayakat-ta*
desu
速かったです
what's the quickest way
there? *soko ni iku niwa nani*
ga ichiban hayai desu ka?
そこに行くには何
がいちばん速いです
か?
fancy a quick drink? *ip-pai*
yat-te ikimasen ka?
一杯やっていき
ませんか?
quickly *hayaku*
速く
quiet (place, hotel) *shizuka* (na)
しずか(な)
quiet! *shizuka ni!*
しずかに!

quite (fairly) *kanari*
 かなり
 (very) *totemo*
 とても
 that's quite right *mat-taku*
sono tōri desu
 まったくそのとおり
 です
 quite a lot *kanari takusan*
 かなりたくさん

R

race (for horses) *keiba*
 競馬
 (for cars, runners) *rēsū*
 レース
 racket (tennis, squash) *raket-to*
 ラケット
 radiator (of car) *rajiētā*
 ラジエーター
 (in room) *dambōki*
 暖房器
 radio *rajo*
 ラジオ
 on the radio *rajo de*
 ラジオで
 rail: by rail *tetsudō de*
 鉄道で
 rail pass *teikiken*
 定期券
 railway *tetsudō*
 鉄道
 rain (noun) *ame*
 雨
 in the rain *ame no naka de*
 雨の中で
 it's raining *ame ga fut-te*
imasu
 雨が降っています
 rainy season *tsuyu*
 梅雨
 raincoat *reinkōto*
 レインコート
 rape (noun) *fujobōkō*
 婦女暴行
 rare (uncommon) *mezurashī*
 めずらしい
 (steak) *reya*
 レア
 rash (on skin) *fukidemono*
 ふきでもの
 raspberry *razuberī*
 ラズベリー
 rat *nezumi*
 ねずみ
 rate (for changing money)
ryōgae-rēto
 両替レート
 rather: it's rather good
nakanaka ī desu
 なかなかいいです
 I'd rather ... *hō ga ī desu*
 …ほうがいいです
 raw *nama (no)*
 なま(の)
 raw fish *sashimi*
 さしみ
 razor *kamisori*

かみそり
(electric) denki-kamisori
電気かみそり

read yomimasu

読みます

ready yōi ga dekita

用意ができた

are you ready? mō ī desu

ka?

もういいですか？

I'm not ready yet mada yōi

ga dekite imasen

まだ用意ができてい
ません

dialogue

when will it be ready? itsu
dekimasu ka?

it should be ready in a couple
of days ni-san-nichi-chū ni
dekimasu

real hom-mono (no)

本物(の)

really hontō ni

ほんとう(の)

I'm really sorry hontō ni

sumimasen

ほんとうにすみません

that's really great sore wa

hontō ni sugoi desu

それはほんとうに
すごいです

really? (doubt) hontō?

ほんとう？

(polite interest) hontō desu ka?

ほんとうですか？

rear lights tēru-rampu

テールランプ

reasonable (prices etc) tegoro
(na)

手ごろ(な)

receipt reshīto

レシート

recently saikin

最近

reception (in hotel) furonto

フロント

(for guests) kan-geikai

歓迎会

at reception uketsuke de

受付で

reception desk uketsuke

受付

receptionist uketsuke-gakari

受付係

(in hotel) furonto-gakari

フロント係

recognize ki ga tsukimasu

気がつきます

recommend: could you

recommend ...? osusume no

... o oshiete kuremasen ka?

おすすめの...をおし
えてくれませんか？

record (music) rekōdo

レコード

red akai

赤い

red wine *aka-wain*
赤ワイン
refund (noun) *harai-modoshi*
払い戻し
can I have a refund? *okane o haraimodoshite kure-masen ka?*
お金を払い戻して
くれませんか?

region *chihō*
地方
registered: by registered mail
kakitome-yūbin de
書留郵便
registration number
tōrokuban-gō
登録番号
religion *shūkyō*
宗教

remember: I don't remember
oboete imasen
おぼえていません
I remember *oboete imasu*
おぼえています
do you remember? *oboete imasu ka?*
おぼえていますか?
rent (noun: for apartment) *yachin*
家賃
(verb: car etc) *karimasu*
借ります
to rent *rentaru* (no)
レンタル
rental (for car, boat etc) *ryōkin*
料金

rented car *renta-kā*
レンタカー
repair (verb) *shūri shimasu*
修理します
can you repair it? *shūri dekimasu ka?*
修理できますか?
repeat *kurikaeshimasu*
繰り返します
could you repeat that? *mō ichido it-te kuremasen ka?*
もう一度言ってくれませんか?
representative (noun: of company) *daihyō*
代表
reservation *yoyaku*
予約
I'd like to make a reservation
yoyaku o shitai no desu ga
予約をしたいのですが

dialogue

I have a reservation
yoyaku o shite arimasu
yes sir, what name please?
kashikomarimashita,
dochira-sama desu ka?

reserve (verb) *yoyaku shimasu*
予約します

dialogue

can I reserve a table for
tonight? *tēburu o*
komban yoyaku
dekimasu ka?
yes madam, for how many
people? *hai,*
uketamawarimasu,
nam-mei-sama desu ka?
for two *futari desu*
and for what time? *ojikan*
wa?
for eight o'clock *hachiji ni*
onegai shimasu
and could I have your
name please? *onamae o*
itadakemasu ka?

rest: I need a rest *hitoyasumi*
sasete kudasai
ひと休みさせて
ください
the rest of the group *hoka*
no hitotachi
ほかのひとたち
restaurant *restoran*
レストラン
restaurant car *shokudōsha*
食堂車
rest room *toire*
トイレ
retired: I'm retired *watashi*
wa teinen-taishoku
shimashita

私は定年退職し
ました
return: a return to made
no ōfuku-kip-pu o
ichi-mai
…までの往復切符
を一枚
return ticket *ōfuku-kip-pu*
往復切符
reverse charge call
korekuto-kōru
コレクトコール
reverse gear *bak-ku-giya*
バックギア
revolting *fuyukai (na)*
ふゆかい(な)
rib *abarabone*
あばらぼね
rice (uncooked) *kome*
こめ
(boiled) *gohan*
ごはん
(fried) *chāhan*
チャーハン
rich (person) *kanemochi (no)*
金持ち(の)
(food) *kot-teri shita*
こってりした
ridiculous *bakageta*
ばかげた
right (correct) *tadashī*
正しい
(not left) *migi (no)*
右(の)
you were right *anata no iu*

tōri deshita
 あなたの言うとおりで
 でした
 that's right sō desu
 そうです
 this can't be right kon-na
 hazu wa nai desu
 こんなはずはない
 です
 right here chōdo koko de
 ちょうどここで
 is this the right road for ...?
 ...e iku niwa kono michi
 de ī desu ka?
 …へ行くにはこの道
 でいいですか？
 on the right migi ni
 右に
 to the right migi e
 右へ
 turn right migi e magat-te
 kudasai
 右へ曲がってくだ
 さい
 right-hand drive migi-
 handoru (no)
 右ハンドル
 ring (on finger) yubiwa
 ゆびわ
 I'll ring you atode denwa
 shimasu
 あとで電話します
 ring back orikaeshi denwa
 shimasu
 折り返し電話します

ripe (fruit) jukushita
 熟した
 rip-off: it's a rip-off! hōgai na
 nedan desu!
 法外な値段です！
 rip-off prices hōgai na
 nedan
 法外な値段
 risky kiken (na)
 危険な
 river kawa
 川
 road michi
 道
 is this the road for ...? kore
 wa ... e iku michi desu ka?
 これは…へ行く道
 ですか？
 down the road konosaki
 このさき
 road map dōrochizu
 道路地図
 roadsign dōro-hyōshiki
 道路標識
 rob: I've been robbed gōtō ni
 osowaremashita
 強盗におそわれ
 ました
 rock iwa
 岩
 (music) rok-ku
 ロック
 on the rocks (whisky)
 on-za-rok-ku de
 オンザロック

roll (bread) *rōrupan*
 ロールパン
 roof (of house) *yane*
 やね
 (of car) *rūfi*
 ルーフ
 room *heya*
 部屋
 in my room *watashi no heya de*
 私の部屋で
 room service *rūmu-sābisu*
 ルームサービス
 rope *rōpu*
 ロープ
 rosé (wine) *roze*
 ロゼ
 roughly (approximately) *daitai*
 だいたい
 round: it's my round *watashi no ban desu*
 私の番です
 round-trip ticket
ōfuku-kip-pu
 往復切符
 a round-trip ticket to ...
 ... made no *ōfuku-kip-pu o ichi-mai*
 …までの往復切符
 を一枚
 route *ikikata*
 行き方
 what's the best route? *dore ga ichiban ī ikikata desu ka?*

どれがいちばんいい
 行き方ですか？
 rubber (material) *gomu*
 ゴム
 (eraser) *keshigomu*
 消しゴム
 rubber band *wagomu*
 輪ゴム
 rubbish (waste) *gomi*
 ごみ
 (poor quality goods) *garakuta*
 がらくた
 rubbish! (nonsense)
bakabakashī!
 ばかばかしい！
 rucksack *ryuk-ku-sak-ku*
 リュックサック
 rude *shitsurei (na)*
 失礼(な)
 ruins *iseki*
 遺跡
 rum *ramu-shu*
 ラム酒
 rum and Coke® *ramu-shu no kōra-wari*
 ラム酒のコーラ割り
 run (verb: person) *hashirimasu*
 走ります
 I've run out of money *okane ga soko o tsukimashita*
 お金が底をつきました
 rush hour *ras-shu-awā*
 ラッシュアワー

S

- sad *kanashi*
 かなしい
 saddle (for bike) *sadoru*
 サドル
 safe (adj) *anzen* (na)
 安全(な)
 safety pin *anzen-pin*
 安全ピン
 sailboard (noun) *sāfubōdo*
 サーフボード
 sailboarding *uindosāfingu*
 ウィンドサーフィ
 ング
 sailing *sēringu*
 セーリング
 sake bottle *tok-kuri*
 とっくり
 sake cup *sakazuki*
 さかずき
 salad *sarada*
 サラダ
 salad dressing *dores-shingu*
 ドレッシング
 sale: for sale *uridashi-chū*
 売り出し中
 salesman *sērusuman*
 セールスマン
 salmon *sake*
 さけ
 salt *shio*
 しお
 same: the same *onaji*

- 同じ
 the same as this *kore to onaji no*
 これと同じの
 the same again, please *onaji no o mō hitotsu kudasai*
 同じのをもうひとつ
 ください
 it's all the same to me
dot-chi demo onaji desu
 どちらでも同じです
 sand *suna*
 すな
 sandals *sandaru*
 サンドル
 (wooden) *geta*
 げた
 sandwich *sandoit-chi*
 サンドイッチ
 sanitary napkins/towels
seiri-yō napukin
 生理用ナプキン
 sash *obi*
 帯
 Saturday *Doyōbi*
 土曜日
 sauce *sōsu*
 ソース
 saucepan *katatenabe*
 片手なべ
 saucer *ukezara*
 受け皿
 sauna *sauna*
 サウナ
 sausage *sōsēji*

ソーセージ
 say (verb) *īmasu*
 言います
 how do you say ... in
 Japanese? *Nihon-go de ...*
o nan te īmasu ka?
 日本語で…を何て
 言いますか？
 what did he say? *kare wa*
nan te īmashita ka?
 彼は何て言いました
 か？
 she said ... *kanojo wa ... to*
īmashita
 彼女は…と言
 いました
 could you say that again?
mō ichido it-te kuremasen
ka?
 もういちど言っ
 て
 くれませんか？
 scarf *sukāfu*
 スカーフ
 scenery *keshiki*
 けしき
 schedule *yotei*
 予定
 (US: timetable) *jikokūhyō*
 時刻表
 scheduled flight *teikibin*
 定期便
 school *gak-kō*
 学校
 scissors: a pair of scissors
hasami

はさみ
 scooter *sukūtā*
 スクーター
 scotch *Sukot-chi-uisukī*
 スコッチウイスキー
 Scotch tape® *serotēpu*
 セロテープ
 Scotland *Sukot-torando*
 スコットランド
 Scottish (adj) *Sukot-torando*
 (no)
 スコットランド
 (の)
 I'm Scottish *watashi wa*
Sukot-torando-jin desu
 私はスコットランド
 人です
 scrambled eggs *iri-tamago*
 いらたまご
 screen (Japanese) *byōbu*
 びょうぶ
 scroll (hanging) *kakejiku*
 かけじく
 (rolled) *makimono*
 まきもの
 sea *umi*
 海
 by the sea *umibe de*
 海辺で
 seafood *shīfūdo*
 シーフード
 seafront *kaigan-zoi*
 海岸沿い
 on the seafront *kaigan-zoi ni*
 海岸沿いに

seal: personal seal *hanko*
 はんこ
 search (verb) *sagashimasu*
 さがします
 seasick: I feel seasick *fune ni yoimashita*
 船に酔いました
 I get seasick *funayoi suru tachi desu*
 船酔いするたちです
 seaside: by the seaside
kaigan de
 海岸で
 seat *seki*
 席
 is this seat taken? *kono seki wa fusagat-te imasu ka?*
 この席はふさがっていますか？
 seat belt *shīto-beruto*
 シートベルト
 seaweed *kaisō*
 海藻
 secluded *hempī (na)*
 へんぴ(な)
 second (adj) *ni-bam-me (no)*
 二番目(の)
 (of time) *byō*
 秒
 just a second! *chot-to mat-te kudasai!*
 ちょっと待ってください
 さい
 second class (train etc)
futsūseki

普通席
 second-hand *chūko (no)*
 中古(の)
 second floor *san-kai*
 三階
 (US) *ni-kai*
 二階
 secretary *hisho*
 秘書
 see *mimasu*
 見ます
 can I see? *mite mo ī desu ka?*
 見てもいいですか？
 have you seen ...? ... o
mimashita ka?
 …を見ましたか？
 I saw him this morning *kesa kare ni aimashita*
 けさ彼に会いました
 see you! *ja, mata!*
 じゃ、また！
 I see (I understand)
naruhodo
 なるほど
 self-service *serufu-sābisu*
 セルフサービス
 sell *urimasu*
 売ります
 do you sell ...? ... wa
arimasu ka?
 …はありますか？
 Sellotape® *serotēpu*
 セロテープ
 send *okurimasu*

送ります

I want to send this to England

kore o Igrisu ni okuritai

no desu ga

これをイギリスに
送りたいのですがseparate *betsubetsu* (no)

べつべつ(の)

separated: I'm separated

watashi wa bek-kyo-chū

desu

私は別居中です

separately (pay, travel)

betsubetsu ni

べつべつに

September *Kugatsu*

九月

serious (problem) *jūdai* (na)

重大(な)

(illness) *omoi*

おもい

(person) *majime* (na)

まじめ(な)

service charge (in restaurant)

sābisu-ryo

サービス料

service station

gasorin-sutando

ガソリンスタンド

serviette *napukin*

ナプキン

set menu *teishoku*

定食

several *ikutsuka* (no)

いくつか(の)

sew *nuimasu*

ぬいます

could you sew this back on?

kore o nuitsukete

kuremasen ka?

これをぬいつけて
くれませんか?sex *sek-kusu*

セックス

sexy *sekushī* (na)

セクシー(な)

shade: in the shade *hikage*

ni

ひかげに

shallow (water) *asai*

浅い

shame: what a shame! (it's a

pity) *zan-nen!*

残念!

shampoo (noun) *shampū*

シャンプー

shampoo and set *shampū to*
set-to

シャンプーとセット

share (verb: room) *aibeya ni**narimasu*

相部屋になります

(table) *aiseki shimasu*

相席します

sharp (knife) *yoku kireru*

よく切れる

(pain) *surudoī*

するどい

shaver *denki-kamisori*

電気かみそり

shaving foam *shēbingu-fōmu*
 シェービングフォーム

shaving point
denki-kamisori-yō
konsento
 電気かみそり用
 コンセント

she* *kanojo*
 彼女
 is she here? *kanojo wa*
imasu ka?
 彼女はいますか？

sheet (for bed) *shītsu*
 シーツ

shelf *tana*
 たな

shellfish *kai*
 貝

sherry *sherī*
 シェリー

Shinto (adj) *Shintō* (no)
 神道(の)

Shintoism *Shintō*
 神道

ship *fune*
 船
 by ship *fune de*
 船で

shirt *shatsu*
 シャツ

shit! *kuso!*
 くそ！

shock (noun) *shok·ku*
 ショック

I got an electric shock from
 the *de kanden*
shimashita
 …で感電しました

shocking *hidoi*
 ひどい

shoe *kutsu*
 くつ
 a pair of shoes *kutsu is·soku*
 くつ一足

shoelaces *kutsu·himo*
 くつひも

shoe polish *kutsuzumi*
 くつずみ

shoe repairer *kutsunaoshi*
 くつなおし

shop *mise*
 店

shopping: I'm going shopping
kaimono ni ikimasu
 買物にいけます

shopping centre
shop·pingu·sentā
 ショッピングセン
 ター

shop window *shōuindō*
 ショーウィンドー

shore (of sea) *umibe*
 海辺
 (of lake) *kishibe*
 岸辺

short (person) *se no hikui*
 背の低い
 (time, journey) *mijikai*
 みじかい

shortcut *chikamichi*
 近道
 shorts *pantsu*
 パンツ
 should: what should I do? *do*
shitara ī desho?
 どうしたらいい
 でしょう？
 you should ... -ta *hō ga ī*
desu
 …—たほうがいい
 です
 you shouldn't ... -nai *hō*
ga ī desu
 …—ないほうがいい
 です
 he should be back soon *kare*
wa sugu modot-te kuru
hazu desu
 彼はすぐ戻って
 くるはずです
 shoulder *kata*
 かた
 shout (verb) *sakebimasu*
 さげびます
 show (in theatre) *shō*
 ショー
 could you show me? *misete*
kuremasen ka?
 見せてくれませんか？
 (direction) *oshiete kuremasen*
ka?
 おしえてくれませんか？

shower (in bathroom) *shawā*
 シャワー
 (of rain) *niwaka-ame*
 にわか雨
 with shower *shawā-tsuki*
 (no)
 シャワー付き(の)
 shower gel *bodī-sōpu*
 ボディソープ
 shrine *jinja*
 神社
 shut (verb) *shimemasu*
 閉めます
 when do you shut? *koko wa*
nanji ni shimarimasu ka?
 ここは何時に閉
 まりますか？
 when does it shut? *itsu*
shimarimasu ka?
 いつ閉まりますか？
 they're shut *shimat-te imasu*
 閉まっています
 I've shut myself out *kagi o*
naka ni wasuremashita
 かぎを中に忘れ
 ました
 shut up! *damare!*
 だまれ！
 shutter (on camera) *shat-tā*
 シャッター
 (on window) *amado*
 あまど
 sick (ill) *byōki* (no)
 病気(の)
 I'm going to be sick (vomit)

hakisō *desu*
 吐きそうです
 side *yoko*
 よこ
 the other side of the street
 tōri no mukōgawa
 通りの向こう側
 side street *wakimichi*
 わき道
 sidewalk *hodō*
 歩道
 on the sidewalk *hodō de*
 歩道で
 sight: the sights of *no*
meisho
 …の名所
 sightseeing: we're going
 sightseeing *kankō ni*
dekakeru tsumori desu
 観光にでかけるつもりです
 sightseeing tour *kankōryokō*
 観光旅行
 sign *kamban*
 看板
 (roadsign) *hyōshiki*
 標識
 signature *shomei*
 署名
 silk *kinu*
 きぬ
 silly *baka (na)*
 ばか(な)
 silver (noun) *gin*
 銀

similar *onaji yō (na)*
 同じような
 simple (easy) *kantan (na)*
 かんたん(な)
 since: since last week *senshū*
kara
 先週から
 since I got here *koko ni kite*
irai
 ここに来て以来
 sing *utaimasu*
 歌います
 Singapore *Shin-gapōru*
 シンガポール
 singer *kashu*
 歌手
 single: a single to *made*
katamichi-kip-pu o
ichi-mai
 …まで片道切符を一枚
 I'm single *watashi wa*
dokushin desu
 私は独身です
 single bed *shin-guru-bed-do*
 シングルベッド
 single room *shin-guru*
 シングル
 single ticket
katamichi-kip-pu
 片道切符
 sink (in kitchen) *nagashi*
 ながし
 sister (elder: one's own) *ane*
 姉

(someone else's) *onē-san*
お姉さん
(younger: one's own) *imōto*
妹
(someone else's) *imōto-san*
妹さん
sister-in-law (elder: one's own)
giri no ane
義理の姉
(someone else's) *giri no*
onē-san
義理のお姉さん
(younger: one's own) *giri no*
imōto
義理の妹
(someone else's) *giri no*
imōto-san
義理の妹さん
sit: can I sit here? *koko ni*
suwat-te mo ī desu ka?
ここに座ってもいい
ですか？
is anyone sitting here? *koko*
ni wa dare ka suwat-te
imasu ka?
ここにはだれか座っ
ていますか？
sit down *suwarimasu*
座ります
sit down *osuwari kudasai*
お座りください
size *saizu*
サイズ
skin *hifu*
ひふ

skinny *yaseta*
やせた
skirt *sukāto*
スカート
sky *sora*
空
skyscraper *kōsōbiru*
高層ビル
sleep (verb) *nemurimasu*
眠ります
did you sleep well? *yoku*
nemuremashita ka?
よく眠れましたか？
sleeper (on train)
shindaisha
寝台車
sleeping bag *nebukuro*
寝袋
sleeping car *shindaisha*
寝台車
sleeping pill *suimin-yaku*
睡眠薬
sleeve *sode*
そで
slide (photographic) *suraido*
スライド
slippers *surip-pa*
スリッパ
slippery *suberiyasui*
すべりやすい
slow *osoi*
おそい
slow down! *mot-to*
yuk-kuri!
もっとゆっくり！

slowly yuk-kuri
 ゆっくり
 very slowly unto yuk-kuri
 うんとゆっくり
 small chīsai
 ちいさい
 smell: it smells (smells bad)
 nioimasu ne
 においますね
 smile (verb) hohoemimasu
 ほほえます
 smoke (noun) kemuri
 けむり
 do you mind if I smoke?
 tabako o sut-te mo ī desu
 ka?
 たばこを吸っても
 いいですか?
 I don't smoke tabako wa
 suimasen
 たばこは吸いません
 do you smoke? tabako o
 suimasu ka?
 たばこを吸います
 か?
 snack: just a snack chot-to
 oyatsu
 ちょっとおやつ
 sneeze (noun) kushami o
 shimasu
 くしゃみをします
 snow yuki
 雪
 it's snowing yuki ga fut-te
 imasu

雪が降っています
 so: it's so good totemo ī desu
 とてもいいです
 it's so expensive totemo
 takai desu
 とても高いです
 not so much son-na ni
 takusan ja naku
 そんなにたくさん
 じゃなく
 not so bad son-na ni
 waruku nai
 そんなに悪くない
 so am I watashi mo sō desu
 私もそうです
 so do I watashi mo sō desu
 私もそうです
 so-so māmā desu
 まあまあです
 soaking solution (for contact
 lenses) hozon-eki
 保存液
 soap sek-ken
 せっけん
 soap powder kona-sek-ken
 粉せっけん
 sober shirafu (no)
 しらふ(の)
 sock sok-kusu
 ソックス
 socket (electrical) socket-to
 ソケット
 soda (water) sōda-sui
 ソーダ水
 sofa sofa

ソファー
 soft (material etc) yawarakai
 やわらかい
 soft-boiled egg
 hanjuku-tamago
 半熟たまご
 soft drink sofuto-dorinku
 ソフトドリンク
 soft lenses sofuto-kontakuto
 ソフトコンタクト
 sole (of shoe) kutsu no soko
 くつの底
 (of foot) ashi no ura
 足の裏
 could you put new soles on
 these? kutsu no soko o
 harikaete kuremasen ka?
 くつの底を張り替えて
 くれませんか?
 some: can I have some
 water/apples? mizu/rin-go
 o sukoshi moraemasu ka?
 水/りんごをすこし
 もらえますか?
 can I have some? sukoshi
 morat-te mo ī desu ka?
 すこしもらって
 もいいですか?
 somebody, someone dare ka
 だれか
 something nani ka
 何か
 something to eat nani ka
 taberu mono
 何か食べるもの

sometimes tokidoki
 ときどき
 somewhere doko ka
 どこか
 son (one's own) musuko
 息子
 (someone else's) musuko-san
 息子さん
 song uta
 歌
 son-in-law (one's own) giri no
 musuko
 義理の息子
 (someone else's) giri no
 musuko-san
 義理の息子さん
 soon sugu
 すぐ
 I'll be back soon sugu
 modot-te kimasu
 すぐ戻ってきます
 as soon as possible
 narubeku hayaku
 なるべくはやく
 sore: it's sore itai desu
 痛いです
 sore throat nodo no itami
 のどの痛み
 I've got a sore throat nodo
 ga itai desu
 のどが痛いです
 sorry: (I'm) sorry dōmo
 sumimasen
 どうもすみません
 sorry? (didn't understand) nante

imashita ka?
 何て言いましたか？
 sort: what sort of ...? dono
 yōna ...?
 どのような...？
 soup sūpu
 スープ
 sour (taste) sup·pai
 すっぱい
 south minami
 南
 in the south minami ni
 南に
 South Africa
 Minami-Afūrika
 南アフリカ
 South African (adj)
 Minami-Afūrika (no)
 南アフリカ(の)
 I'm South African watashi wa
 Minami-Afūrika-jin desu
 私は南アフリカ人
 です
 southeast nantō
 南東
 South Korea Kankoku
 韓国
 southwest nansei
 南西
 souvenir omiyage
 おみやげ
 soya milk tōnyū
 豆乳
 Spain Supein
 スペイン

Spanish (adj) Supein (no)
 スペイン(の)
 spare tyre yobi no taiya
 予備のタイヤ
 speak: do you speak English?
 Eigo o hanasemasu ka?
 英語を話せますか？
 I don't speak wa
 hanasemasen
 …は話せません

dialogue

can I speak to Yoko?
 Yōko-san wa
 iras-shaimasu ka?
 who's calling?
 dochira-sama desu ka?
 it's Patricia Patricia desu
 I'm sorry, Yoko's not in,
 can I take a message?
 mōshiwake arimasen ga,
 Yōko wa ima rusu ni
 shite orimasu, nani ka
 den-gon wa arimasu ka?
 no thanks, I'll call back
 later īe, kek-kō desu,
 atode kakenaoshimasu
 please tell her Patricia
 called kanojo ni Patricia
 kara denwa ga at-ta to
 otsutae kudasai

spectacles megane
 めがね

speed limit *sokudoseigen*

速度制限

spend *okane o tsukaimasu*

お金をつかいます

spider *kumo*

クモ

spin-dryer *das-suiki*

脱水機

spoon *spūn*

スプーン

sport *spōtsu*

スポーツ

sprain: I've sprained my

o *kujiite shimaimashita*

…をくじいてしまいました

spring (season) *haru*

春

(of car, seat) *spuringu*

スプリング

in the spring *haru ni*

春に

square (in town) *hiroba*

広場

stairs *kaidan*

階段

stale *furui*

ふるい

stamp (noun) *kit-te*

切手

dialogue

a stamp for England,
please *Igirisu made no*

kit-te o kudasai

what are you sending?

*nani o yūso saremasu ka?*this postcard *kono hagaki desu*standby *kyanseru-machi*

キャンセル待ち

star *hoshi*

ほし

(in film) *sutā*

スター

start (noun) *sutāto*

スタート

(verb) *hajimemasu*

始めます

when does it start? *itsu**hajimarimasu ka?*

いつ始まりですか？

the car won't start *kuruma**no enjin ga kakarimasen*

車のエンジンがかかりません

starter (of car) *shidōki*

始動機

(food) *zensai*

前菜

station *eki*

駅

statue *zō*

像

stay: where are you staying?

doko ni tomat-te imasu ka?

どこに泊まっていますか？

I'm staying at ni
 tomat-te imasu
 …に泊まっています
 I'd like to stay another two
 nights mō ni-haku shitai to
 omoimasu
 もう二泊したいとお
 もいます
 steak stēki
 ステーキ
 steal nusumimasu
 盗みます
 my bag has been stolen
 bag-gu o nusumaremashta
 バッグを盗まれ
 ました
 steep (hill) kewashī
 けわしい
 step: on the steps kaidan de
 階段で
 sterling Igirisu-pondo
 イギリスポンド
 steward (on plane) schuwādo
 スチュワード
 stewardess schūwādesu
 スチュワーデス
 still: I'm still here mada koko
 ni imasu
 まだここにいます
 (on the phone) hai,
 moshi-moshi
 はい、もしもし
 is he still there? kare wa
 mada soko ni imasu ka?
 彼はまだそこにいま

すか？
 keep still! ugokanaide
 kudasai!
 うごかないでくだ
 さい！
 sting: I've been stung hachi
 ni sasaremashita
 ハチにさされました
 stockings stok·kingu
 ストッキング
 stomach onaka
 おなか
 stomach ache fuku-tsū
 腹痛
 stone (rock) ishi
 石
 stop (verb) tomarimasu
 止まります
 please, stop here (to taxi driver
 etc) koko de tomete kudasai
 ここで止めてくだ
 さい
 do you stop near ...? ... no
 chikaku de tomarimasu ka?
 …の近くで止まり
 ますか？
 stop it! yamete kudasai!
 やめてください！
 stopover keiyu
 経由
 storm arashi
 あらし
 straight (whisky) storēto
 ストレート
 it's straight ahead mas-sugu

it-ta tokoro *desu*
 まっすぐ行ったところ
 です
straightaway *sugu ni*
 すぐに
strange (odd) *hen (na)*
 へん(な)
stranger *shiranai hito*
 知らないひと
I'm a stranger here *koko wa*
hajimete desu
 ここは初めてです
strap (on watch) *bando*
 バンド
 (on dress, suitcase) *stora-pu*
 ストラップ
strawberry *ichigo*
 いちご
straw mat *tatami*
 たたみ
stream *kawa*
 川
street *tōri*
 通り
on the street *tōri de*
 通りで
streetmap *dōrochizu*
 道路地図
string *himo*
 ひも
strong *tsuyoi*
 つよい
stuck *tsukaeta*
 つかえた
it's stuck *tsukaete*

shimaimashita
 つかえてしまいました
 ました
student *gakusei*
 学生
stupid *baka (na)*
 ばか(な)
suburb *kōgai*
 郊外
subway (US: railway)
chikatetsu
 地下鉄
suddenly *totsuzen ni*
 突然に
suede *suēdo*
 スエード
sugar *satō*
 さとう
suit (noun) *sūtsu*
 スーツ
it doesn't suit me (jacket etc)
watashi niwa niaimasen
 私には似合いません
it suits you *yoku niaimasu*
 よく似合います
suitcase *sūtsukēsu*
 スーツケース
summer *natsu*
 夏
in the summer *natsu ni*
 夏に
sumo wrestling *sumō*
 すもう
sun *taiyō*
 太陽

in the sun *hinata de*
 ひなたで
 out of the sun *hikage de*
 ひかげで
 sunbathe *nik-kōyoku*
 日光浴
 sunblock (cream)
hiyake-dome
 ひやけ止め
 sunburn *hiyake*
 ひやけ
 sunburnt *hiyake shita*
 ひやけした
 Sunday *Nichiyōbi*
 日曜日
 sunglasses *san-gurasu*
 サングラス
 sunny: it's sunny *harete imasu*
 晴れています
 sunset *nichibotsu*
 日没
 sunshade *hiyoke*
 ひよけ
 sunshine *nik-kō*
 日光
 sunstroke *nis-shabyō*
 日射病
 suntan *hiyake*
 ひやけ
 suntan lotion *santan-rōshon*
 サンタンローション
 suntanned *hi ni yaketa*
 日にやけた
 suntan oil *san-ōiru*
 サンオイル

super *sugoi*
 すごい
 supermarket *sūpā*
 スーパー
 supper *yūshoku*
 夕食
 supplement (extra charge)
tsuikaryōkin
 追加料金
 supply (noun) *takiiwae*
 たくわえ
 (verb) *chōtatsu shimasu*
 調達します
 sure: are you sure? *tashika desu ka?*
 たしかですか？
 sure! *mochiron!*
 もちろん！
 surface mail *sarubin*
 サル便
 surname *myōji*
 名字
 sweater *sētā*
 セーター
 sweatshirt *torēnā*
 トレーナー
 Sweden *Suēden*
 スウェーデン
 Swedish (adj) *Suēden (no)*
 スウェーデン(の)
 sweet (adj: taste) *amai*
 あまい
 sweets *kyandī*
 キャンディー
 swelling *hare*

腫れ
swim (verb) *oyogimasu*
泳ぎます
I'm going for a swim *oyogi ni ikimasu*
泳ぎにいきます
let's go for a swim *oyogi ni ikimashō*
泳ぎにいきましょう
swimming costume *mizugi*
水着
swimming pool *pūru*
プール
swimming trunks *mizugi*
水着
switch (noun) *suit-chi*
スイッチ
switch off (engine)
tomemasu
止めます
(TV, lights) *keshimasu*
消します
switch on (engine) *kakemasu*
かけます
(TV, lights) *tsukemasu*
つけます
swollen *hareta*
腫れた

T

table *tēburu*
テーブル
a table for two *futari-bun no*

seki
二人分の席
tablecloth *tēburu-kurosū*
テーブルクロス
table tennis *tak-kyū*
卓球
table wine *tēburu-wain*
テーブルワイン
tailor *shinshifuku-ten*
紳士服店
Taiwan *Taiwan*
台湾
take (verb: lead a person) *tsurete ikimasu*
連れていきます
(object) *mot-te ikimasu*
持っていきます
(accept) *torimasu*
取ります
can you take me to the ...?
... made *tsurete it-te kuremasen ka?*
...まで連れて行って
くれませんか?
do you take credit cards?
kurejit-to-kādo wa tsukaemasu ka?
クレジットカードは
つかえますか?
fine, I'll take it *ja, sore ni shimasu*
じゃ、それにします
can I take this? (leaflet etc)
kore o morat-te mo ī

desu ka?

これをもって
もいいますか？

how long does it take? jikan

wa dono kurai kakarimasu
ka?時間はどのくらいか
かりますか？

it takes three hours san-jikan

kakarimasu

三時間かかります

is this seat taken? kono seki

wa fusagat-te imasu ka?

この席はふさがっ
ていますか？

hamburger to take away

hambāgā o teiku-auto de

ハンバーガーをテイ
クアウトで

can you take a little off here?

(to hairdresser) koko o mō

sukoshi kit-te kuremasen ka?

ここをもうすこし切っ
てくれませんか？

talcum powder

tarukam-paudā

タルカムパウダー

talk (verb) hanashimasu

話します

tall (person) se ga takai

背が高い

(building) takai

高い

tampons tampon

タンポン

tan (noun) hiyake

ひやけ

to get a tan hiyake shimasu

ひやけします

tap jaguchi

じゃ口

tape (cassette) tēpu

テープ

taste (noun) aji

味

can I taste it? ajimi shite mo

ī desu ka?

味見してもいいです
か？

taxi takushī

タクシー

will you get me a taxi?

takushī o yonde kuremasen
ka?タクシーを呼んでく
れませんか？

where can I find a taxi? doko

de takushī o

tsukamaeremasu ka?

どこでタクシーをつ
かまえられますか？

dialogue

to the airport/to the ...
Hotel, please kūkō/...
hoteru made, onegai
shimasuhow much will it be? ikura
kurai kakarimasu ka?

about 2,500 yen *daitai ni-sen-go-hyaku-en desu*
that's fine right here,
thanks *sumimasen, koko de oroshite kudasai*

taxi-driver *takushī no untenshu*
タクシーの運転手
taxi rank *takushī-noriba*
タクシー乗り場
tea (drink) *kōcha*
紅茶
green tea *ocha*
お茶
tea for one/two please *kōcha o hitotsu/futatsu kudasai*
紅茶をひとつ／ふたつください
teabags *tībag-gu*
ティーバッグ
teach: could you teach me?
oshiete kuremasen ka?
教えてくれませんか?
teacher *sensei*
先生
teahouse *kis-sa-ten*
喫茶店
team *chīmu*
チーム
teaspoon *tīsupūn*
ティースプーン
tea towel *fukin*
ふきん
teenager *tīn-eijā*

ティーンエイジャー
telephone *denwa*
電話
see phone
television *terebi*
テレビ
tell: could you tell him ...? *kare ni ... to tsutaete kuremasen ka?*
彼に…と伝えてくれませんか?
temperature (weather) *kion*
気温
(fever) *netsu*
ねつ
temple (Buddhist) *otera*
お寺
tent *tento*
テント
term (at university, school) *gak-ki*
学期
terminus (rail) *shūten*
終点
terrible *hidoi*
ひどい
text (message) *kētai mēru*
携帯メール
terrific *subarashī*
すばらしい
than ... *yorimo*
…よりも
smaller than ... *... yorimo chīsai*
…よりも小さい
thank: thank you, thanks

arigatō
 ありがとう
 thank you very much *hontō*
ni arigatō gozaimasu
 ほんとうにありがとう
 ございます
 thanks for the lift *nosete*
kurete arigatō
 乗せてくれてあり
 がつ
 no thanks *ī kek-kō desu*
 いいえ、けっこう
 です

dialogue

thanks *arigatō*
 that's OK, don't mention it
īe, dō itashimashite

that (nearby) *sore*
 それ
 (further away) *are*
 あれ
 (adj: nearby) *sono*
 その
 (further away) *ano*
 あの
 that one (nearby) *sore*
 それ
 (further away) *are*
 あれ
 I hope that ... -*tara ī desu*
ne
 ...—たらいいですね

that's nice *suteki desu*
 すてきです
 is that ...? *sore wa ... desu*
ka?
 それは…ですか？
 that's it (that's right) *sono tōri*
desu
 そのとおりです
 the* *sono*
 その
 theatre *gekijō*
 劇場
 their(s)* (male) *karera no*
 彼らの
 (female) *kanojotachi no*
 彼女たちの
 them* (things) *sore*
 それ
 (male) *karera (o)*
 彼ら(を)
 (female) *kanojotachi (o)*
 彼女たち(を)
 for them *karera/kanojotachi*
no tame ni
 彼ら／彼女たちの
 ために
 with them *karera/*
kanojotachi to is-sho ni
 彼ら／彼女たち
 と一緒に
 to them *karera/kanojotachi*
ni
 彼ら／彼女たちに
 who? - them *dare desu ka? -*
karera/kanojotachi desu

だれですか？ —
 彼ら／彼女たちです
then (at that time) *sono toki*
 その時
 (after that) *sore kara*
 それから
there *soko de*
 そこで
over there *mukō ni*
 むこうに
up there *asoko ni*
 あそこに
is there ...? ... ga arimasu
ka?
 …がありますか？
are there ...? ... ga arimasu
ka?
 …がありますか？
there is ga arimasu
 …があります
there are ... ga arimasu
 …があります
there you are (giving
 something) *hai, dōzo*
 はい、どうぞ
Thermos® flask *mahōbin*
 魔法びん
these* korera
 これら
 (adj) *kono*
 この
I'd like these *kore ga ki ni*
irimashita
 これが気に入りました
 た

they* (things) *sorera*
 それら
 (male) *karera*
 彼ら
 (female) *kanojotachi*
 彼女たち
thick *atsui*
 厚い
 (stupid) *nibui*
 にぶい
thief *dorobō*
 どろぼう
thigh *momo*
 もも
thin (person) *yaseta*
 やせた
 (object) *usui*
 うすい
thing *mono*
 もの
my things *watashi no*
shibutsu
 私の私物
think *kan-gaemasu*
 考えます
I think so *watashi wa sō*
omoimasu
 私はそうおもいます
I don't think so
watashi wa sō wa
omoimasen
 私はそうはおもいません
I'll think about it *sore ni*
tsuite wa kan-gaete

okimasu

それについては考えておきます

third party insurance

daisansha-hoken

第三者保険

thirsty: I'm thirsty nodo ga

kawakimashita

のどがかわきました

this kore

これ

(adj) kono

この

this one kore

これ

this is my wife watashi no

tsuma desu

私の妻です

is this ...? kore wa ... desu

ka?

これは…ですか？

those arera

あれら

(adj) ano

あの

which ones? – those dore

desu ka? – are desu

どれですか？ – あれです

thread (noun) ito

いと

throat nodo

のど

throat pastilles torōchi

トローチ

through tōt-te

通って

does it go through ...? (train,

bus) ... o tōrimasu ka?

…を通りますか？

throw (verb) nagemasu

投げます

throw away sutemasu

捨てます

thumb oya-yubi

おやゆび

thunderstorm rai-u

雷雨

Thursday Moku-yōbi

木曜日

ticket ken

券

(for transport) kip-pu

切符

dialogue

a return to Sendai Sendai

made ōfuku-kip-p o

ichi-mai

coming back when? kaeri

wa itsu desu ka?

today/next Tuesday

kyō/tsugi no Kayōbi

desu

that will be 13,000 yen

ichi-man-san-zen-en ni

narimasu

ticket office kip-pu-uriba

切符売り場
 tie (necktie) *nekutai*
 ネクタイ
 tight (clothes etc) *kitsui*
 きつい
 it's too tight *kitsu-sugimasu*
 きつすぎます
 tights *panti-sutok-kingu*
 パンティーストッキング
 time* *jikan*
 時間
 what's the time? *ima nanji desu ka?*
 いま何時ですか？
 this time *konkai*
 今回
 last time *zenkai*
 前回
 next time *kondo*
 今度
 three times *san-kai*
 三回
 timetable *jikokuhyō*
 時刻表
 tin (can) *kan*
 缶
 tin-opener *kankiri*
 缶切り
 tiny *totemo chīsai*
 とてもちいさい
 tip (to waiter etc) *chip-pu*
 チップ
 tired *tsukareta*
 つかれた

I'm tired *tsukaremashita*
 つかれました
 tissues *tis-shu*
 ティッシュ
 to: to Tokyo/London *Tōkyō/Rondon e*
 東京/ロンドンへ
 to Japan/Britain *nip-pon/Igirisu e*
 日本/イギリスへ
 to the post office *yūbin-kyoku e*
 郵便局へ
 toast (bread) *tōsuto*
 トースト
 today *kyō*
 きょう
 toe *tsumasaki*
 つまさき
 together *is-sho ni*
 一緒に
 we're together (in shop etc) *is-sho desu*
 一緒です
 toilet *toire*
 トイレ
 where is the toilet? *toire wa doko desu ka?*
 トイレはどこですか？
 I have to go to the toilet
toire ni ikitai no desu ga
 トイレにいきたいのですが

toilet paper *toiret-to-pēpā*
 トイレトペーパー
 Tokyo Bay *Tōkyō-wan*
 東京湾
 tomato *tomato*
 トマト
 tomato ketchup *kechap-pu*
 ケチャップ
 tomorrow *ashita*
 あした
 tomorrow morning *ashita no asa*
 あしたの朝
 the day after tomorrow
asat-te
 あさって
 tongue *shita*
 舌
 tonic (water) *tonik-ku-uōtā*
 トニックウォーター
 tonight *komban*
 今晚
 too (excessively) ... *sugimasu*
 ...すぎます
 (also) *mo*
 も
 too hot *atsu-sugimasu*
 あつすぎます
 too much *ōsugimasu*
 多すぎます
 me too *watashi mo*
 私も
 tooth *ha*
 歯
 toothache *haita*

歯痛
 toothbrush *haburashi*
 歯ブラシ
 toothpaste *hamigakiko*
 歯みがき粉
 top: on top of *no ue ni*
 …の上に
 at the top *tep-pen ni*
 てっぺんに
 top floor *saijōkai*
 最上階
 topless *top-puresu*
 トップレス
 torch *kaichūdentō*
 懐中電灯
 total *gōkei*
 合計
 tour (noun) *tsuā*
 ツアー
 is there a tour of ...? ... *no tsuā ga arimasu ka?*
 …のツアーがありますか？
 tour guide *gaido*
 ガイド
 tourist *ryokōkyaku*
 旅行者
 tourist information office
kankō-an-naijo
 観光案内所
 towards *no hō e*
 …のほうへ
 towel *taoru*
 タオル
 town *machi*

町

in town *machi de*

町に

just out of town

machihazure

町はずれに

town centre *hankagai*

繁華街

toy *omocha*

おもちゃ

track (platform)

purat-to-hōmu

プラットフォーム

which track is it for Nara?

*Nara-iki wa dono**purat-to-hōmu desu ka?*

奈良行きはどのプラットフォームですか？

tracksuit *suet-t(o)-sūtsu*

スエットスーツ

trade fair *mihon-ichi*

見本市

traditional *dentō-teki (na)*

伝統的(な)

traffic *kōtsū*

交通

traffic jam *jūtai*

渋滞

traffic lights *shin-gō*

信号

train *densha*

電車

by train *densha de*

電車で

dialogue

is this the train for Otaru?

*kore wa Otaru-iki no densha desu ka?*I am not sure *sā, chot-to wakarimasen*no, you want that platform there *īe, mukō no purat-to-hōmu desu*trainers (shoes) *sunikā*

スニーカー

train station *eki*

駅

tram *romendensha*

路面電車

translate *hon-yaku shimasu*

翻訳します

could you translate that?

*sore o yaku shite**kuremasen ka?*

それを訳してくださいませんか？

translation *hon-yaku*

翻訳

translator *hon-yakusha*

翻訳者

trash (waste) *gomi*

ごみ

trashcan *gomibako*

ごみ箱

travel *ryokō shimasu*

旅行します

we're travelling around

achikochi ryokō shite
imasu

あちこち旅行して
います

travel agent's ryokōgaisha
旅行会社

traveller's cheque

traberāzu-chek·ku

トラベラーズチェッ
ク

do you take traveller's

cheques? traberāzu-chek·ku
wa tsukaemasu ka?

トラベラーズチェッ
クはつかえますか?

tray obon

おぼん

tree ki

木

tremendous sugoi

すごい

trendy oshare (na)

おしゃれ(な)

trim: just a trim, please (to

hairdresser) kesaki o soroeru
teido ni onegai shimasu

毛先をそろえる程度
にお願いします

trip (excursion) kankōryokō

観光旅行

I'd like to go on a trip to ...

... o ryokō shite mitai desu

…を旅行してみたい
です

trolley (for luggage) nimotsu-yō

kāto

荷物用カート

trouble (noun) yak·kaigoto

やっかいごと

I'm having trouble with ...

... de komat·te imasu

…で困っています

trousers zubon

ズボン

true hontō (no)

ほんとう(の)

that's not true sore wa

hontō ja arimasen

それはほんとうじゃ
ありません

trunk (US: of car) toranku

トランク

trunks (swimming) mizugi

水着

try (verb) tameshimasu

試します

can I try it? (food) ajimi shite

mo ī desu ka?

味見してもいいです
か?

(at doing something) yat·te mite

mo ī desu ka?

やってみてもいい
ですか?

try on shichaku shimasu

試着します

can I try it on? shichaku

shite mo ī desu ka?

試着してもいいです
か?

T-shirt *tī-shatsu*

Tシャツ

Tuesday *Kayōbi*

火曜日

tuna *maguro*

まぐろ

tunnel *ton-neru*

トンネル

turn: turn left/right

*hidari/migi e magat-te**kudasai*左／右へ曲がって
ください

turn off: where do I turn off?

doko de magariimasu ka?

どこで曲がりますか？

can you turn the heating off?

*dambō o kit-te kuremasen**ka?*暖房を切ってくれ
ませんか？

turn on: can you turn the

heating on? *dambō o**tsukete kuremasen ka?*暖房をつけてくれ
ませんか？turning (in road) *magarikado*

曲り角

TV *terebi*

テレビ

tweezers *kenuki*

毛抜き

twice *ni-kai*

二回

twice as much *ni-bai*

二倍

twin beds *tsuin-bed·do*

ツインベッド

twin room *tsuin*

ツイン

twist: I've twisted my ankle

*ashikubi o kujjite**shimaimashita*足首をくじいてし
まいましたtype (noun) *shurui*

種類

another type of ... *betsu no**shurui no ...*

別の種類の…

typhoon *taifū*

台風

typical (dish etc) *daihyō-teki*

(na)

代表的(な)

tyre *taiya*

タイヤ

U

ugly *minikui*

みにくい

UK *Igirisu*

イギリス

ulcer *kaiyō*

かいよう

umbrella *kasa*

かさ

uncle (one's own) *oji*
おじ
(someone else's) *oji-san*
おじさん
unconscious *muishiki* (no)
無意識 (の)
under (in position) ... *no shita*
ni
...のしたに
(less than) ... *ika*
...以下
underdone (meat) *namayake*
(no)
なまやけ (の)
underground (railway)
chikatetsu
地下鉄
underpants *pantsu*
パンツ
understand: I understand
wakarimasu
わかります
I don't understand
wakarimasen
わかりません
do you understand?
wakarimasu ka?
わかりますか?
unemployed *shitsugyō-chū*
失業中
unfashionable *ryūkō-okure*
(no)
流行おくれ (の)
United States *Gas-shūkoku*
合衆国

university *daigaku*
大学
unleaded petrol
muen-gasorin
無鉛ガソリン
unlimited mileage
sōkōkyori-museigen
走行距離無制限
unlock *kagi o akemasu*
かぎを開けます
unpack *nihodoki shimasu*
荷ほどきします
until: until 6 o'clock *rokuji*
made
6時まで
until Saturday *Doyōbi made*
土曜日まで
unusual *mezurashī*
めずらしい
up *ue ni*
上に
up there *asoko ni*
あそこに
he's not up yet (not out of bed)
kare wa mada nete imasu
彼はまだ寝ています
what's up? (what's wrong?) *dō*
ka shimashita ka?
どうかしましたか?
upmarket *kōkyū* (na)
高級 (な)
upset stomach *i no chōshi*
ga yoku nai
胃の調子がよくない
I have an upset stomach *i no*

chōshi ga yoku arimasen
胃の調子がよくありません

upside down sakasama
さかさま

upstairs ue
上

up-to-date saishin (no)
最新(の)

urgent kinkyū (na)
緊急(な)

us* watashitachi (o)
私たち(を)

with us watashitachi to
私たちと

for us watashitachi no tame
ni

私たちのために

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use (verb) tsukaimasu
つかいます

may I use ...? ... o tsukat-te
mo ī desu ka?

…をつかってもいい
ですか？

useful yaku ni tatsu
役にたつ

usual futsū (no)
ふつう(の)

the usual (drink etc) itsumono
いつもの

V

vacancy: do you have any
vacancies? (hotel) akibeya ga
arimas(u) ka?

空き部屋があります
か？

vacation yasumi
休み

on vacation yasumi de
休みで

vaccination yobōchūsha
予防注射

vacuum cleaner sōjiki
そうじ機

valid (ticket etc) yūkō (na)
有効(な)

how long is it valid for?

yūkōkikan wa dono kurai
des(u) ka?

有効期間はどの
くらいですか？

valley tani
たに

valuable (adj) kichō (na)
貴重(な)

can I leave my valuables
here? kichō-hin o

koko ni azukeraremasu
ka?

貴重品をここに
預られますか？

value (noun) kachi
価値

van *ban*
 バン
 vanilla *banira*
 バニラ
 a vanilla ice cream
banira-aisu kurīmu
 バニラアイスクリーム
 ム
 vary: it varies *bāi ni yorimasu*
 場合によります
 vase *kabin*
 花瓶
 veal *koushi no niku*
 仔牛の肉
 vegetables *yasai*
 野菜
 vegetarian (noun)
saishoku-shugisha
 菜食主義者
 vending machine *jidō-ham-baiki*
 自動販売機
 very *totemo*
 とても
 very little for me *hon-no sukoshi dake*
 ほんのすこしだけ
 I like it very much *totemo suki desu*
 とても好きです
 via *keiyu de*
 経由で
 video (noun: film) *bideo-tēpu*
 ビデオテープ

(recorder) *bideo-kamera*
 ビデオカメラ
 view *nagame*
 ながめ
 village *mura*
 村
 vinegar *su*
 酢
 visa *biza*
 ビザ
 visit (verb) *tazunemasu*
 訪ねます
 I'd like to visit o
tazunetai desu
 ...を訪ねたいです
 vital: it's vital that wa
totemo taisetsu desu
 ...はとてもたいせつ
 です
 vodka *uok-ka*
 ウォッカ
 voice *koe*
 こえ
 volcano *kazan*
 火山
 voltage *den-atsu*
 電圧
 vomit *hakimasu*
 吐きます

W

waist *uesto*
 ウエスト

waistcoat *besto*

ベスト

wait *machimasu*

待ちます

wait for me *mat-te kudasai*

待ってください

don't wait for me *matanaide**kudasai*

待たないでください

can I wait until my wife gets

here? *tsuma ga kuru made**mat-te mo i desu ka?*

妻が来るまで待って

もいいですか?

can you do it while I wait?

*mat-te iru aida ni yat-te**kuremasen ka?*

待っているあいだ

にやってくれませんか?

か?

could you wait here for me?

*koko de chot-to mat-te ite**kuremasen ka?*

ここでちょっと待っ

ていてくれませんか?

か?

waiter *uētā*

ウェイター

waiter! *chot-to sumimasen!*

ちょっとすみませ

ん!

waitress *uētoresu*

ウェイトレス

waitress! *chot-to**sumimasen!*ちょっとすみませ
ん!

wake: can you wake me up at

5.30? *goji-han ni okoshite**kuremasen ka?*

5時半に起こして

くれませんか?

wake-up call *mōningu-kōru*

モーニングコール

Wales *Uēruzu*

ウェールズ

walk: is it a long walk?

arukito tōi desu ka?

歩くととおいですか?

it's only a short walk *aruite**sugu desu*

歩いてすぐです

I'll walk *aruite ikimasu*

歩いていきます

I'm going for a walk *sampo**ni dekakemasu*

散歩にでかけます

wall *kabe*

かべ

wallet *saifu*

さいふ

want: I want a *ga hoshī**desu*

…が欲しいです

I don't want any *wa**irimasen*

…はいりません

I want to go home *uchi ni**kaeritai desu*

うちに帰りたいです

I don't want to *sō shitaku nai desu*

そうしたくないです
he wants to ... *kare wa ...-tai desu*

彼は…—たいです
what do you want? *nani ga hoshī desu ka?*

何が欲しいですか?
ward (in hospital) *byōtō*

病棟

warm *ataatakai*

あたたかい

I'm so warm *atsui desu*

あついです

was* ... *deshita*

…でした

wash (verb) *araimasu*

洗います

can you wash these? *kore o arat-te kuremasen ka?*

これを洗ってくれ
ませんか?

washhand basin *sem-mendai*

洗面台

washing (clothes)

sentakumono

せんたくもの

washing machine *sentak-ki*

せんたく機

washing powder *senzai*

洗剤

washing-up: to do the

washing-up *shok-ki o araimasu*

食器を洗います
washing-up liquid *shok-ki-yō senzai*

食器用洗剤
wasp *hachi*

ハチ

watch (wristwatch) *udedokei*
腕時計

will you watch my things for
me? *watashi no nimotsu o mite ite kuremasen ka?*

私の荷物を見ていて
くれませんか?

watch out! *abunai!*

あぶない!

watch strap *tokei no bando*
時計のバンド

water *mizu*

水

may I have some water?

mizu o moraemasu ka?

水をもらえますか?

waterproof (adj) *bōsui* (no)

防水(の)

waterskiing *suijō-suki*

水上スキー

way: it's this way *kot-chi no hō desu*

こっちのほうです

it's that way *at-chi no hō desu*

あっちのほうです

is it a long way to ...?

... *made tōi desu ka?*

…までとおいですか?

no way! *dame desu!*
だめです!

dialogue

could you tell me the way
to ...? ... *ewa dō ikeba i*
desu ka?
go straight on until you
reach the traffic lights
shin-go ni ikiataru made
mas-sugu desu
turn left *hidari e magat-te*
kudasai
take the first on the right
saisho no magari kado o
migi ni magat-te kudasai

we* *watashitachi*

私たち

weak *yowai*

よわい

(tea) *usui*

うすい

weather *tenki*

天気

dialogue

what's the weather
forecast? *tenkiyohō wa*
dō desu ka?
it's going to be fine *hareru*
yō desu
it's going to rain *ame ni*

naru yō desu
it'll brighten up later
ato de hareru yō desu

wedding *kek·kon·shiki*

結婚式

wedding ring

kek·kon·yubiwa

結婚指輪

Wednesday *Suiyōbi*

水曜日

week (one, two, three etc) *shūkan*

週間

(this, last, next etc) *shū*

週

a week (from) today *raishū*

no kyō

来週のきょう

a week (from) tomorrow

raishū no ashita

来週のあした

weekend *shūmatsu*

週末

at the weekend *shūmatsu ni*

週末に

weight *omosa*

おもさ

weird *hen (na)*

へん(な)

weirdo *henjin*

変人

welcome: welcome to *e*

yōkoso

…へようこそ

you're welcome (don't

mention it) *dō itashimashite*
 どういたしまして
 well: I don't feel well *kibun ga*
yoku arimasen
 気分がよくありません
 she's not well *kanojo wa*
byōki desu
 彼女は病気です
 you speak English very well
Eigo ga totemo jōzu desu
 ne
 英語がとてもじょう
 ずですね
 well done! *sugoi!*
 すごい!
 this one as well *kore mo*
desu
 これもです
 well well! (surprise) *oya oya!*
 おやおや!

dialogue

how are you? *gokigen*
ikaga desu ka?
 very well, thanks, and you?
hai, okagesama desu ga,
sochira wa?

well-done (meat) *uerudan*
 ウェルダン
 Welsh (adj) *Uēruzu* (no)
 ウェールズ
 I'm Welsh *watashi wa*

Uēruzu-jin desu
 私はウェールズ人
 です

were* ... *deshita*
 ...でした

West: the West *Ōbei*
 欧米

west *nishi*

西

in the west *nishi ni*

西に

Western *Ōbei* (no)

欧米(の)

Westerner *Ōbei-jin*

欧米人

Western-style *yōfū* (no)

洋風(の)

wet *nureta*

ぬれた

whale *kujira*

くじら

what? *nan desu ka?*

なんですか?

what's that? *sore wa nan*
desu ka?

それは何ですか?

what's happening? *nani ga*
arundesu ka?

何があるんですか?

(what's on?) *nani o yat-te*
imasu ka?

何をしています
 か?

(what's wrong?) *dō shitandes*
ka?

どうしたんですか？
what should I do? *dō shitara*
ī deshō ka?

どうしたらいいで
しょうか？
what a view! *ī nagame desu*
ne!

いいながめですね！
what bus do I take? *dono*
basu ni noreba ī desu ka?
どのバスに乗れば
いいですか？

wheel *sharin*

車輪

wheelchair *kuruma-isu*

車いす

when? *itsu?*

いつ？

when we get back *kaet-te kara*
帰ってから

when's the train/ferry?

res-sha/ferī wa nanji desu
ka?

列車／フェリーは何
時ですか？

where? *doko?*

どこ？

I don't know where it is *doko*
daka shirimasen

どこだか知りません

dialogue

where is the railway
station? *eki wa doko*

desu ka?

it's over there *mukō desu*
could you show me where
it is on the map? *chizu de*
doko daka oshiete
kuremasen ka?

it's just here *koko desu*
see way

which: which bus? *dono*
basu?

どのバス？

dialogue

which one? *dore?*

that one *sore desu*

this one? *kore?*

no, that one *īe, sore desu*

while: while I'm here *koko ni*
iru aida ni

ここにいるあいだに

whisky *uisukī*

ウイスキー

white *shiroi*

しろい

white wine *shiro-wain*

白ワイン

who? *dare?*

だれ？

who is it? *donata desu ka?*

どなたですか？

the man who *hito*

…ひと

whole: the whole week *maru is-shūkan*

まる一週間

the whole lot *zembu*

ぜんぶ

whose: whose is this? *kore*

wa dare no desu ka?

これはだれのですか？

why? *dōshite desu ka?*

どうしてですか？

why not? *dōshite desu ka?*

どうしてですか？

wide *hiroii*

ひろい

wife (one's own) *tsuma*

妻

(someone else's) *oku-san*

奥さん

my wife *watashi no tsuma*

私の妻

will*: will you do it for me? *sō*

shite kuremasen ka?

そうしてくれませんか？

wind (noun) *kaze*

風

window *mado*

まど

near the window *mado no*

soba de

まどのそばで

in the window (of shop)

shōuindō ni

ショーウィンドーに

window seat *madogawa no seki*

窓側の席

windscreen *furonto-garasu*

フロントガラス

windscreen wiper *waipā*

ワイパー

windsurfing *uindosāfin*

ウィンドサーフィン

windy: it's so windy *kaze ga*

tsuyoi desu

風がつよいです

wine *wain*

ワイン

can we have some more

wine? *wain o mō sukoshi*

moraemasu ka?

ワインをもうすこし

もらえますか？

wine list *wain no risuto*

ワインのリスト

winter *fuyu*

冬

in the winter *fuyu ni*

冬に

wire *waiyā*

ワイヤー

(electric) *kōdo*

コード

with ... to *is-sho ni*

…と一緒に

I'm staying with no

tokoro ni tomat-te imasu

…のところに泊まっています

without *nashi de*
なしで
witness *shōnin*
証人
will you be a witness for me?
watashi no shōnin ni nat-te
kuremasen ka?
私の証人になってく
れませんか？
woman *josei*
女性
wonderful *subarashī*
すばらしい
won't*: it won't start *dō shite*
mo stāto shimasen
どうしてもスタート
しません
wood (material) *zaimoku*
材木
woods (forest) *mori*
森
wool *ūru*
ウール
word *kotoba*
ことば
work (noun) *shigoto*
仕事
it's not working *ugokimasen*
動きません
I work in *de hataraite*
imasu
…で働いています
world *sekai*
世界
worry: I'm worried *shimpai*

desu
心配です
worse: it's worse *nao warui*
desu
なおわるいです
worst *sai-ak (no)*
最悪(の)
worth: is it worth a visit? *it-te*
miru kachi ga arimasu ka?
行って見る価値が
ありますか？
would: would you give this to
...? *kore o ... ni watashite*
kuremasen ka?
これを…にわたし
てくれませんか？
wrap: could you wrap it up?
tsutsunde kuremasen ka?
包んでくれませんか？
wrapping paper *hōsōshi*
包装紙
wrestler *resurā*
レスラー
sumo wrestler *rikishi*
力士
wrestling *resuringu*
レスリング
sumo wrestling *sumō*
すもう
wrist *tekubi*
手首
write *kakimasu*
書きます
could you write it down?
kaite kuremasen ka?

書いてくれないませんか？

how do you write it? *dō**kakimasu ka?*

どう書きますか？

writing paper *binsen*

びんせん

wrong: it's the wrong key *kagi**ga aimasen*

かぎが合いません

this is the wrong train *kore**wa chigau densha desu*これはちがう電車
ですthe bill's wrong *okanjō ga**machigat-te imasu*お勘定がまちがっ
ています

sorry, wrong number

*sumimasen, ban-gō o**machigaemashita*すみません、番号を
まちがえました

sorry, wrong room

*sumimasen, heya o**machigaemashita*すみません、部屋を
まちがえました

there's something wrong with

... .. *wa doko ka okashi**desu*…はどこかおかしい
ですwhat's wrong? *dō ka**shimashita ka?*

どうかしましたか？

X

X-ray *rentogen*

レントゲン

Y

yacht *yot-to*

ヨット

yard *yādo*

ヤード

year *toshi*

年

yellow *kīroi*

きいろい

yen *en*

円

yes *hai*

はい

yesterday *kinō*

きのう

yesterday morning *kinō no asa*

きのうの朝

the day before yesterday

ototoi

おととい

yet *mada*

まだ

dialogue

is it here yet? *mō**tsukimashita ka?*

no, not yet *īe, mada desu*
 you'll have to wait a little
 longer yet *mō shibaraku*
kakarimas

yoghurt *yōguruto*
 ヨーグルト
 you* (sing) *anata*
 あなた
 (pl) *anatatachi*
 あなたたち
 this is for you *kore wa anata*
ni agemas
 これはあなたに
 あげます
 with you *anata to is-sho ni*
 あなたと一緒に
 young *wakai*
 わかい
 your(s)* (sing) *anata no*
 あなたの
 (pl) *anatatachi no*
 あなたたちの
 youth hostel *yūshu-hosteru*
 ユースホステル

Z

Zen Buddhism *Zen*
 禅
 Zen garden *Zentei*
 禅庭
 Zen priest *Zensō*
 禅僧

Zen sect *Zenshū*
 禅宗
 Zen temple *Zendera*
 禅寺
 zero *zero*
 ゼロ
 zip *fasūmā*
 ファスナー
 could you put a new zip on?
atarashī fasūmā ni kaete
kuremasen ka?
 あたらしいファス
 ナーに替えてくれま
 せんか？
 zip code *yūbimban-gō*
 郵便番号
 zoo *dōbutsu-en*
 動物園

Japanese



English

Colloquialisms

The following are words you may well hear. You shouldn't be tempted to use any of the stronger ones unless you are sure of your audience.

- aho! fool!
- baka! you fool!, stupid bastard!
- bakamitai stupid
- bakayarō! damn fool!
- bijin beautiful woman
- charinko bicycle
- chikushō! damn!, hell! (literally: beast)
- chot-to! hey!
- damare! shut up!
- dōmo thanks; hi
- gaijin foreigner
- ja nē bye, cheerio
- kak-ko ī trendy; cool; handsome
- kireru blow one's top
- konoyarō! damn fool!
- kuso! shit!
- maji de honestly; really
- mansatsu ten-thousand yen note
- mashi better
- meshi meal
- shinjiran-nai unbelievable
- subarashi! fantastic!
- sugoi! great!, super!; well done!
- tondemo nai! no way!
- urusai! shut up!
- uso! that's a lie!
- usotsuki! liar!
- yada! no!; yuk!
- yokat-ta! good!

A

abek-ku lovers, a couple
abunai dangerous
at-chi e it-te! go away!
agemasu to give
ago chin; jaw
aibeya ni narimasu to share (room)
aimasu to meet
aiseki shimasu to share (table)
aji taste; flavour
Ajia Asia
Ajia (no) Asian
akachan baby
akai red
akemasu to open
akemashite omedetō gozaimasu! Happy New Year!
aki autumn, (U S) fall
akiraka (na) clear, obvious
akuseru accelerator
amai sweet (taste)
amari not very much
amari ōku nai not many
ame candies, sweets; rain
Amerika Gas-shūkoku USA
ana hole
anata (ga) you (sing)
anata no your; yours
anata o you (sing)
anata wa you (sing)
anata wa ... desu you are
anatatachi (ga) you (pl)
anatatachi no your; yours (pl)
anatatachi o you (pl)
anatatachi wa you (pl)
ane sister (one's own: older)

ani brother (one's own: older)
an-naisho information desk
ano that; those (further away)
anzen (na) safe
aoi blue
apāto apartment, flat
araimasu to wash
arashi storm
aratamat-ta formal
are that; that one; those (further away)
arigatō thank you, thanks
arimasen: sore ja arimasen not that one
... ga arimasen no ...
aruite walk; on foot
arukōru alcohol
arukōru-nuki (no) non-alcoholic
asa morning
asat-te the day after tomorrow
asayū-nishoku-tsuki half board
ashi leg; foot
ashikubi ankle
ashita tomorrow
ashita no asa tomorrow morning
ashita no gogo tomorrow afternoon
asobiba playground
asoko ni up there; over there
as-sat-te the day after tomorrow
atama head
atama ga ī intelligent
atamakin deposit (as part payment)

atarashī *new*
 atataikai *warm; mild*
 at-chi: at-chi e it-te! *go away!*
 at-chi no hō desu *it's that way*
 ato de *after; afterwards, later, later on*
 atsumemasu *to collect*
 atsui *thick; hot*
 azayaka (na) *bright*

B

baka (na) *silly; stupid*
 baka! *you fool!*
 bakageta *ridiculous*
 bak-kin *fine (punishment)*
 ban *van*
 ban-gō *number*
 ban-gō o machigaemashita *wrong number*
 ban-gumi *programme*
 bansōkō *plasters, Bandaid®*
 basu-ryokō *coach trip*
 basu-tāminaru *coach station, bus station*
 basu-tei *bus stop*
 basu-tsuki no heyā *with a private bathroom*
 bed-do *bed (Western-style)*
 ben-goshi *lawyer*
 benri (na) *convenient*
 beruto *belt*
 besuto *waistcoat*
 betsubetsu (no) *separate*
 betsu no *another, different*
 bijinesu-hoteru *business hotel*
 bijutsu *art*

bijutsu-kan *art gallery*
 bimbō *poor*
 bim-meī *flight number*
 bin jar; *bottle*
 binīru-bukuro *carrier bag, plastic bag*
 binsen *writing pad*
 biru *building*
 bīru *beer*
 biyōin *hairdresser's (women's)*
 biza *visa*
 bochi *cemetery*
 bōi *porter (in hotel)*
 boku (ga) I *(fam, m)*
 boku no *my; mine (fam, m)*
 boku o *me (fam, m)*
 bokushi *priest (Christian)*
 boku wa I *(fam, m)*
 bon-net-to *bonnet, (U S) hood*
 bōru *ball*
 bōrupen *ballpoint pen*
 bōshi *cap, hat*
 bōto *boat*
 brajā *bra*
 bubun *part, bit*
 ōki *bubun a big bit*
 buchō *director, head of department*
 budō *martial arts*
 Buk-kyō *Buddhism*
 Buk-kyō (no) *Buddhist*
 Buk-kyōto *Buddhist*
 bunraku *traditional puppet theatre*
 butsudān *house altar*
 byō *second (of time)*
 byōbu *screen*
 byōin *hospital*

byōki illness; disease
 byōki (no) sick, ill
 byōtō ward

C

cha-iro (no) brown
 -chan diminutive suffix
 added to child's name or
 familiar suffix used
 between friends and family
 chanto properly
 chawan bowl (porcelain)
 chek-ku-in shimasu to check
 in
 chibusa breast
 chichi father (one's own)
 chigai difference
 chigau different
 chihō region, district
 chikai near, nearby
 chikatetsu underground,
 (US) subway
 chiki area
 chimu team
 chip-pu tip
 chirashi leaflet
 chisai small
 chizu map
 chō area
 chōdo koko de right here
 chōka-tenimotsu excess bag-
 gage
 chokusetsu (no) direct
 chokutsū direct
 chōkyori-basu coach, bus
 chōkyori-denwa long-dis-
 tance call

chōme area of a few square
 blocks
 chōshi ga okashī faulty
 chōshoku breakfast
 chōshoku-tsuki yado bed and
 breakfast
 chot-to! hey!
 chot-to mat-te kudasai! just a
 minute!
 chot-to sumimasen! excuse
 me!
 Chūgoku China
 Chūgoku (no) Chinese
 chūibukai careful
 chūko (no) second-hand
 chūkurai (no) medium, medi-
 um-sized
 chūmon order
 chūmon shimasu to order
 chūsha injection
 chūshajō car park, parking lot
 chūshin centre
 chūshoku lunch
 chūshoku-go after lunch

D

daburu double; double
 room; double whisky
 -dai classifier for machines,
 cars, bikes and stereos
 daidokoro kitchen
 daigaku college; university
 daihyō representative
 daihyō-teki (na) typical
 daijōbu all right, OK; no
 problem
 daisuki desu to love

daitai roughly, approximately
 daitōryō president (of country)
 daiyaru shimasu to dial
 dake only, just
 dambō heater, heating
 dame! don't!
 dame desu! certainly not!
 sore wa dame desu it's no good
 dandan gradually
 dansei men
 dansei-yō toire gents' toilet, men's room
 dantai party, group
 dare? who?
 dare ka anybody; somebody, someone
 dare mo ...-masen nobody, no-one; none
 das-shimen cotton wool, absorbent cotton
 de by, by means of; with; at; on; in
 deguchi exit, way out
 dekakemasu to go away
 dekimas can
 dekimasen cannot
 dekireba hopefully
 dekirudake ... as ... as possible
 dekirudake hayaku as soon as possible
 demo but; even the ... demo ... demo nai neither ... nor ...
 den-atsu voltage
 denchi battery
 den-gon message
 denki electricity; light

denki (no) electric
 denki-kamisori shaver
 denki-kamisori-yō konsento shaving point
 denki-seihin electrical appliances
 denki-ya electrician; electrical goods shop
 denkyū light bulb
 densensei (no) infectious
 densha train
 denshi-renji microwave (oven)
 dentō-teki (na) traditional
 denwa telephone, phone
 denwaban-gō phone number
 denwaban-gō-an-nai directory enquiries
 denwachō phone book
 denwa shimasu to call, to phone
 depāto department store
 desu be; am; is; are; it is
 anata wa ... desu you are ...
 watashi wa ... desu I am ...
 ... desu ka? is it ...?
 deshita were; was; it was
 dewa mata see you again
 dīzeru-sha diesel
 do degree
 dō? how?
 dō shimashita ka? what's the matter?
 dō itashimashite don't mention it, you're welcome
 doa door
 doabōi doorman
 dōbutsu animal
 dōbutsu-en zoo

dochira which; who
 dochira demo nai neither
 (one) of them
 dochiraka either of them
 dochira-sama desu ka? who's
 calling?
 Doitsu Germany
 Doitsu (no) German
 dōkan desu I agree; all right
 dōka yamete kudasai please
 don't
 doko? where?
 doko desu ka? where is it?
 doko demo everywhere;
 anywhere
 doko ka somewhere
 dokushin single, not married
 dōmo thanks; hi
 dōmo arigatō thanks
 dōmo sumimasen sorry
 dono? which?
 dore? which one?
 dore mo ...-masen none
 dorō mud
 dorobō thief
 dōrochizu road map;
 streetmap
 dōshite des ka? why?; why
 not?
 Doyōbi Saturday
 dōzo I don't mind, please go
 ahead; here you are
 dōzo osaki ni after you
 dōzo yoroshiku pleased to
 meet you

E

e to; towards; until; painting,
 picture; drawing
 ē yes
 ehagaki postcard
 eiga film, movie
 eigakan cinema, movie the-
 ater
 Eigo English (language)
 Eigo de in English
 eigyō-chū open
 eigyōjikan opening times
 Eikoku Britain
 Eikoku (no) British
 eizu AIDS
 eki train station
 empitsu pencil
 em-saizu medium
 en circle; yen
 erabimasu to choose
 erebētā lift, elevator
 eri collar
 eru-saiz large
 eya-kon air-conditioning

F

fak-kusu fax
 fak-kusu o okurimasu to fax
 fasunā zip
 Fransu (no) French
 Fransu-go French (language)
 furonto reception desk (in
 hotel)
 furonto-gakari receptionist
 (in hotel)

furonto-garasu windscreen
fu city
fuben (na) inconvenient
fūfu married couple
fujinfuku-uriba ladies' wear
fukai deep
fukanō(na) impossible
fukin tea towel
Fuk-katsu-sai Easter
fukumimasu to include
fukutsū stomachache
fukuro bag, paper bag
fūmi flavour
fumoto bottom
fun minute
fune boat, ship
funsui fountain (ornamental)
furui old; stale
fusuma sliding door (pat-
 terned)
futa cap; lid
futatsu two; a couple
fūtō envelope
futon mattress; bedding
futot-ta fat
futsuka two days
futsukayoi hangover
futsū local intercity train
futsū(no) ordinary, usual
fuyu winter
fuyukai (na) unpleasant

G

ga subject particle that emphasizes the subject
 ... *ga arimasu* there is ...; there are ...

... *ga arimasen no ...*; there's no ...; there are no ...
gaido guide
gaijin foreigner
gaikoku abroad
gaikoku (no) foreign
gaikoku-go foreign language
gaikoku-jin foreigner
gaishutsu shimasu to go out
gaku amount
gake cliff
gak-kari shita disappointed
gak-ki term (at university, school)
gak-kō school
gakusei student
Gantan New Year's Day
garakuta rubbish
garasu glass
gasorin petrol, (U S) gas
gasorin-sutando petrol station, (U S) gas station
geijutsu-ka artist
gekijō theatre
genkan doorway, entrance, porch
genki? how are you?
genki de ne take care, bye, see you
genkin cash
genkin-jidō-shiharaiki cash dispenser, ATM
genkin ni kaemasu to cash
genzō film processing
genzo shimasu to develop
geta wooden sandals
gēto gate (at airport)
getsu month (this, last, next etc)

Getsuyōbi Monday
gezai laxative
gin silver
ginkō bank (money)
giri no imōto sister-in-law
 (one's own: younger)
giri no musuko son-in-law
 (one's own)
giri no musume daughter-in-law
 (one's own)
giri no okā-san mother-in-law
 (someone else's)
giri no onē-san sister-in-law
 (someone else's: older)
giri no onī-san brother-in-law
 (someone else's: older)
giri no otō-san father-in-law
 (someone else's)
giri no otōto brother-in-law
 (one's own: younger)
go five
go- polite prefix
-go after
gochisō-sama *deshita* it was
 delicious (literally: it was a
 feast)
gogaku-kōsu language
 course
Gogatsu May
gogo afternoon, pm
kyōno gogo ni this after-
 noon
go-hyaku five hundred
go-jū fifty
gojūsho address
gojūsho wa? what's your
 address?
gōkei total
gokigen: *gokigen ikaga desu*

ka? how are you?
gokigen-yō! have a nice day!
gomu rubber (material)
gomen-nasai excuse me,
 sorry
gomi rubbish, trash; waste
gomibako bin; dustbin,
 trashcan
goro about, approximately
goryōshin parents (someone
 else's)
goshujin husband (someone
 else's)
gozen am
gozen shichiji ni at 7am
gun county
gurinsha first-class carriage
gurinsha-jōshaken first-class
 train ticket
gyōretsu queue

H

ha tooth
haburashi toothbrush
hachi eight; wasp
Hachigatsu August
hachi-jū eighty
hae fly
haguki gum (in mouth)
haha mother (one's own)
hai yes; lungs
-hai classifier meaning
 glassful or cupful
hai-iro (no) grey
hai-oku unleaded petrol
hairimasu to come in
haisha dentist

haita toothache
 haitatsu delivery
 haitatsu shimasu to deliver
 haizara ashtray
 hajimarusu to begin
 hajime beginning
 hajimemasu to start
 hajimemashite how do you do?, pleased to meet you
 hajimete the first time
 hakubutsukan museum
 hakike nausea
 hako box
 hamabe beach
 hamaki cigar
 hambun half
 hamigakiko toothpaste
 hana nose; flower
 hanabi fireworks
 hanashi-chū engaged, (US) occupied
 hanashimasu to speak; to talk
 hana-ya florist's
 han-dāsu (no) half a dozen
 handobag-gu bag, handbag, (US) purse
 hanemasu to knock over
 hangaku half fare
 hangaku (no) half-price
 hanjikan half an hour
 hankagai city centre, downtown
 hanko personal seal
 han-nama (na) not cooked
 han-rit-toru half a litre
 hantai opposite
 to hantai (no) against,

opposed to
 hap-pyaku eight hundred
 harai-modoshi refund
 hareta fine (weather); swollen
 harete imasu it's sunny; it's swollen
 hari needle
 haru spring
 hasami scissors
 hashi bridge (over river); chopsticks
 hashirimasu to run
 hata flag
 hatake field
 hayai fast, quick; early
 hayaku quickly
 hei fence
 heikin-teki average (not good)
 hempi (na) secluded
 hen (na) weird, strange, odd
 heya accommodation; room
 hi fire; day
 hidari left
 hidari e to the left
 hidari ni on the left
 hidari-kiki (no) left-handed
 hidoi bad; dreadful; nasty
 hidoku badly
 hifu skin
 higaeri-ryokō day trip
 higashi east
 hiji elbow
 hijōguchi fire escape; emergency exit
 hikage shade
 hikari light
 -hiki classifier for animals
 hikidashi drawer
 hikimasu to pull; to play

(instrument)
 hikinobashi enlargement
 hik-kuri kaeshimasu to knock over
 hikō flight
 hikōki plane, airplane
 hikui low
 himo string
 hinata sun
 hi ni yaketa suntanned
 hinshitsu quality
 hiraita open
 hiroba square
 hiroi wide
 hiru heel (of shoe)
 hisho secretary
 hitai forehead
 hito person; people
 hito-ban ni tsuki per night
 hitogomi crowd
 hito-hako packet
 hito-kire piece
 hito-kumi pair
 hito-pak-ku pack
 hitori alone
 hitotsu piece; one
 hitotsu mo ...-masen no
 mō hitotsu another, one more
 hitotsu (no) a, an
 hitsuyō (na) necessary, essential
 hiyake tan, suntan; sunburn
 hiyake-dome sunblock
 hiyake shimasu to get a tan
 hiyo ga kakarimasu to cost
 hiza knee
 hō cheek (on face)
 hodō pavement, sidewalk

hodo ... nai less ...than
 hohoemimasu to smile
 hoka the rest
 hoka hoka bentō lunch box shop
 hoka ni nani ka something else, anything else
 hoka niwa nai desu nothing else
 hoka no other
 hoken insurance
 hōki brush
 hōkō direction
 hokori dust
 hokusei northwest
 hokutō northeast
 hom-mono (no) real, genuine
 homo (no) gay
 hon book
 -hon classifier for pens, cigarettes and other cylindrical objects
 hone bone
 hone ga oreta broken
 hon no sukoshi just a little
 hontō (ni) really
 hontōdesu ka? really?
 hontō(no) true
 hon-ya bookshop, bookstore
 hon-yaku translation
 hon-yaku shimasu to translate
 honyūbin baby's bottle
 hōritsu law
 hōseki jewellery
 hōseki-ten jeweller's
 hoshi star
 hoshīdesu to want
 hoshō guarantee

hoshōkin deposit
 hōsōshi wrapping paper
 hos-sa fit, attack
 hōtai bandage; dressing
 hoteru hotel
 hoteru no heya hotel room
 hotoke-sama Buddha
 hotondo almost, nearly
 hotondo ...-masen hardly
 hyaku hundred
 hyaku man million
 hyōshiki sign

I

ī good
 ī desu that's good; that's fine
 ichi one
 ichiba market
 ichiban suki (na) favourite
 ichi-dāsu (no) dozen
 Ichigatsu January
 ichinichi-jū all day
 ichiryū (no) excellent
 ie house
 ie no
 igai dewa apart from
 igai wa except
 Igrisu Britain
 Igrisu (no) British
 Igrisu-jin British person
 Igrisu-pondo sterling
 ijō over, more than
 sore ijō more than that
 ika less than, under
 ikebana flower arrangement
 iki-iki shita lively

ikikata route
 ikimasu to go
 ikimashō! let's go!
 ikitai desu I'd like to
 ik-kai ground floor, (US) first floor; once
 ik-kaibun dose
 ikura desu ka? how much is it?
 ikutsu? how many?; how old?
 ikutsuka (no) several
 ima now; just, only just
 ima wa dame desu not just now
 ima nanji desu ka? what time is it?
 imamade ni ever
 imasu to say; to call
 ī-meiru e-mail
 imōto sister (one's own: younger)
 inaka country; countryside
 Indo (no) Indian
 inryōsui drinking water
 intāchenji interchange (on motorway)
 inu dog
 ip-pai full; a glass of
 ip-pai ni shimasu to fill up
 ip-paku (no) overnight
 ip-pan-teki (na) general
 iraira suru annoying
 iras-shaimase may I help you
 ireba dentures
 iriguchi entrance, way in
 iro colour
 iseki ruins

isha doctor
 ishi stone, rock
 isogashī busy
 isogimasu to hurry
 is-sho ni together
 ... to is-sho ni with ...
 is-soku pair; pair of
 shoes/socks
 isu chair
 Isuramukyo (no) Muslim
 itadakimasu! enjoy your
 meal!, bon appetit!
 itai hurt; painful
 itai desu it's sore
 itami pain, ache
 itamidome painkillers
 itamimasu to hurt
 Itaria Italy
 Itaria (no) Italian
 ito thread
 itoko cousin
 itsuka fifth
 itsumo always
 itsu? when?
 itsutsu five
 it-tan ...-tara once, as soon as
 iwa rock
 iya (na) disgusting, nasty
 izaka-ya pub

J

ja well
 jaguchi tap, faucet
 jama shimasu to disturb
 ja mata see you later
 jā ne bye, cheerio
 ji o'clock

jibun de myself; by myself
 jidō automatic
 jidō-hambaiki vending
 machine
 jidōsha-hoken green card (car
 insurance)
 jikan time; hour
 jiko accident
 jikokuhyō timetable, (US)
 schedule
 jimén ground
 jimoto no local
 jimusho office
 jinja shrine
 jishin earthquake
 jitensha bicycle, bike
 jitensha-okiba bicycle park
 jōdan joke
 jōhin (na) posh
 jōhō information
 jōkyaku passenger
 josei woman; lady
 jū ten; gun; rifle
 jūbun enough
 jūdai (na) serious
 Jūgatsu October
 jū-go fifteen
 jugyō lesson
 jū-hachi eighteen
 jū-ichi eleven
 Jūichigatsu November
 jūjiro crossroads, intersection
 jukushita ripe
 jū-kyū nineteen
 jū-ni twelve
 Jūnigatsu December
 jū-roku sixteen
 jū-san thirteen
 jū-shichi seventeen

jūsho address
 jūshoroku address book
 jūtai traffic jam
 jūtan carpet
 jū-yon fourteen

K

ka mosquito
 ... ka ... ka either ... or ...
 ka? question particle
 kaban bag
 kabe wall
 kabin vase
 kachō section chief
 kâdo card
 kâdo-denwa cardphone
 kaerimasu to go back, to return
 kaeshimasu to give back
 kagu furniture
 kagami mirror
 kagetsu month (one, two, three etc)
 kagi key; lock
 kagi o akemasu to unlock
 kago basket
 kai floor, storey
 kaichūdentō torch
 kaidan steps, stairs
 kaigan coast
 kaigi meeting (business); conference
 kaigishitsu conference room
 kaikaishiki opening ceremony
 kaikei cash desk
 kaimasu to buy
 kaisha company, business
 kaisoku local train with limited stops
 kaji fire (blaze)
 kakebuton duvet
 kakejiku scroll (hanging)
 kakemasu to switch on (engine); to play (music)
 kakimasu to write
 kakitome-yūbin de by registered mail
 kakunin shimasu to confirm
 kamban sign
 kamera-ya camera shop
 kami paper; hair
 kami-omutsu disposable nappies/diapers
 kami-sama God
 kamisori razor
 kampai! cheers!
 kampeki (na) perfect
 kanari fairly, pretty, quite; a bit
 kanari takusan quite a lot
 kanari (no) fair (amount)
 kanashī sad
 kanemochi (no) rich (person)
 kan-gae idea
 kan-gaemasu to think
 kan-geikai reception (for guests)
 kan-gofu nurse (woman)
 kan-goshi nurse (man)
 kanji character (written); Chinese character
 kanjimasu to feel
 kankiri can-opener, tin-opener
 kankō-an-naijo tourist infor-

mation office
 Kankoku South Korea
 Kankoku (no) Korean
 kankōryokō trip, excursion,
 sightseeing tour
 kan-nushi Shinto priest
 kanō(na) possible
 kanojo (ga) she
 kanojo no her; hers
 kanojo o her
 kanojo wa she
 kanojotachi (ga) they (f)
 kanojotachi no their;
 theirs (f)
 kanojotachi o them (f)
 kanojotachi wa they (f)
 kanpai! cheers!
 kanrishoku executive
 kansen infection
 kansha (no) grateful
 kantan (na) simple, easy
 kanzen ni completely
 kanzō liver (in body)
 kanzume can
 kao face
 kap-pu cup
 kap-puru couple
 kara from; since
 kara (no) empty
 karada body
 karada ni ī healthy
 karai hot, spicy
 kare he
 kare ga he
 kare no his
 kare o him
 kare wa he
 karera (ga) they (m)
 karera no their; theirs (m)

karera o them (m)
 karera wa they (m)
 karimasu to rent, to hire; to
 borrow
 karui light (not heavy)
 kasa umbrella
 kashimasu to lend
 kashikoi clever
 kashu singer; pop singer
 kata shoulder
 katahō one end; one side
 katai hard
 katamichi-kip-pu single tick-
 et, one-way ticket
 kat-to cut
 kawa leather; river
 kawaita dry
 kawari ni instead
 kawase-tegata banker's draft
 kawat-ta odd, strange, pecu-
 liar
 Kayōbi Tuesday
 kazan volcano
 kaze wind
 kazoku family
 kazu number, figure
 kega o shita injured
 keiba race (for horses)
 keieisha manager (in business)
 keikan policeman
 keisatsu police
 keisatsu-sho police station
 keitai-denwa mobile phone
 keiyaku contract
 keiyu stopover
 keiyu de via
 kek-kō desu all right, fine
 īe kek-kō desu no thanks
 kek-kon marriage

kek-kon shita married
 kek-kon shite imasu I'm married
 kek-kon shite imasu ka? are you married?
 kek-kon-kinen-bi wedding anniversary
 kek-kon-shiki wedding
 kek-kon-yubiwa wedding ring
 kek-kyoku after all
 kemuri smoke
 ken ticket; prefecture
 kendō Japanese fencing
 ken-eki quarantine
 kenka fight
 kenkō (na) healthy
 keredomo although
 kesa this morning
 keshiki scenery
 keshimasu to switch off
 keshō make-up
 keshōhin cosmetics
 keshōshitsu ladies' toilets, ladies' room
 kes-shite ...-masen never
 ketsu-eki blood
 kewashī steep
 ki tree; mind; heart
 kibako wooden box
 kibō hope
 kibun feeling
 kichō(na) valuable
 kiete iru off (lights)
 kigaemasu to get changed
 kiji material (fabric)
 kikai machine
 kikan period (of time)
 kiken (na) risky

kikimasu to listen
 kikoemasu to hear
 kimasu to come
 kimemasu to decide
 kimi (ga) you (sing, fam)
 kimi no your; yours (sing, fam)
 kimi o you (sing, fam)
 kimi wa you (sing, fam)
 kimochi no ī pleasant
 kimono kimono; Japanese clothes
 kimpatsu (no) blond
 kin gold
 kinen-hi monument
 kin-en-koshitsu nonsmoking compartment
 kin-gyo goldfish
 kinkyū emergency
 kinkyū (na) urgent
 kinō yesterday
 kinō no asa yesterday morning
 kinu silk
 Kin-yōbi Friday
 kinyūshimasu to fill in
 kinzoku metal
 kion temperature (weather)
 ki o tsukete! look out!
 kip-pu ticket
 kip-pu-uriba box office; ticket office
 kirai desu hate
 kirei (na) beautiful; pretty; nice; clean
 kirei ni shimasu to clean up
 kiri mist, fog
 kirimasu to cut
 kīroi yellow

- kisu** kiss
kishibe shore (of lake)
kis-sa-ten teahouse; café
kis shimasu to kiss
kita north
Kita-Chōsen North Korea
kitai hazure (no) disappoint-
 ing
kitai shimasu to look for-
 ward to
kitanai dirty
kitsui tight
kit-te stamp
-ko classifier for fruit, cakes,
 eggs and small chunky
 objects
kōban police box
kōcha tea (drink)
kōdo wire; lead
kodomo child; children
kodomo-yō (no) children's
koe voice
kōen park
kogai open air
kōgai suburb
Kōgō-Heika Empress of
 Japan
kohei (na) fair, impartial
kōhī coffee
koi carp
koin-randorī launderette,
 laundromat
kōjo factory
kōka coin
kōkan-rēto exchange rate
kok-kyō border (of country)
kokunaisen domestic flight
koko here
koko desu right here, just
 here
... wa koko desu here is/are
 ...
masa ni koko de just here
koko ni over here
koko no kore desu this one
 here
kokonoka ninth
kokonotsu nine
kokuritsu (no) national
kokusai-teki (na)
 international
kokuseki nationality
kōkūbin de by airmail
kōkūbin-yō fūtō airmail enve-
 lope
kōkyū (na) upmarket
komban tonight, this
 evening
komban wa good evening
kome rice (uncooked)
komichi path
komori child minder
kona-sek-ken soap powder
konda crowded
konde iru busy
kondo next time
kon-iro (no) navy (blue)
konkai this time
konkūru contest
kon-nichi wa hello
kono this; these
konoha leaf
konosaki down the road
kono shita desu down here
konsento power point
kop-pu glass
kore this; this one; these
kore desu ka this one here

kore kara in future
 kore wa ... *desu* this is ...
 korekuto-kōru reverse charge
 call, collect call
 kōri ice
 korobimasu to fall
 koroku-nuki corkscrew
 kōsu course
 kōsaten junction
 koshō breakdown
 kōshūbenjo public toilets
 kōshūdenwa phone box,
 payphone
 kōsōbiru skyscraper
 kōsokudōro motorway, free-
 way, highway
 kos-setsu fracture
 kōsui perfume
 kotatsu footwarmer
 kot-chi this; this way; here
 kōto coat
 kotoba word, language
 kōtsū traffic
 kōtsūjiko road accident
 kot-tōhin antique
 kot-tōhin-ten antique shop
 kowareta damaged; broken
 kowarete imasu out of order
 kowashimasu to break, to
 damage
 kōza bank account, account
 kozeni change, money
 kōzui flood
 kozutsumi parcel, package
 kusa grass
 kusuri drug, medicine
 kusuri-ya pharmacy
 ku ward, area of a city
 kubi neck

kuchi mouth
 kuchibeni lipstick
 kuchibiru lips
 kudaketa informal
 kudamono fruit
 Kugats September
 kuishimbō (no) greedy
 kujira whale
 kujō complaint
 kujōo imas to complain
 kūki air
 kūkō airport
 kumo spider
 kumori (no) cloudy, dull
 -kun suffix used when
 addressing a young person
 kuni country, nation
 kurabemasu to compare
 kurai about, approximately
 kuremasu to give
 ... o kuremasen ka? could I
 have ...?
 ...-te kuremasen ka? could
 you ...?
 kurikaeshimasu to repeat
 Kurisumasu-lbu Christmas
 Eve
 kuro black
 kuroi dark
 kurōku cloakroom
 kuruma car
 kushami o shimasu to sneeze
 kushi comb
 kutsu shoe
 kutsu-himo shoelaces
 kutsunaoshi shoe repairer
 kutsu no soko sole (of shoe)
 kutsuzumi shoe polish
 kuzushimasu to change

(money)
 kyaku customer
 kyakusha coach, carriage
 kyakushitsu compartment
 kyakushitsu-gakari maid
 kyanseru-machi standby
 kyō today
 kyōdai brother
 kyōdo-keiei-sha partner (in business)
 kyoka permit
 kyōkai church
 kyoku-dome-yūbin poste restante
 kyori distance
 kyōryoku help
 kyū nine
 kyūden palace
 kyūgyō closed
 kyū-hyaku nine hundred
 kyū-jū ninety
 kyūka holiday, vacation
 kyūkei-jikan interval
 kyūkō express train
 kyūkyūbako first-aid kit
 kyūkyūbyōtō casualty department
 kyūkyūsha ambulance
 kyūreki lunar calendar
 kyūsuiki fountain (for drinking)

M

mabushi bright
 machi town; area
 machi-awase-basho meeting place

machigai error, mistake
 machigat-ta false, not true
 machimasu to wait
 mada still; only; yet
 īe, mada desu not yet
 made to; up to; until; as far as
 Mok-yōbi made ni by Thursday
 mado window
 madogawa no seki window seat
 mae ago; front
 ichijikan mae an hour ago
 sono mae no hi the day before
 mae mot-te in advance
 mae ni in front, at the front; formerly, in the past; before
 magari-kado turning (in road)
 magomusuko grandson (one's own)
 magomusume granddaughter (one's own)
 mahōbin Thermos® flask
 -mai classifier for pieces of paper, tickets and other thin, flat objects
 mainichi (no) daily
 majime (na) serious
 makura pillow
 makura-kabā pillow case
 mama mum
 māmā desu not bad, so-so
 man-ga comic book
 manikyua nail varnish
 man-naka middle
 manshon apartment block
 Marē-hantō (no) Malay

maroyaka (na) mild
 masaka! oh no!
 -masen not
 -masen *deshita* didn't
 mata again
 mata wa or
 matsu pine
 mat-taku *chigaimasu* definitely not
 mat-taku *sono tōri desu* definitely
 mawari-michi diversion, detour
 mayaku drugs (narcotics)
 mayonaka midnight
 mayonaka ni in the middle of the night; at midnight
 me eye
 megane spectacles, eyeglasses
 mei niece (one's own)
 meishi business card
 meisho the sights
 menkyo licence
 menrui noodles
 menzei(hin) duty-free (goods)
 menzeihin-ten duty-free shop
 met-ta ni not often
 met-ta ni ...-masen hardly ever
 mezurashī rare, uncommon, unusual
 miatarimasen missing
 michi road
 midori (no) green
 midori no madoguchi ticket counter
 migi right

migi e to the right
 migi ni on the right
 mihon-ichi fair; trade fair
 mijikai brief, short
 mik-ka third
 mimasu to look at; to see
 mimi ear
 mimi ga kikoenai deaf
 minami south
 o minami in the south
 minato harbour, port
 min-geihin-ten craft shop
 minikui ugly
 min-na everyone; all
 ... wa min-na all the ...
 minshuku guesthouse
 miryoku-teki (na) attractive
 mise shop
 mitsukemasu to find
 mit-tsu three
 mizu water
 mizugi swimming trunks; swimming costume
 mizūmi lake
 mizusashi jug
 mo also, too; even; both ... and; neither ... nor
 mō already
 mō hitotsu another, one more
 mochimasu to have; to carry; to hold
 mochinushi owner
 mochiron of course
 mochiron *chigaimasu* of course not
 mochite handle
 modorimasu to get back, to return

modot-te *ikimasu* to go back
 modot-te *kimasu* to come
 back
 mōfu blanket
 mokutekichi destination
 Moku-yōbi Thursday
 momen cotton
 momo thigh
 mon gate
 mondai problem
 mono thing
 more leak
 mori woods, forest
 moshi if
 moshi ... demo even if ...
 moshi-moshi hello; I'm still
 here
 mōsukoshi some more, a lit-
 tle bit more
 mot-te *kimasu* to bring; to
 fetch
 mot-to more
 mot-to ī better
 mot-to *sukunaku* less
 mot-to *takusan* a lot more
 mot-to *tōku* further
 moyō pattern
 muchū(na) crazy
 muen-gasorin unleaded
 petrol
 muika sixth
 muishiki (no) unconscious
 muji (no) plain
 mukai no opposite
 mukashi-fū (no) old-fash-
 ioned
 mukō there; over there
 mukō *desu*, mukō ni over
 there

mukōgawa across
 mune chest, breast
 mura village
 murasaki (no) purple, violet
 muryō free of charge
 mushi insect
 mushi-atsui humid
 mushi-sasare insect bite
 musuko son (one's own)
 musume daughter (one's own)
 mut-tsu six
 muzukashī hard, difficult
 myōji surname

N

nadare avalanche
 nagai long
 nagai aida a long time
 nagame view
 nagashi sink
 nagemasu to throw
 naisen telephone extension
 naka inside
 naka e hairimasu to go in
 nakai-san maid
 naka ni inside
 -nakereba narimasen I must
 ...
 nakimasu to cry
 nakunarimasu to disappear
 nakushimasu to lose
 nama (no) raw
 namae name; first name,
 given name
 namake-mono lazy
 nana seven
 nana-hyaku seven hundred

nana-jū seventy
 nanatsu seven
 nani? what?
 nani desu ka? what?
 sore wa nani desu ka?
 what's that?
 nani demo ī desu it doesn't
 matter
 nani ka something, anything
 nani ka ... ka? would you
 like anything ...?
 nani mo ...-masen nothing
 nani mo nai desu nothing
 else
 nanoka seventh
 nansei southwest
 nante īmashita? pardon
 (me)?, sorry?
 nantō southeast
 naorimasu to cure
 naoshimasu to mend
 nao warui desu it's worse;
 much worse
 naraimasu to learn
 narubeku hayaku as soon as
 possible
 naruhodo I see; indeed
 nashi de without
 natsu summer
 nazenara because
 ne? isn't it?, haven't we?,
 haven't you? etc
 nedan cost, price
 nedoko bed (Japanese-style)
 nega negative (film)
 neko cat
 nemurimasu to sleep
 nen-gajō New Year's card
 nenkin-seikatsu-sha pensioner

netsu fever; temperature
 netsup-poi feverish
 nezumi mouse; rat
 ni two; to; in; at; into; on;
 indirect object particle
 ni-bai (no) double; twice as
 much
 ni-bam-me (no) second
 nibui stupid
 nichibotsu sunset
 Nichiyōbi Sunday
 nigai bitter
 Nigatsu February
 nihodoki shimasu to unpack
 Nihon Japan
 Nihon (no) Japanese
 Nihon-go Japanese (language)
 Nihon-go de in Japanese
 Nihon-jin Japanese (person)
 ni-hyaku two hundred
 ni-jū twenty
 niku meat
 ni-kai first floor, (U S) second
 floor; twice
 nik-ki diary (for personal experi-
 ences)
 nik-kō sunshine
 niku-ya butcher's
 nimotsu luggage, baggage
 nimotsu o tsumemasu to
 pack
 -nin classifier for people
 nin-gyō doll
 nin-gyō-geki puppet show
 ninki no aru popular
 ninshin-chū (no) pregnant
 Nip-pon Japan
 nise (no) fake
 nishi west

nishūkan fortnight
 ni-tō second class (train etc)
 niwa garden
 niwaka-ame shower (of rain)
 no of; possessive particle
 no aida ni between; during
 nodo throat
 nodo no itami sore throat
 no hōe towards
 nōjō farm
 nok-ku shimasu to knock
 nomi flea
 nomimasu to drink
 nomimono drink
 no mukōni beyond
 norikaemasu to change
 (trains etc)
 norimasu to get on (train etc)
 no shita ni under (in position)
 no soba near; by
 umi no soba by the sea
 no soba ni beside
 no soko ni at the bottom of
 no soto ni outside
 no tame ni because of; for
 no tonari next to
 no ue on
 no ushiro ni behind
 nuimasu to sew
 nunoji cloth, fabric
 nureta wet
 nusumimasu to steal
 nyūjōryō admission charge

O

o object particle
 o- polite prefix

o-ai-dekite ureshidesu nice
 to meet you
 ōbā overcoat
 oba-san aunt
 obā-san grandmother (some-
 one else's)
 Ōbei the West
 Ōbei (no) Western
 Ōbei-jin Westerner
 obi sash
 oboete imasu to
 remember
 obon tray
 ocha green tea
 ōdōri main road; avenue
 odorimasu to dance
 odoroku-hodo (no) astonish-
 ing
 ōfuku-kip-pu return ticket,
 round-trip ticket
 ofuro bath
 ofuro-ba bathroom
 ofuro-tsuki de with
 bathroom
 ogenki desu ka? how are
 you?
 ohayōgozaimasu good
 morning
 oi nephew (one's own)
 oishi delicious
 oji-san uncle
 ojī-san grandfather
 ojō-san daughter (someone
 else's)
 ōku much
 ōku nai not a lot
 oka hill
 okagesama de fine; well
 okane money

okane o *tsukaimasu* to spend
 okanjō bill, (U S) check
 okā-san mother
 okashī funny, strange
 ōkī big, large
 okimasu to get up; to leave;
 to keep; to put
 okiwasuremasu to leave
 behind
 okorimasu to happen
 okot-ta angry
 oku-san wife (someone else's)
 okugai outdoor
 okunai indoor
 okure delay
 okurimasu to send
 okurimono gift
 okyaku-sama guest
 ōkyū-teate first aid
 omago-san grandchild (some-
 one else's)
 omatase sorry to keep you
 waiting
 omatsuri festival
 omawari-san policeman
 omedetō! congratulations!
 Ōmisoka New Year's Eve
 omiyage souvenir
 omo (na) main
 omocha toy
 omoi serious, grave; heavy
 omoimas to think
 omosa weight
 omoshiroi exciting; interest-
 ing; funny, amusing
 omutsu nappy, diaper
 onaji the same
 onaji yō (na) similar
 onaka stomach

onaka ga suite hungry
 onegai shimasu please; thank
 you
 hai, onegai shimasu yes,
 please
 onē-san sister
 on-gaku music
 on-gak-ka musician
 onī-san brother
 on-na no ko girl
 onsen hot spring
 Oranda Holland
 Oranda (no) Dutch
 orenji-iro (no) orange
 origami paper folding
 orikaeshi denwa shimasu to
 ring back
 orimasu to get out; to get
 off
 oroshimasu to let off
 osake alcoholic drink
 osaki ni good night; good-
 bye; see you
 osenkō joss stick
 oshare (na) trendy, fashion-
 able
 oshibori moistened hand
 towel
 oshikomi-gōtō burglary
 oshimasu to push
 oshire cupboard, closet
 oshiri hip; bottom
 Oshōgatsu New Year
 osoi slow; late
 osoku slowly
 osoraku probably
 osoroshī horrible, awful
 osōshiki funeral
 ōsugi too many, too much

ōsugimasu that is too much
 osuwari kudasai sit down
 otanjōbi omedetō gozaimasu!
 happy birthday!
 otera Buddhist temple
 otoko no hito man
 otoko no ko boy
 otona adult
 otō-san father; dad
 otoshiyori old person
 otōto brother (one's own:
 younger)
 ototoi the day before yester-
 day
 owan bowl
 owari end
 owarimasu to finish
 owarimashita it's finished
 oyasuminasai good night
 oya-yubi thumb
 oyogimasu to swim

P

pachinko pinball
 pak-ku-ryokō package holi-
 day
 pan bread
 panfuret-to brochure
 panku puncture
 pantī-sutok-kingu tights,
 pantyhose
 pantsu underpants; shorts
 pan-ya baker's
 piru contraceptive pill
 pop-pusu pop music
 posuto letterbox, mailbox
 purasutik-ku plastic

purat-to-hōmu platform;
 track
 pūru swimming pool

R

raishū next week
 raishū no ashita a week
 tomorrow
 raishū no kyō a week today
 rai-u thunderstorm
 regyurā regular unleaded
 petrol
 rei example
 reitōshita frozen
 reizōko fridge
 rek-kāsha breakdown service
 renji cooker
 renta-kā rented car; car
 rental
 rentaru (no) to rent, for hire
 renzu lens; camera lens; con-
 tact lens
 reshito receipt
 rimujin-basu airport bus
 rinsu conditioner (for hair)
 roji lane
 roku six
 rōka corridor
 Rokugatsu June
 roku-jū sixty
 romendensha tram
 rop-pyaku six hundred
 rosenzu network map
 rōsoku candle
 ryō amount (quantity)
 ryōgae-jo bureau de change
 ryōgae-rēto exchange rate

RY

ryōhō both
 ryōjikan consulate
 ryokan Japanese traditional inn
 ryōkin charge; fare; rental
 ryōkinbako fare box
 ryokō journey
 sore dewa tanoshī ryokō o!
 have a good journey!
 ryokōgaisha travel agent's
 ryokōkyaku tourist
 ryokōshimasu to travel
 ryōri food; dish (meal)
 ryōri shimasu to cook
 ryōshin parents (one's own)
 ryūkōokure (no) unfashionable

S

sābisu-ryō service charge
 sagashimasu to search, to look for
 sai-aku (no) worst
 saifu purse; wallet
 saigai disaster
 saigo (no) final, last
 saijitsu public holiday
 saijōkai top floor
 saikin recently
 saikō(no) best
 saishin (no) latest, most recent, up-to-date
 saisho (no) first
 saisho ni at first
 saishoku-shugisha vegetarian
 saizu size
 sakana fish

sakana-ya fishmonger's
 sakasama upside down
 sakazuki sake cup
 saki first
 sakihodo earlier
 sakura cherry blossom
 sakura no ki cherry tree
 -sama Mr; Mrs; Ms; Miss
 sambashi jetty
 sam-byaku three hundred
 samonaito otherwise
 sampatsu haircut (man's)
 samui cold
 san three
 -san Mr; Mrs; Ms; Miss
 San-gatsu March
 san-jū thirty
 san-kai second floor, (U S) third floor; three times
 san-shoku-tsuki full board
 sara plate
 sararī-man businessman; salaried worker
 sarubin surface mail, overland mail
 satō sugar
 -satsu classifier for books
 sawagashī loud
 sayōnara goodbye
 se ga takai tall
 seifu government
 seihin product
 seijō(na) normal
 seika net price
 seikaku (na) accurate
 seikyūsho bill, (U S) check; invoice
 seiri period (menstruation)
 seiri-yōnapukin sanitary nap-

kins/towels
 seishiki (na) formal
 seiyō(no) Occidental
 sekai world
 seki seat; cough
 sek-ken soap
 semai narrow (street)
 -semasu to let, to allow
 sem-mendai washhand basin
 sempūki fan (electrical)
 sen thousand; line; plug (in sink)
 senaka back (of body)
 senaka no itami backache
 senchi centimetre
 sen-nuki bottle-opener
 se no hikui short
 sensei teacher; polite form of address for teachers, doctors, dentists etc
 senshitsu cabin
 senshū last week
 senshūkara since last week
 senshūno Kin-yōbi last Friday
 sensu fan
 sentak-ki washing machine
 sentaku-mono washing, laundry
 sentaku-ya laundry (place)
 sentō public baths
 sen-yōno basu-toire private bathroom
 senzai washing powder
 serotēpu Sellotape®, Scotch tape®
 ses-shi centigrade
 sētā pullover, sweater
 setomono china
 setsubi equipment

setsumei shimasu to explain
 setsuzoku connection (in travelling)
 setsuzokubin connecting flight
 sewa o shimasu to look after
 shachō managing director, president (of company)
 shako garage (for parking)
 shareta posh
 sharin wheel
 shasen lane (on motorway)
 shashin photo; picture
 shatsu shirt
 shawā-tsuki (no) with shower
 shi death; city; four
 shiai game, match
 shibafu lawn
 shibai play (in theatre)
 shibutsu belongings
 shichaku shimasu to try on
 shichaku-shitsu fitting room
 shichi seven
 Shichigatsu July
 shigai-kyokuban dialling code, area code
 Shigatsu April
 shigoto business; job, work
 shihainin manager
 shiharai payment
 shiharaimasu to pay
 shiheii banknote, (U S) bill
 shijō market (in business)
 shiken exam
 shiki-buton mattress
 shikiten ceremony
 shik-ki lacquerware
 shima island
 shimarimasu to close

shimasu to do; to play; to give; to make; to work (as); to taste; to smell; to feel; to sound; to cost
shimat-ta closed
shimbun newspaper, paper
shimbun-ya newsagent's
shimemasu to shut
shimet-ta damp
shimo frost
shimpai worried
shinai: ... **shinai hō ga ī desu** you shouldn't ...
shincho height
shinda dead
shindaisha sleeper, sleeping car
shin-gō traffic lights
shin-gu bedding (Western-style)
shin-guru single room
shin-guru-bed-do single bed
shinimasu to die
shinjiran-nai unbelievable
shinkansen bullet train
shinsen (na) fresh
shinsetsu (na) friendly, nice; kind; generous
shinshifuku-uriba menswear
shinshitsu bedroom
shintai-shōgai-sha disabled person; the disabled
shinzō heart
shirabemasu to find out; to check
shirafu (no) sober
shirimasen I don't know
shiro castle
shiroi white

shita downstairs; tongue
shita (ni) below
shita e ikimasu to go down
shite: ... **shite kuremasen ka?** could you please ...?
shi-teki (na) private
shitsugyō-chū unemployed
shitsumon question
shitsurei (na) rude
shitsurei shimasu excuse me
shit-te imasu to know
shiyō-chū engaged, occupied
shizen (na) natural; peaceful, quiet
shizuka ni! quiet!
shōbōsho fire brigade
shōdoku-zai antiseptic
shōgi Japanese chess
shōgo midday, noon
shohōsen prescription
shōji sliding door (wooden lattice and paper)
shōka-furyō indigestion
shōkai shimasu to introduce
shōkaki fire extinguisher
shokbutsu plant
shokudōsha restaurant car, buffet car
shokuji meal
shokuji o shimasu to have dinner
shok-ki o arimasu to do the washing-up
shok-ki-yōsenzai washing-up liquid
shokuryōhin food (in shop)
shokuryōhin-ten food shop/store
shomei signature

shōmeisho certificate
 shōnin witness
 shōrai future
 shorui document
 shōtai invitation
 shōtai shimasu to invite
 shōtsu pants, panties
 shū week (this, last, next etc)
 shujin husband (one's own)
 shūkai meeting
 shūkan custom; week (one,
 two, three etc)
 shūkyō religion
 shūmatsu weekend
 shumi hobby
 shup-patsu departure
 shup-patsu-raunji departure
 lounge
 shup-patsu shimasu to leave,
 to depart
 shūri shimasu to repair
 shurui type, make, brand
 name
 shut-chō business trip
 shūten terminus
 sukoshi a little bit, not
 much; little; some
 sukoshi no a few
 sukunaku-tomo at least
 sō so
 sō desu that's right
 sōbi equipment
 sōin monastery
 sōjiki vacuum cleaner
 soko (de) there
 sōkō-kyori-museigen unlim-
 ited mileage
 sokutatsu express (mail)
 somatsu (na) poor (quality)

son-na such; so; like that
 son-na ni takusan ja naku
 not so much
 son-na ni waruku nai not so
 bad
 sono the; that (nearby)
 sono tōri desu that's it
 sono toki then, at that time
 sō-on noise
 sora sky
 sore it; that (nearby); that one
 (nearby); those; them
 (objects)
 sore dake desu that's all
 sore de ī desu ka? is that
 OK?
 sore desu that one
 sore wa ... des it is ...
 sore zembu all of it
 sorekara and then
 sorera (ga) they (inanimate
 objects)
 sorera no their; theirs (inani-
 mate objects)
 sorera o them (inanimate
 objects)
 sorera wa they (inanimate
 objects)
 sorezore (no) each, every
 sōridaijin prime minister
 sōryo Buddhist priest
 soshite and
 soto ni outside
 sōzai-ya delicatessen
 sutando lamp
 suteki (na) lovely
 sutemasu to throw away
 subarashī beautiful; excel-
 lent, great, wonderful

subete everything
 subete no every
 sugu at once, immediately;
 soon
 sugu ni straightaway; in a
 minute
 -sugimasu too
 sugoi super, great
 sugoi! well done!
 suichū-yokusen hydrofoil
 suidō-ya plumber
 suijō-skī waterskiing
 suit-chi switch
 Suiyōbi Wednesday
 sūjitsu mae the other day
 suki: ... ga suki desu ka? do
 you like ...?
 suki desu I like it
 suki ja arimasen I don't like
 it
 sumi corner
 sumi ni in the corner
 sumimasen thanks; sorry;
 may I?
 suna sand
 sunde imasu to live
 sunikā trainers
 sūpā supermarket
 sup-pai sour
 suwarimasu to sit down
 suzushī cool

T

tabako cigarette
 tabemasu to eat
 tabemono food
 tabitabi (no) frequent

tabun perhaps, maybe
 tabun chigau deshō perhaps
 not
 tada free of charge
 tadashī correct, right
 taifū typhoon
 Taihei-yō Pacific Ocean
 taikutsu bored
 taikutsu (na) boring
 taira (na) flat
 taisetsu (na) important
 taishikan embassy
 taitei most; mostly, most of
 the time
 taitei no most
 taiyō sun
 takai high; expensive; tall
 takasa height
 take bamboo
 tak-kyū table tennis
 tako kite
 tako-age kite-flying
 takusan a lot, lots
 takusan (no) much; many; a
 lot, lots
 takusan no ... plenty of ..., a
 lot of ...
 takushī-noriba taxi rank
 takushī no unten-shu taxi-
 driver
 takuwae supply
 tambo paddy field
 tameshimasu to try
 tana shelf
 tani valley
 tanjōbi birthday
 tanomimasu to ask
 tanoshimimasu to enjoy
 oneself

- tansha moped
 taoru flannel; towel
 tarimasen there's not enough
 tashika certain, sure
 tashika *desu ka?* are you sure?
 tashika ni certainly
tasukete! help!
 tatami straw mat
 tatoeba for example
 tateo ...-temo even if
tazunemasu to visit
 te hand
 tebukuro gloves
 techō notebook; diary
 tegami letter
 tegoro (na) reasonable; inexpensive
 tehai *shimasu* to arrange
 teiki-bin scheduled flight
 teikiken rail pass
 teinei (na) polite
 tekubi wrist
 tenchō manager (in shop)
 te ni *iremasu* to get, to fetch
 tenimots baggage; hand luggage
 tenimotsu-azukari-jo left luggage (office), baggage checkroom
 tenimotsu-uketori-jo baggage claim
 tenjikan pavilion
 tenki weather
 Ten-nō-Heika Emperor of Japan
 tenrankai exhibition
 tenso-saki forwarding address
 tento tent
 tep-pen ni at the top
 terebi television
 tēru-rampu rear lights
tetsudaimasu to help
tetsudō railway
tis-shu (pēpā) tissues, Kleenex®
 to with, accompanying; and; door (of house: Japanese-style)
 -to metropolis
 tō pagoda; ten
tobimasu to fly
 tōchaku arrival
 tōchaku *shimasu* to arrive, to get in
 todana cupboard
 tōi far
 toire toilet, rest room
 tōjiki crockery
tojikomemasu to lock in
 tōjōken boarding pass
 tōku (no) distant
 tōka tenth
 tokei clock, watch
 tōki pottery
 tokidoki sometimes
 tok-kyū super express train
toku ni especially
 tokonoma alcove
 tokoro place; someone's house
 toko-ya barber's
 Tōkyōwan Tokyo Bay
tomarimasu to stop; to stay
 tōmei (no) clear
tomemasu to switch off (engine)

tomodachi friend
 ton-neru tunnel
 toranku boot (of car), (US)
 trunk
 torēnā sweatshirt
 tori bird
 tōri street
 toridashimasu to get out, to
 take out
 torihiki deal (business)
 torikaemasu to change, to
 replace
 torikeshimasu to cancel
 torimasu to take, to accept
 tōrokuban-gō registration
 number, license number
 toshi age; city; year
 toshi o tot-ta old (person)
 totemo quite; very, extreme-
 ly; so; a lot
 totemo oishī delicious, excel-
 lent
 totsuzen ni suddenly
 tot-te handle
 tōt-te through
 tot-te okimasu to keep
 tōyō(no) Oriental, Eastern
 tozan mountaineering
 tsugi (no) next
 sono tsugi no hi the day after
 tsugōno ī convenient (time)
 tsukaeta stuck
 tsukaimasu to use
 tsukamaemasu to fetch; to
 catch
 tsukaremashita I'm tired
 tsukareta tired
 tsukemasu to switch on (T V,
 lights)

tsuki moon
 tsukiatari end of a road
 tsukimasu to arrive
 tsukurimasu to make
 tsuma wife (one's own)
 tsumaranai dull, uninterest-
 ing
 tsumasaki toe
 tsume nail (finger)
 tsumetai cold
 -tsū classifier for letters
 tsuā tour
 tsuika-ryōkin supplement,
 extra charge
 tsuin twin room
 tsui ni eventually
 tsuitach first
 tsuite no about, concerning
 tsūjite imasu to lead
 tsurete ikimasu to take, to
 lead
 tsūrogawa no seki aisle seat
 tsuyadashi polish
 tsūyaku interpreter
 tsuyu rainy season
 tsuyoi strong

U

ubaguruma buggy
 uchi home
 uchimashō deal
 sore de te o uchimashō it's a
 deal
 ude arm
 udedokei wristwatch
 ue upstairs; above
 ... no ue ni on top of ...

ue ni up
 ugo Kashimasu to move
 uketorimasu to accept
 uketsuke reception desk
 uketsuke de at reception
 uketsuke-gakari receptionist
 uketsukemasu to accept
 ukezara saucer
 uma horse
 umi sea
 umibe shore
 un luck
 untem-menkyoshō driving
 licence
 unten shimasu to drive
 untenshu driver
 un-yoku fortunately
 ura back
 ureshī happy, glad
 uridashi-chū for sale
 urimasu to sell
 ūru wool
 urusai noisy
 urusai! shut up!
 ushiro ni at the back
 uso o tsukimasu to lie, to tell
 untruth
 usu-... pale (colour)
 usui weak; thin; light, pale
 uta song
 utaimasu to sing
 utsukushī beautiful

W

wa subject particle
 wafū Japanese-style
 wakai young

wakarimasu to understand
 wakarimasu ka? do you
 understand?
 wakarimasen I don't under-
 stand
 wakimichi side street
 wan bay
 waraimasu to laugh
 waribiki discount
 warikan going Dutch
 warui bad; ill
 waruku badly
 washi paper
 wasuremasu to forget
 watakushi (ga) I (pol)
 watakushi no my; mine (pol)
 watakushi o me (pol)
 watakushi wa I (pol)
 watashi (ga) I
 watashi mo me too
 watashi mo sō desu so am I,
 so do I
 watashi no my; mine
 watashi no desu it's mine
 watashi o me
 watashi wa I
 watashi wa ... desu I am
 watashitachi (ga) we
 watashitachi no our; ours
 watashitachi o us
 watashitachi wa we
 waza to deliberately
 winkā indicator

Y

yakan kettle
 yakedo burn

yakedo shimasu to burn
 yak-kai-goto trouble
 yak-kyoku pharmacy
 yaku ni tatsu helpful; useful
 yakusō herbs (medicinal)
 yakyū baseball
 yama mountain
 yamagoya cabin (in mountains)
 yamete kudasai! stop it!
 yane roof
 yao-ya greengrocer's
 yasai vegetables
 yasashī easy
 yaseta thin, skinny
 yasui cheap, inexpensive;
 low
 yasumi holiday, vacation
 yat-tsu eight
 yawarakai soft
 yoake dawn
 yōfū(no) Western-style
 yōfuku clothes (Western)
 yogore dirt
 yogoreta polluted
 yōi ga dekita ready
 yoku often
 yōka eighth
 yokat-ta! good!
 yokubari (na) greedy
 yok-ka fourth
 yoku kireru sharp
 yoko side
 yoko ni narimasu to lie down
 yokusō bath, bathtub
 yom-bun no ichi quarter
 yomimasu to read
 yōmoku foreign cigarettes
 yon four
 yon-hyaku four hundred

yon-jū forty
 yop-parat-ta drunk
 yorimasu: bāi ni yorimas it
 depends
 yorimo than
 yoru night
 yōshi form, document
 yoshinasai! don't do that!
 yotei schedule
 yot-tsu four
 yowai weak
 yoyaku reservation; appoint-
 ment
 yoyaku shimasu to book, to
 reserve
 yūbe last night
 yubi finger
 yūbimban-gō postcode, zip
 code
 yūbin post, mail
 yubi-nin-gyō puppet
 yūbinkyoku post office
 yūbinkyoku no honkyoku
 main post office
 yubiwa ring (on finger)
 yūdoku (na) poisonous
 yūen four-star petrol
 yūenchi fair, funfair
 yūgata evening
 yuka floor (of room)
 yukata cotton dressing gown
 yuki snow
 yuk-kuri slowly
 yūkō(na) valid (ticket etc)
 yūmei (na) famous
 yurui loose
 yūshoku evening meal
 yūsōshimasu to post, to mail
 yut-tari shita comfortable

Z

- zabuton floor cushion
zan-nen (des)! what a shame!, it's a pity!
zas-shi magazine
zeikan Customs
zeitaku (na) luxurious
zembu the whole lot, all of them
sore zembu all of it
zembu de altogether
Zen-dera Zen temple
zenkai last time
zensai starter, appetizer
Zen-sō Zen priest
Zen-tei Zen garden
zenzen not in the least
zet-tai chigaimasu! certainly not!
zō statue
zubon trousers, (US) pants
zutsū headache
zut-to much, a lot more

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General Signs

- 大人 *otona* adult
 子供 *kodomo* child
 危険 *kiken* danger
 飲み水 *nomimizu* drinking water
 ・・・・お断り
 ... *okotowari* ... forbidden
 案内 *an-nai* information
 芝生に入らないでください *shibafu ni hairanaide kudasai* keep off the grass
 立ち入り禁止 *tachiiri-kinshi* keep out
 禁漁区 *kinryōku* no fishing
 禁煙 *kin-en* no smoking
 故障 *koshō* out of order
 ゴミ *gomi* litter
 ゴミ捨てるな *gomi steruna* no litter
 横断歩道 *ōdanhodō* pedestrian crossing
 静かに *shizukani* quiet, please

Airport, Planes

- 空港 *kūkō* airport
 空港バス *kūkō-basu* airport bus
 航空便 *kōkūbin* flight
 便名 *bim-meī* flight number
 到着 *tōchaku* arrival(s)

- 出発 *shup-patsu* departure(s)
 行き先 *ikisaki* destination
 ・・・・行き ... *iki* bound for ...
 経由 *keiyu* via
 搭乗口 *tōjōguchi* boarding gate
 搭乗券 *tōjōken* boarding pass
 ゲート *gēto* gate
 東口 *higashi-guchi* east exit (or entrance)
 北口 *kita-guchi* north exit (or entrance)
 南口 *minami-guchi* south exit (or entrance)
 西口 *nishi-guchi* west exit (or entrance)
 航空 *kōkū* airline
 航空券 *kōkūken* airline ticket
 全日空 *Zen-Nik-kū* All Nippon Airways
 国内線 *kokunai-sen* domestic airlines
 国際線 *kokusai-sen* international airlines
 日本航空 *Nihon-Kōkū* Japan Airlines
 予約 *yoyaku* reservations
 案内 *an-nai* information
 案内係 *an-nai-gakari* information desk
 手荷物受取所 *tenimotsu-uketori-jo* baggage claim

チェックイン *chek-ku-in*
check-in
免税店 *menzei-ten* duty-free shop

Banks, Money

銀行 *ginkō* bank
外国為替公認銀行
gaikoku-kawase-kōnin-ginkō
authorized foreign
exchange bank
両替所 *ryōgaejo* bureau de
change, foreign exchange
外国為替 *gaikoku-kawase*
foreign exchange
窓口 *madoguchi* counter
為替レート *kawase-rēto*
exchange rate
振替 *furikae* transfer
為替手形 *kawase-tegata*
banker's draft
トラベラーズチェク
traberāzu-chek-ku
traveller's cheque
クレジットカード
kurejit-to-kādo credit card
カード可 *kādo-ka* credit
cards accepted
口座番号 *kōzaban-gō*
account number
口座 *kōza* bank account
料金 *ryōkin* fee
有料 *yūryō* fee charged

無料 *muryō* no charge
消費税 *shōhi-zei* VAT, (US)
consumption tax
円 *en* yen
¥ *yen*
ドル *doru* dollar
ポンド *pondo* pound
sterling

Bus Travel

バス *basu* bus
バスセンター
basu-sentā bus station
バス停 *basu-tei* bus stop
バス乗り場 *basu-noriba*
bus boarding point
バスターミナル
basu-tāminaru bus terminal
・ ・ ・ 行き ... *iki* bound
for ...
市バス *shi-basu* municipal
bus
都営バス *toei-basu*
municipal bus (in Tokyo)
切符売り場 *kip-pu-uriba*
ticket office
切符 *kip-pu* ticket
回数券 *kaisūken* book of
tickets
運賃表 *unchin-hyō* table of
fares
有効 *yūkō* valid
乗車は前扉から *jōsha*
wa mae tobira kara enter at

front door
 降車は後扉から *kōsha*
wa ushiro tobira kara exit at
 rear door
 運賃箱 *unchim-bako* fare box
 料金箱 *ryōkin-bako* fare box
 回送 *kaisō* out of service
 次は停車 *tsugi-wa-teisha*
 stopping at the next stop
 精算所 *seisanjo* excess fare
 office

Countries, Nationalities

アメリカ *Amerika*
 America; American
 オーストラリア
Ōsutoraria Australia;
 Australian
 英 *Ei* Britain; British;
 England; English
 英国 *Eikoku* Britain; British;
 England; English
 カナダ *Kanada* Canada;
 Canadian
 中国 *Chūgoku* China;
 Chinese
 デンマーク *Dem-māku*
 Denmark; Danish
 オランダ *Oranda*
 Holland; Dutch
 イギリス *Igirisu* England;
 English; Britain; British

ヨーロッパ *Yōrop-pa*
 Europe; European
 フランス *Fransu* France;
 French
 仏 *Futsu* France; French
 ドイツ *Doitsu* Germany;
 German
 独 *Doku* Germany; German
 インド *Indo* India; Indian
 イタリア *Itaria* Italy;
 Italian
 日 *Nichi* Japan; Japanese
 日本 *Nihon* Japan; Japanese
 マレーシア *Marēshia*
 Malaysia; Malay
 ニュージーランド
Nyū-Jīrando New Zealand
 北朝鮮 *Kita-Chōsen* North
 Korea; North Korean
 ノルウェー *Noruē*
 Norway; Norwegian
 ・ ・ ・ 人 *...-jin* person
 フィリピン *Firipin*
 Philippines; Filipina
 ロシア *Roshia* Russia;
 Russian
 韓国 *Kankoku* South Korea;
 South Korean
 スペイン *Spein* Spain;
 Spanish
 スウェーデン *Suēden*
 Sweden; Swedish
 米 *Bei* USA
 米国 *Beikoku* USA

Customs

- 税関 *zeikan* Customs
 税関審査 *zeikan-shinsa*
 Customs check
 税関告知書
zeikan-kokuchi-sho Customs
 declaration form
 税関申告用紙 *zeikan-*
shinkoku-yōshi Customs
 declaration form
 出国 *shuk-koku* departure
 from a country
 入国 *nyūkoku* entry into a
 country
 入国カード
nyūkoku-kādo entry card,
 landing card
 入国審査 *nyūkoku-shinsa*
 entry examination
 外国人 *gaikoku-jin*
 foreigners
 出入国管理
shutsunyūkoku-kanri
 immigration
 日本人 *Nihon-jin* Japanese
 nationals
 検疫 *ken-eki* quarantine

Days

- 月曜日 *Getsuyōbi* Monday
 火曜日 *Kayōbi* Tuesday
 水曜日 *Suiyōbi* Wednesday
 木曜日 *Moku-yōbi*

Thursday

- 金曜日 *Kin-yōbi* Friday
 土曜日 *Doyōbi* Saturday
 日曜日 *Nichiyōbi* Sunday

Emergencies

- 救急車 *kyūkyū-sha*
 ambulance
 119番 *hyaku-jū-kyū-ban*
 ambulance; fire brigade
 病院 *byōin* hospital
 救急病院 *kyūkyū-byōin*
 emergency hospital
 応急手当て *ōkyū-teate*
 first aid
 救急箱 *kyūkyū-bako* first-
 aid box
 救急セット *kyūkyū-set-to*
 first-aid kit, emergency kit
 110番 *hyaku-tō-ban* police
 警察 *keisats* police
 火災報知器 *kasai-hōchiki*
 fire alarm
 消防署 *shōbōsho* fire
 brigade
 消火器 *shōkaki* fire
 extinguisher
 避難口 *hinan-guchi*
 emergency exit
 非常口 *hijōguchi*
 emergency exit
 故障 *koshō* breakdown
 非常呼び出し *hijō-*
yobidashi emergency call

非常電話 *hijō-denwa*
emergency telephone

Entertainment

映画館 *eigakan* cinema,
movie theater

映画 *eiga* film, movie

成人映画 *seijin-eiga* adult
film

アニメーション
animēshon cartoon

洋画 *yōga* Western film

字幕 *jimaku* subtitles

ロードショー *rōdoshō*
special release

上映中 *jōei-chū* now
showing

会場時間 *kaijō-jikan*
opening time

前売券 *maeuri-ken* advance
booking

劇場 *gekijō* theatre

切符 *kip-pu* ticket

切符売場 *kip-pu-uriba*
ticket office, box office

席 *seki* seat

座席 *zaseki* seat

座席番号 *zaseki-ban-gō*
seat number

指定席 *shiteiseki* reserved
seat

指定券 *shitei-ken* reserved
seat ticket

満席 *manseki* all seats taken

満員 *man-in* full

劇 *geki* play, drama

時代劇 *jidai-geki* historical
play or film

帝国劇場 *Teikoku-Gekijō*
Imperial Theatre

歌舞伎座 *Kabuki-za*
kabuki theatre

国立劇場 *Kokuritsu-Gekijō*
National Theatre

文楽 *Bunraku* traditional
puppet theatre

能 *Nō* Noh play

狂言 *Kyōgen* traditional
comic drama

歌舞伎 *Kabuki* traditional
drama from the Edo period

ディスコ *disuko* disco

ナイトクラブ
naito-kurabu nightclub

ホステスバー
hosutesu-bā hostess bar

カラオケ *karaoke* karaoke
bar

未成年お断り *miseinen-
okotowari* minors not
admitted

未成年者入場無効
miseinensha-nyūjō-mukō
minors not admitted

パチンコ *pachinko* pinball
ゲームセンター *gēmu-
sentā* amusement arcade

ターキッシュ・バス
takis-shu basu Turkish bath

Ferry, Boat Services

- 救命ボート *kyūmei-bōto*
lifeboat
フェリー *ferī* ferry; ferry
service
ホバークラフト *hobā-
kurafuto* hovercraft
水中翼船 *suichū-yokusen*
hydrofoil

Forms

- 用紙 *yōshi* form
アンケート *ankēto*
questionnaire
ボールペンで御記入
ください *bōrupen de
gokinyū kudasai* write in ink
氏名 *shimei* full name
お名前 *onamae* name
住所 *jūsho* address
滞在住所 *taizaijūsho*
address during stay
連絡先 *renrakusaki* contact
address
年齢 *nenrei* age
生年月日 *seinen-gap-pi*
date of birth
国籍 *kokuseki* nationality
職業 *shokugyō* occupation
パスポート番号
pasupōto-ban-gō passport
number

- 旅券番号 *ryoken-ban-gō*
passport number
外国人登録証明書
*gaikoku-
jin-tōroku-shōmeisho* foreign
resident's ID card, alien
registration card
身分証明書
mibun-shōmeisho ID card
出発予定日 *shup-patsu-
yoteibi* intended date of
departure
滞在日数 *taizai-nis-sū*
length of stay
泊数 *hakusū* length of visit
訪日目的
hōnichi-mokuteki purpose of
visit
御署名 *go-shomē* signature
サイン *sain* signature

Garages

- ガソリンスタンド
gasorin-sutando petrol
station, (US) gas station
ガソリン *gasorin* petrol,
(US) gas
石油 *sekiyu* petrol, (US) gas
軽油 *keiyu* diesel
ハイオク *hai-oku* high
octane
スーパー *sūpā* super,
premium
レギュラー *regyurā*

regular unleaded
 オイル *oiru* oil
 灯油 *tōyu* paraffin, kerosene
 自動車整備工場 *jidōsha-seibi-kōjō* auto repairs
 洗車 *sensha* car wash
 料金 *ryōkin* fee, charge
 有料 *yūryō* fee, charge
 無料点検 *muryōtenken*
 free inspection
 無料 *muryō* no charge
 点検サービス *tenken-sābisu* service
 タイヤチェック *taiya-chek-ku* tyre check, (US) tire check
 水 *mizu* water
 エア *eya* air

Geographical Terms

岬 *misaki* cape, promontory
 国 *kuni* country
 森 *mori* forest
 温泉 *onsen* hot spring
 島 *shima* island
 湖 *mizūmi* lake
 地図 *chizu* map
 山 *yama* mountain
 山脈 *sam-myaku* mountain range
 半島 *hantō* peninsula
 川 *kawa* river

海 *umi* sea
 頂上 *chōjō* summit
 谷 *tani* valley
 火山 *kazan* volcano
 滝 *taki* waterfall
 市 *shi* town, city
 村 *mura* village
 県 *ken* prefecture
 東 *higashi* east
 北 *kita* north
 地方 *chihō* region, area
 南 *minami* south
 西 *nishi* west
 関西 *Kansai* Kansai Region
 (Osaka etc)
 関東 *Kantō* Kanto Region
 (Tokyo etc)

Hairdresser's, Beauty Salon

美容院 *biyōin* hairdresser's, beauty salon
 床屋 *tokoya* barber's shop
 理髪店 *rihatsu-ten* barber's shop
 ビューティーサロン
byūti-saron beauty salon
 ブロードライ *burō-dorai*
 blow dry
 カット *kat-to* cut
 調髪 *chōhatsu* cut
 ヘアスタイル
heya-sutairu hairstyle

ヘアセット *heya-set-to set*
 シャンプーセット
shampū-set-to shampoo and set
 洗髪 *sempatsu wash*
 マニキュア *manikyua*
manicure
 マッサージ *mas-sāji*
massage

Health

医者 *isha doctor*
 歯医者 *haisha dentist*
 医院 *in (small) hospital*
 病院 *byōin hospital*
 診療所 *shinryōjo clinic*
 保健所 *hokenjo public health centre*
 診療 *shinryō consultation*
 診療時間 *shinryō-jikan*
consultation hours

Hiring, Renting

貸し・・・ *kashi-...*
... hire, ... rental
 貸し自転車 *kashi-jitensha*
bicycle hire
 貸しボート *kashi-bōto*
boat hire
 貸し自動車 *kashi-jidōsha*
car rental
 レンタカー *rentakā car*
rental

貸し部屋 *kashibeya room*
to let
 時間貸し *jikan-gashi*
hourly rental
 頭金 *atama-kin deposit*
 手付金 *tetsukekin deposit*
 距離払い *kyori-barai*
payment by distance
 時間払い *jikan-barai*
payment by the hour
 レンタルサービス
rentaru-sābisu rental service
 2DK *ni-dī-kē two rooms*
and dining kitchen

Hotels

ホテル *hoteru hotel*
 民宿 *minshuku guesthouse*
 ビジネスホテル
bijinesu-hoteru business
hotel
 カプセルホテル
kapuseru- hoteru capsule
hotel
 旅館 *ryokan traditional inn*
 会計係 *kaikei-gakari cashier*
 フロント *furonto*
reception
 受付 *uketsuke reception*
 ロビー *robī lobby*
 日本交通公社 (JTB)
Nihon-Kōtsū-Kōsha Japan
Travel Bureau
 団体 *dantai group*

予約 *yoyaku* reservations
 部屋 *heya* room
 和室 *washitsu* Japanese-style room
 洋室 *yōshitsu* Western-style room
 冷房 *reibō* air-conditioning
 お風呂 *ofuro* bath
 ダイニングルーム *dainingu-rūmu* dining room
 食堂 *shokudō* dining room
 飲料水 *inyōsui* drinking water
 飲み水 *nomimizu* drinking water
 クリーニング *kurīningu* dry-cleaning
 暖房 *dambō* heating
 温泉 *onsen* hot spring
 ラウンジ *raunji* lounge
 ルームサービス *rūmu-sābisu* room service
 電話 *denwa* telephone
 自動販売機 *jidō-hambaiki* vending machine

Japanese Culture and Festivals

(see also

Public Holidays)

寺院 *jin* temple
 寺 *tera* temple
 神社 *jinja* shrine

相撲 *sumō* traditional Japanese wrestling
 正月 *Shōgatsu* New Year
 節分 *Setsubun* Bean-Throwing Festival (3 February)
 雛祭 *Hina-matsuri* Girls' Festival, Doll Festival (3 March)
 花見 *Hanami* Cherry Blossom Viewing
 花祭 *Hana-matsuri* Buddha's Birthday (8 April)
 七夕 *Tanabata* Star Festival (7 July)
 お盆 *Obon* Bon Festival, Buddhist festival celebrated in summer
 七五三 *Shichigosan* Festival for 3, 5 and 7 year olds (15 November)
 クリスマス *Kurisumasu* Christmas
 美術館 *bijutsukan* art gallery
 博物館 *hakbutspan* museum
 温泉 *onsen* hot spring
 お風呂 *ofuro* public bath

Lifts (Elevators)

エレベーター *erebētā* lift, elevator
 階 *...-kai* floor, storey

地階 *chikai* basement
 一階 *ik-kai* ground floor,
 (US) first floor
 二階 *ni-kai* first floor, (US)
 second floor
 定員 *tē-in* capacity
 満員 *man-in* full
 閉 *hei* close
 開 *kai* open
 上 *ue* up
 下 *shita* down
 非常停止 *hijōteishi*
 emergency stop
 非常電話 *hijōdenwa*
 emergency telephone
 故障 *koshō* out of order

Medicines

1日・・・錠 *ichinichi ...-jō* ... tablets a day
 1日・・・回
ichinichi ...-kai ... times a day
 食後 *shokugo* after meals
 就寝前 *shūshinzen* before going to bed
 食前 *shokuzen* before meals
 食間 *shok-kan* between meals
 服用方法 *fūku-yōhōhō*
 directions for oral use
 適量 *tekiryō* dosage
 匙 *saji* spoonful(s)
 錠剤 *jōzai* tablets
 アスピリン *asupirin*

aspirin
 鎮痛剤 *chintsū-zai*
 painkiller
 非ピリン系鎮痛剤
hi-pirin-kei-chintsū-zai
 paracetamol
 咳止めドロップ
sekidome-dorop-pu throat lozenges

Months

一月 *Ichigatsu* January
 二月 *Nigatsu* February
 三月 *San-gatsu* March
 四月 *Shigatsu* April
 五月 *Gogatsu* May
 六月 *Rokgatsu* June
 七月 *Shichigatsu* July
 八月 *Hachigatsu* August
 九月 *Kugatsu* September
 十月 *Jūgatsu* October
 十一月 *Jūichigatsu*
 November
 十二月 *Jūnigatsu*
 December

Notices on Doors

入口 *iriguchi* entrance, way in
 出口 *deguchi* exit, way out
 自動ドア *jidō-doa*
 automatic door
 引く *hiku* pull
 押す *osu* push

営業中 *eigyōchū* open
 開く *hiraku* to open
 開 *kai* open
 閉 *hei* closed
 閉じる *tojiru* to close, to shut
 休日 *kyūjitsu* closed
 営業中 *eigyōchū* open for
 business
 年中無休 *nenjū-mukyū*
 open all year round
 月曜定休日 *Getsu-yō-*
teikyūbi closed on Mondays
 日祭日休み *nichi-saijitsu-*
yasumi closed on Sundays
 and National Holidays
 本日休業 *honjitsu-kyūgyō*
 closed today
 定休日 *teikyūbi* closed for
 holidays
 非常出口 *hijōdeguchi*
 emergency exit
 非常口 *hijōguchi*
 emergency exit
 避難口 *hinan-guchi*
 emergency exit
 開放厳禁 *kaihō-genkin*
 keep closed
 入場お断り *nyūjō*
okotowari no admittance
 関係者以外の立ち入
 り禁止 *kankeisha igai no*
tachiiri kinshi no admittance
 for unauthorized personnel
 立ち入り禁止
tachiiri-kinshi no entry

Phones

電話 *denwa* phone
 公衆電話 *kōshūdenwa*
 public phone
 電話ボックス
denwa-bok-ksu phone booth
 国際電信電話 *Kokusai-*
Denshin-Denwa Overseas
 Telecommunications Service
 テレホンカード
terehōn-kādo phonecard
 電話代 *denwadai* call charge
 通話料 *tsūwaryō* call charge
 交換手 *kōkanshu* operator
 電話帳 *denwachō* directory
 内線 *naisen* extension
 電話番号 *denwaban-gō*
 phone number
 国際電話 *kokusai-denwa*
 international call
 市内電話 *shinai-denwa*
 local call
 長距離電話 *chōkyori-*
denwa long-distance call
 市外電話 *shigai-denwa*
 out-of-town call
 ファックス *fak-kusu* fax;
 fax machine

Place Names

箱根 *Hakone*
 広島 *Hiroshima*
 北海道 *Hok-kaidō*

本州 Honshū
 伊勢 Ise
 鎌倉 Kamakura
 神戸 Kōbe
 京都 Kyōto
 九州 Kyūshū
 長崎 Nagasaki
 名古屋 Nagoya
 奈良 Nara
 日光 Nik-kō
 大阪 Ōsaka
 四国 Shikoku
 東京 Tōkyō
 横浜 Yokohama

Post Office

郵便局 yūbinkyoku post office
 yūbinkyoku no maku
 symbol for Japanese post office
 窓口 madoguchi counter
 切手 kit-te stamp
 手紙 tegami letter
 小包 kozutsumi parcel, package
 航空書簡 kōkū-shokan aerogramme
 航空便 kōkūbin airmail
 速達 sokutatsu express mail
 書留 kakitome registered mail
 船便 funabin sea mail
 サル便 sarubin surface

mail, overland mail
 住所 jūsho address
 宛名 atena addressee
 印刷物 insatsubutsu printed matter
 留置 tomeoki poste restante, general delivery
 為替 kawase money order
 地方 chihō out of town
 外国向け gaikoku-muke overseas mail
 都区内 tokunai to other parts of Tokyo
 他府県 tafuken to other prefectures

Public Holidays

祝日 shukujitsu public holiday
 元日 Ganjitsu New Year's Day
 成人の日 Sējin-no-hi Coming-of-Age Day (2nd Monday in January)
 建国記念日 kenkoku-kinem-bi National Foundation Day (11 February)
 春分の日 shum-bun-no-hi Vernal Equinox
 みどりの日 midori-no-hi The Greenery Day (29 April)
 憲法記念日 kempōkinem-bi Constitution Day (3 May)

子供の日 *kodomo-no-hi*
 Boys' Festival, Children's
 Day (5 May)
 海の日 *Sea Day* (20 July)
 敬老の日 *keirō-no-hi*
 Respect the Aged Day (15
 September)
 秋分の日 *shūbun-no-hi*
 Autumnal Equinox
 体育の日 *tai-iku-no-hi*
 Sports Day (2nd Monday in
 October)
 文化の日 *bunka-no-hi*
 Culture Day (3 November)
 勤労感謝の日
kinrōkansha-no-hi Labour
 Thanksgiving Day (23
 November)
 天皇誕生日 *Ten-nō-tanjōbi*
 The Emperor's Birthday (23
 December)

Restaurants, Cafés and Bars

食堂 *shokudō* restaurant
 料理屋 *ryōri-ya* restaurant
 レストラン *restoran*
 restaurant
 割烹 *kap-pō* upmarket
 restaurant
 料亭 *ryōtei* upmarket
 restaurant
 和食 *washoku* Japanese

restaurant
 中華料理 *chūka-ryōri*
 Chinese restaurant
 天ぷら *tempura* restaurant
 specializing in deep-fried
 food
 小料理屋 *koryōri-ya* small
 restaurant usually serving
 local dishes
 飯屋 *meshi-ya* small local
 restaurant
 寿司処 *sushi-dokoro* sushi
 restaurant
 精進料理屋 *shōjin-ryōri-ya*
 vegetarian restaurant
 食事処 *shokji-dokoro* very
 small local restaurant
 営業中 *eigyō-chū* meals
 being served
 定食 *teishoku* set meal
 蕎麦 *soba* noodles
 ラーメン *rāmen* Chinese
 noodles
 お会計 *okaikai* cashier
 喫茶店 *kis-saten* coffee shop
 軽食喫茶 *keishoku-kis-sa*
 coffee shop serving light meals
 軽食 *keishoku* snackbar
 スナック *snak-ku*
 snackbar
 スナックバー *snak-kubā*
 snackbar
 バー *bā* bar
 居酒屋 *izaka-ya* bar,
 serving local cuisine

飲み屋 *nomi-ya* bar,
serving food, often from a
mobile stall

Road Signs

左折禁止 *sasetsu-kinshi*
no left turn

右折禁止 *usetsu-kinshi* no
right turn

停車禁止 *teisha-kinshi* no
stopping

通行禁止 *tsūkō-kinshi* no
through traffic

通行止め *tsūkō-dome* no
through traffic

スピードを落とせ
spīdo o otose reduce speed

最高速度 *saikō-sokudo*
maximum speed

道路工事 *dōrokōji* road
under construction

工事中 *kōji-chū* road works

急カーブ *kyūkābu* sharp
bend

徐行 *jokō* slow

一旦停止 *it-tan-teishi* stop

一旦停車 *it-tan-teisha* stop

止まれ *tomare* stop

この先百メートル
kono saki hyaku-mētoru 100
metres ahead

事故 *jiko* accident

注意 *chūi* caution

危険 *kiken* danger

回り道 *mawari-michi*
diversion, detour

高速道路 *kōsokudōro*
expressway

国道 *kokudō* national
motorway/highway

有料道路 *yūryōdōro* toll
road

料金 *ryōkin* fee

有料 *yūryō* fee charged

無料 *muryō* no charge

交差点 *kōsaten* junction,
intersection

本線 *honsen* lane for
through traffic

踏切 *fumikiri* level crossing,
railroad crossing

駐車場 *chūshajō* car park,
parking lot

非常駐車帯 *hijō-
chūsha-tai* emergency
parking area

一時預かり *ichiji-azukari*
short-term parking

駐車禁止 *chūsha-kinshi*
no parking

満車 *mansha* car park/
parking lot full

Shopping

• • • 屋 ...-ya

... shop/store

• • • 店 ...-ten

... shop/store

レジ reji cash desk, cashier
 会計 kaikai cashier
 お勘定 okanjō pay here
 骨董品店 kot-tōhin-ten
 antique shop, curiosity shop
 オーディオ製品 ōdio-
 seihin audio and hi-fi
 equipment
 パン屋 pan-ya baker's
 本屋 hon-ya bookshop,
 bookstore
 書店 shoten bookshop,
 bookstore
 肉屋 niku-ya butcher's
 ケーキ屋 kēki-ya cake shop
 カメラ屋 kamera-ya
 camera shop
 子供服 (売場)
 kodomofuku(-uriba)
 children's wear
 陶器 tōki china
 瀬戸物屋 setomono-ya
 china shop
 喫茶店 kis-saten coffee shop
 お菓子屋 okashi-ya
 confectioner's, candy store
 化粧品 keshōhin cosmetics
 デパート depāto
 department store
 クリーニング店
 kurīningu-ten dry cleaner's
 電気製品 denki-seihin
 electrical goods
 電気屋 denki-ya electrical
 goods shop

魚屋 sakana-ya fishmonger
 花屋 hana-ya florist
 食品 shokuhin food
 果物屋 kudamono-ya fruit
 shop
 八百屋 yao-ya greengrocer's
 食料品店 shokuryōhin-ten
 grocer's
 金物屋 kanamono-ya
 hardware store
 着物 kimono kimonos
 売店 baiten kiosk
 台所用品 daidokoro-yōhin
 kitchen goods
 婦人服 (売場) fujin-
 fuku(-uriba) ladies' wear
 department
 コインランドリー
 koin-randorī launderette,
 laundromat
 市場 ichiba market
 紳士服 (売場)
 shinshifuku(-uriba) menswear
 department
 酒屋 saka-ya off-licence,
 liquor store
 メガネ (店)
 megane(-ten) optician
 香水 kōsui perfumery
 薬屋 kusuri-ya pharmacy
 薬局 yak-kyoku pharmacy
 写真屋 shashin-ya
 photography shop
 レコード店 rekōdo-ten
 record shop, music store

古本屋 *furuhon-ya* second-hand bookshop/bookstore
 靴屋 *kutsu-ya* shoe shop
 土産店 *miyage-ten* souvenir shop
 スポーツ用品店 *spōtsu-yōhin-ten* sports shop
 文房具屋 *bumbōgu-ya* stationery shop
 スーパー *sūpā* supermarket
 おもちゃ売場 *omocha-uriba* toy department
 おもちゃ屋 *omocha-ya* toy shop
 旅行代理店 *ryokōdairi-ten* travel agency
 旅行会社 *ryokōgaisha* travel agency
 下着売場 *shitagi-uriba* underwear department
 お手を触れないでください *ote o furenaide kudasai* please do not touch
 バーゲン *bāgen* bargains
 大売り出し *ōuridashi* bargains, sale
 セール *sēru* sale
 セール実施中 *sēru-jis-shi-chū* sale now on
 特別価格 *tokubetsu-kakaku* special price
 お歳暮 *oseibo* year-end gifts
 歳末売り出し *saimatsu-*

uridashi year-end sale
 お中元 *ochūgen* mid-summer presents
 エスカレーター *esukarētā* escalator
 ・ ・ ・ 階 *...-kai* floor
 屋上 *okjō* roof

Streets and Roads

路線 *rosen* lane
 道路 *dōro* road
 幹線道路 *kansen-dōro* arterial road, trunk road
 高速道路 *kōsoku-dōro* motorway, highway
 追い越し線 *oikoshi-sen* lane for overtaking
 広場 *hiroba* square

Taxis

タクシー *takushī* taxi
 個人タクシー *kojin-takushī* mini-cab
 タクシー乗場 *takushī-noriba* taxi rank
 空車 *kūsha* for hire, free
 料金メーター *ryōkin-mētā* fare meter
 夜間割り増し料金 *yakan-warimashi-ryōkin* late-night fare

回送 *kaisō* out of service
 自動ドア *jidō-doa*
 automatic door

Timetables

時刻表 *jikokhyō* timetable,
 schedule
 到着 *tōchak* arrival
 出発 *shup-pats* departure
 発車 *has-sha* departure
 方面 *hōmen* direction
 行き先 *ikisaki* destination
 乗場 *noriba* boarding
 platform/track
 ・ ・ ・ 行き ... *iki* bound
 for ...
 経由 *keiyu* via
 ・ ・ ・ 線 ... *sen* ... line

Toilets

公衆便所 *kōshū benjo*
 public toilet
 化粧室 *keshōshits* toilet,
 rest room
 お手洗い *otearai* toilet(s),
 rest room(s)
 トイレ *toire* toilet, rest room
 便所 *benjo* toilet, rest room
 男子用 *danshi-yō* gents'
 toilet, men's room
 女子用 *joshi-yō* ladies'
 toilet, ladies' room
 紳士用 *shinshi-yō* gents'

toilet, men's room
 婦人用 *fujin-yō* ladies'
 toilet, ladies' room
 男 *otoko* men
 女 *onna* women
 使用中 *shiyō-chū*
 occupied, engaged
 空 *aki* vacant

Train Types

電車 *densha* train
 列車 *res-sha* train
 新幹線 *shinkansen* bullet
 train
 急行 *kyūkō* express
 ひかり *hikari* fastest bullet
 train
 普通 *futsū* local slow train
 stopping at all stations
 準急 *junkyū* semi-express
 こだま *kodama* slower
 bullet train
 特別急行 *tokbets-kyūkō*
 super express with limited
 stops only
 特急 *tok-kyū* super express
 with limited stops only
 グリーン車 *gurīn-sha*
 green car (first class)

Train and Underground Travel

鉄道 *tetsdō* railway, railroad

私鉄 *shitets* private railway

駅 *eki* station

・ ・ ・ 券 *...-ken* ... ticket

切符 *kip-p* ticket

回数券 *kaisūken* book of tickets

定期券 *teiki-ken* season ticket

前売券 *maeuri-ken* advance sale tickets

予約 *yoyak* reservations

指定席 (券) *shiteiseki (-ken)* reserved seat (ticket)

自由席 *jiyūseki* unreserved seat

切符売場 *kip-p-uriba* ticket office; ticket vending machine

窓口 *madoguchi* ticket window

出札口 *shus-sats-guchi* ticket window

みどりの窓口 *midori no madoguchi* first-class ticket window

料金表 *ryōkinhyō* table of charges

運賃表 *unchinhyō* table of fares

大人 *otona* adult

子供 *kodomo* child

団体 *dantai* group

個人 *kojin* individual

改札口 *kaisats-guchi* ticket barrier

入場券 *nyūjōken* platform ticket

ホ一ム *hōm* platform, (US) track

・ ・ ・ 番線 *...-bansen* platform ..., (US) track ...

座席 *zaseki* seat

席 *seki* seat

有効 *yūkō* valid

無効 *mukō* not valid

・ ・ ・ 円区間行き *...-en-kukan-yuki* for

destinations within the ...-yen zone (eg 200-yen zone)

下車前途無効 *gesha-zento-mukō* after alighting, not valid for further travel

発売当日限り有効 *hatsbai-tōjits-kagiri-yūkō*

valid only on day of purchase

精算所 *seisanjo* excess fare office

到着 *tōchak* arrival(s)

発車 *has-sha* departure(s)

出発 *shup-pats* departure(s)

乗り換え口 *norikae-guchi* this way for changing trains

車掌 *shashō* conductor

・ ・ ・ 号車 *...-gō-sha*

carriage ...
 食堂車 shokdō-sha dining
 car
 満員 man-in full
 回送 kaisō out of service
 荷物 nimotsu luggage, baggage
 コインロッカー koin-
 rok-kā coin-operated locker
 一時預かり所
 ichiji-azkari-jo left luggage
 office, baggage checkroom
 遺失物取扱所 ishitsu-
 toriatskai-jo lost property
 office, lost and found
 お忘れ物 owasure-mono
 lost property, lost and found
 待合室 machiai-shits
 waiting room
 地図 chizu map
 左側通行 hidarigawa-tsūkō
 keep to the left
 右側通行 migigawa-tsūkō
 keep to the right
 東口 higashi-guchi east exit
 (or entrance)
 北口 kita-guchi north exit
 (or entrance)
 南口 minami-guchi south
 exit (or entrance)
 西口 nishi-guchi west exit
 (or entrance)
 地下鉄 chikatets
 underground, (US) subway

Youth Hostels

ユースホステル
 yūs-hosteru youth hostel
 台所 daidokoro kitchen
 キッチン kit-chin kitchen
 コインランドリー
 koin-randorī launderette,
 laundromat
 売店 baiten shop
 シャワー shawā shower



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Essential Terms

bowl	chawan	茶碗
chopsticks	hashi	はし
cup	kap·p	カップ
dessert	dezāto	デザート
fork	fōk	フォーク
fried rice	chāhan	チャーハン
glass	kop·p	コップ
knife	naif	ナイフ
menu	menyū	メニュー
noodles	menrui	めん類
plate	sara	さら
rice (boiled)	gohan	ごはん
soup	sūp	スープ
soy sauce	shōyu	しょうゆ
spoon	spūn	スプーン
table	tēburu	テーブル

excuse me!

chot·to sumimasen!

ちょっとすみません!

could I have the bill, please?

okanjō o onegai shimas

お勘定をお願いします

Basic Foods

- パン *pan* bread
 バター *batā* butter
 みそ *miso* fermented soybean paste
 ケチャップ *kechappu* ketchup
 油 *abura* oil
 こしょう *koshō* pepper
 しお *shio* salt
 しょうゆ *shōyu* soy sauce
 さとう *satō* sugar

Basic Preparation and Cooking Methods

- バーベキューした *bābekyū shita* barbecued
 ゆでた *yudeta* boiled
 土鍋で煮た *donabe de nita* casserole
 煮た *nita* cooked
 揚げた *ageta* deep-fried
 干した *hoshita* dried
 焼いた *yaita* grilled
 漬けた *tsuketa* pickled
 ローストした *rōsto shita* roast
 蒸した *mushita* steamed
 煮込んだ *nikonda* stewed
 炒めた *itameta* stir-fried
 詰めものした *tsumemono shita* stuffed

Basic Set Meals

- 定食 *teishoku* set meal with rice, soup, pickles and main dish of meat or fish
 日替り定食 *higawari-teishoku* set meal of the day
 てんぷら定食 *tempura-teishoku* set meal with deep-fried prawns
 うなぎ定食 *unagi-teishoku* set meal with eel
 焼魚定食 *yakizakana-teishoku* set meal with fried fish
 焼肉定食 *yakiniku-teishoku* set meal with grilled meat
 とんかつ定食 *tonkatsu-teishoku* set meal with pork
 刺身定食 *sashimi-teishoku* set meal with raw fish

Bean Curd Dishes

- 豆腐 *tōfu* bean curd
 油揚げ *abura-age* deep-fried bean curd
 田楽 *dengaku* grilled bean curd on a wooden skewer

Beef and Beef Dishes

- 牛肉 *gyūniku* beef
 ビーフ *bīfu* beef
 すき焼き *sukiyaki* beef and vegetables cooked with soy sauce in a pot at the table
 鉄板焼き *tep-pan-yaki* beef and vegetables grilled at the table
 牛しょうが焼き *gyūshōgayaki* beef cooked in soy sauce with ginger
 牛照り焼き *gyūteriyaki* beef cooked in soy sauce and sake
 ビフテキ *bifuteki* beef steak
 焼肉 *yakiniku* fried beef marinated in soy sauce
 ローストビーフ *rōsto-bīfu* roast beef
 サーロイン *sāroin* sirloin
 しゃぶしゃぶ *shabushabu* sliced beef with vegetables boiled at the table
 ステーキ *stēki* steak

Biscuits, Cakes, Crackers and Sweets

- ビスケット *bisuket-to* biscuits, cookies
 クッキー *kuk-kī* biscuits, cookies
 ケーキ *kēki* cake
 わたあめ *wata-ame* candy floss, cotton candy
 チーズケーキ *chīzu-kēki* cheesecake
 チョコレート *chokorēto* chocolate
 お菓子 *okashi* confectionery
 シュークリーム *shūkurīmu* cream puff
 ドーナツ *dōnat-tsu* doughnut
 エクレア *ekurea* éclair
 和菓子 *wagashi* Japanese-style confectionery
 おこし *okoshi* popped rice confectionery
 ぜんざい *zenzai* rice cake with sweet bean sauce
 もち *mochi* rice cakes
 塩せんべい *shio-sembei* rice crackers flavoured with salt
 せんべい *sembei* rice crackers flavoured with soy

sauce
 まんじゅう *manjū* rice-
 flour cakes with sweet bean
 paste
 ようかん *yōkan* soft,
 sweet bean paste
 ショートケーキ *shōto-
 kēki* sponge cake with fresh
 cream and strawberries
 カステラ *kasutera* sponge
 cake
 おしるこ *oshiruko* sweet
 bean soup with rice cake
 くずもち *kuzumochi*
 triangles of arrowroot
 jelly in brown sugar
 syrup
 もなか *monaka* wafers
 filled with sweet bean paste

Chicken, Poultry etc

鶏肉 *toriniku* chicken
 鶏料理 *tori-ryōri* poultry
 dishes
 やきとり *yakitori*
 barbecued chicken on a
 skewer
 ささみ *sasami* breast
 がちょう *gachō* goose
 きじ *kiji* pheasant
 うずら *uzura* quail
 ローストチキン *rōsto-
 chikin* roast chicken

七面鳥 *shchimenchō*
 turkey

Chinese Food

中華料理 *Chūka-ryōri*
 Chinese-style cuisine
 麻婆豆腐 *mābōdōfu* bean
 curd in spicy sauce
 かに卵 *kanitama* crab
 omelette
 からあげ *kara-age* deep-
 fried pieces of pork or
 chicken
 はるまき *harumaki* deep-
 fried spring rolls
 ぎょうざ *gyōza* fried
 dumplings stuffed with
 minced pork
 八宝菜 *hap-pōsai* fried
 pork with vegetables
 チャーハン *chāhan* fried
 rice
 野菜炒め *yasai-itame*
 fried vegetables
 肉団子 *nikudango*
 meatballs
 やきそば *yakisoba*
 noodles fried in a wok
 ラーメン *rāmen* noodles
 in bouillon
 チャーシューメン
chāshūmen noodles in
 bouillon with slices of
 pork

みそラーメン *miso-rāmen* noodles in bouillon with fermented soybean paste
 タンメン *tam-men* noodles in bouillon with vegetables
 ワンタンメン *wantam-men* pork dumplings, served in bouillon with noodles
 シューマイ *shūmai* steamed pork meatballs in thin pastry
 すぶた *subuta* sweet and sour pork

Condiments, Herbs, Spices and Pickles

梅干し *umeboshi* dried, pickled sour Japanese plums
 納豆 *nat-tō* fermented soybeans
 しょうが *shōga* ginger
 みつば *mitsuba* Japanese coriander
 しそ *shiso* Japanese basil
 マヨネーズ *mayonēzu* mayonnaise
 からし *karashi* mustard
 パセリ *paseri* parsley
 こしょう *koshō* pepper

ドレッシング *dores-shingu* salad dressing
 しお *shio* salt
 しょうゆ *shōyu* soy sauce
 とんかつソース *tonkatsu-sōsu* thick sweet fruity sauce
 酢 *su* vinegar
 たくあん *taku-an* yellow radish pickles

Desserts

デザート *dezāto* desserts
 アップルパイ *ap-puru-pai* apple pie
 チョコレートアイス *chokorēto-aisu*
 クリーム *kurīmu* chocolate ice cream
 チョコレートムース *chokorēto-mūsu* chocolate mousse
 チョコレートサンデー *chokorēto-sandē* chocolate sundae
 コーヒーゼリー *kohī-zerī* coffee-flavoured jelly
 クレープ *kurēpu* crepe
 宇治氷 *uji-gōri* crushed ice with green tea syrup
 宇治金時 *uji-kintoki* crushed ice with green tea syrup and sweet bean paste
 氷レモン *kōri-remon* crushed ice with lemon

syrup
 氷メロン *kōri-meron*
 crushed ice with melon
 syrup
 氷いちご *kōri-ichigo*
 crushed ice with
 strawberry syrup
 氷あずき *kōri-azuki*
 crushed ice with sweet
 bean paste
 フルーツサラダ *frūtsu-*
sarada fruit cocktail, fruit
 salad
 フルーツゼリー *frūtsu-*
zerī fruit jelly
 みつまめ *mitsumame*
 gelatin cubes and sweet
 bean paste with pieces of
 fruit
 あんみつ *am-mitsu*
 gelatin cubes with sweet
 bean paste and pieces of
 fruit
 アイスクリーム *aisu-*
kurīmu ice cream
 ゼリー *zerī* jelly
 レモンパイ *remon-pai*
 lemon pie
 レモンスフレ *remon-*
sufure lemon soufflé
 ムース *mūsu* mousse
 シャーベット *shābet-to*
 sorbet
 ストロベリーアイス
 クリーム *storoberī-aisu-*

kurīmu strawberry ice cream
 ストロベリーサンデー
 — *storoberī-sandē*
 strawberry sundae
 プリン *purin* caramel
 custard
 バニラアイスクリー
 ム *banira-aisu-kurīmu*
 vanilla ice cream
 ヨーグルト *yōguruto*
 yoghurt

Eggs and Egg Dishes

卵 *tamago* egg
 かに卵 *kanitama* crab
 omelette
 めだまやき *medama-yaki*
 fried egg
 ゆでたまご *yude-tamago*
 hard-boiled egg
 オムレツ *omuretsu*
 omelette
 たまごやき *tamago-yaki*
 Japanese-style omelette
 オムライス *omuraisu*
 omelette with rice
 おとしたまご *otoshi-*
tamago poached egg
 茶碗蒸し *chawam-mushi*
 savoury custard with egg
 and fish
 半熟たまご *hanjuku-*

tamago soft-boiled egg
 たまごスープ tamago-sūpu soup with egg
 たまご豆腐 tamago-dōfu steamed egg

Fish

あわび awabi abalone
 赤貝 akagai ark shell
 ふぐ fugu blowfish
 みる貝 mirugai boiled round clams
 かつお katsuo bonito, tunny
 こい koi carp
 はまぐり hamaguri clams
 たら tara cod
 たらこ tarako cod roe
 あなご anago conger eel
 しじみ shijimi corbicula
 かに kani crab
 からすみ karasumi dried mullet roe
 うなぎ unagi eel
 ひらめ hirame flatfish
 とびうお tobi-uo flying fish
 きんめだい kim-me-dai gold-eyed bream
 にしん nishin herring
 かずのこ kazunoko herring roe
 あじ aji horse mackerel
 くらげ kurage jellyfish

たらばがに taraba-gani king crab
 どじょう dojō loach
 いせえび ise-ebi lobster
 さば saba mackerel
 中トロ chū-toro medium fatty tuna
 あんこう ankō monkfish
 ムール貝 mūru-gai mussels
 たこ tako octopus
 かき kaki oyster
 さんま sam-ma Pacific saury
 かます kamasu pike, barracuda
 くるまえび kuruma-ebi prawns
 にじます nijimasu rainbow trout
 刺身 sashimi raw fish
 たいらぎ tairagi razor shell ligament
 さけ sake salmon
 イクラ ikura salmon roe
 いわし iwashi sardines
 たちうお tachi-uo scabbard fish
 ほたて貝 hotategai scallops
 貝柱 kai-bashira scallops
 すずき suzuki sea bass
 たい tai sea bream
 はも hamo sea eel
 きす kisu sea smelt
 うに uni sea urchin

さめ same shark
 あさり asari short-necked clam
 えび ebi shrimps, prawns
 ししゃも shishamo smelt
 スモークサーモン sumōku-sāmon smoked salmon
 トロ toro soft, fatty pink belly of tuna
 したびらめ shita-birame sole
 いか ika squid
 あゆ ayu sweet smelt
 かじき kajiki swordfish
 さざえ sazae top-shell
 なまこ namako trepang
 ます masu trout
 まぐろ maguro tuna
 かれい karei turbot
 すっぽん sup-pon turtle
 ふか fuka type of shark
 くじら kujira whale
 しらす shirasu whitebait
 ぶり buri yellowtail

Fish Dishes

ふぐ料理 fugu-ryōri blowfish cuisine
 かばやき kabayaki broiled eel
 うな重 unajū broiled eel on rice
 うな井 unadon broiled eel

on rice in a bowl
 炉ばた焼き robata-yaki charcoal-grilled fish and vegetables
 あじのたたき aji no tataki chopped raw horse mackerel, mild ginger and herbs
 てんぷら tempura deep-fried seafood and vegetables
 たこやき takoyaki dumplings with small pieces of octopus
 鍋物 nabemono fish and vegetables cooked in a pot at the table
 寄せ鍋 yosenabe fish and vegetables cooked in a pot at the table
 刺身 sashimi raw fish
 すし sushi raw fish on rice balls
 ふぐ刺し fugu-sashi raw sliced blowfish
 鉄火丼 tek-kadon rice in a bowl topped with slices of raw tuna
 ふぐちり fugu-chiri shredded blowfish in vegetable chowder
 おでん oden vegetables and fish dumplings stewed in a thin soy soup, served hot

Fruit, Nuts and Seeds

- くだもの kudamono fruit
 フルーツ frūtsu fruit
 アーモンド āmondo
 almonds
 りんご rin-go apple
 バナナ banana banana
 さくらんぼ sakurambo
 cherries
 くり kuri chestnuts
 ココナッツ kokonat-tsu
 coconut
 いちじく ichijiku figs
 ぎんなん gin-nan ginkgo
 nuts
 グレープフルーツ
 grēpu-frūtsu grapefruit
 ぶどう budō grapes
 うめ ume Japanese plum
 レモン remon lemon
 メロン meron melon
 オレンジ orenji orange
 もも momo peach
 ピーナッツ pīnat-tsu
 peanuts
 なし nashi pear
 かき kaki persimmon,
 sharon fruit
 パイナップル
 painap-puru pineapple
 すもも sumomo plum
 ざくろ zakuro
 pomegranate

- ごま goma sesame seeds
 いちご ichigo strawberries
 みかん mikan tangerine
 くるみ kurumi walnuts
 すいか suika watermelon

Lunch Boxes

- 弁当 bentō boxed lunch
 幕の内弁当 makunouchi-
 bentō boxed lunch with
 rice, meat and vegetables

Meat and Meat Dishes

(see also beef,

chicken, poultry etc and pork)

- 肉 niku meat
 ベーコン bēkon bacon
 バーベキュー — bābekyū
 barbecue
 ロールキャベツ rōru-
 kyabetsu cabbage rolls filled
 with minced meat
 あばら肉 abaraniku chops
 コロッケ korok-ke
 croquettes
 カツレツ katsuretsu
 cutlets
 串揚げ kushi-age deep-
 fried meat on skewers
 ヒレ肉 hireniku fillet
 ハム ham ham
 ハンバーグ hambāgu

hamburger
 腎臓 *jinzō* kidney
 ラム *ramu* lamb
 レバー *rebā* liver
 肉団子 *nikudango* meat-filled dumplings
 ひき肉 *hikiniku* minced beef, pork or chicken
 マトン *maton* mutton
 骨付き *honetsuki* on the bone
 ソーセージ *sōsēji* sausage
 仔羊肉の串焼き *ramu-no-kushiyaki* skewered lamb
 スペアリブ *speyarib* spare ribs
 ちゃんこ鍋 *chanko-nabe* thick meat and vegetable stew
 タン *tan* tongue
 モツ *motsu* tripe
 仔牛肉 *koushi-niku* veal

Menu Terms

メニュー *menyū* menu
 並 *nami* cheaper selection
 本日のおすすめ品 *honjitsu no osusume-hin* chef's speciality of the day
 中華料理 *Chūka-ryōri* Chinese-style cuisine
 デザート *dezāto* desserts
 上 *jō* expensive selection

フランス料理 *Fransu-ryōri* French-style cuisine
 くだもの *kudamono* fruit
 イタリア料理 *Itaria-ryōri* Italian-style cuisine
 日本料理 *Nihon-ryōri* Japanese-style cuisine
 懐石料理 *kaiseki-ryōri* Japanese haute cuisine
 メインコース *mein-kōsu* main course
 肉 *niku* meat
 郷土料理 *kyōdo-ryōri* regional specialities
 定食 *teishoku* set meal
 スープ *sūpu* soups
 オードブル *ōdoburu* starters, appetizers
 野菜 *yasai* vegetables
 精進料理 *shōjin-ryōri* vegetarian cuisine
 西洋料理 *sei'yō-ryōri* Western-style cuisine

Noodles

そば *soba* buckwheat noodles
 うどん *udon* thick noodles made from wheatflour
 しらたき *shirataki* translucent, thin noodles made from potato flour
 そうめん *sōmen* very

thin wheatflour vermicelli
served cold with soy-sauce
dipping sauce
やきそば **yakisoba**
Chinese noodles fried in a
wok
ラーメン **rāmen** Chinese
noodles in bouillon
チャーシューメン
chāshūmen Chinese
noodles in bouillon with
slices of pork
みそラーメン **miso-**
rāmen Chinese noodles in
bouillon with fermented
soybean paste
チャンポン **champon**
Chinese noodles in salted
bouillon with vegetables
天ざる **ten-zaru** cold
noodles served with deep-
fried shrimps
冷し中華 **hiyashi-chūka**
cold noodles with slices of
meat and vegetables in
vinegary sauce
ざるそば／うどん
zaru-soba/udon cold
noodles with sweet soy
sauce for dipping
かきたま **kakitama**
noodles and egg in fish
soup
五目そば **gomoku-soba**
noodles in bouillon with

vegetables and meat
カレー南蛮 **karē-namban**
noodles in curry-flavoured
soup with pork or beef
とろろそば **tororo-soba**
noodles in fish bouillon
garnished with grated yam
月見そば／うどん
tsukimi-soba/udon noodles
in fish bouillon with a raw
egg
鴨南蛮 **kamo-namban**
noodles in fish bouillon
with chicken
きつねそば／うどん
kitsune-soba/udon noodles
in fish bouillon with deep-
fried bean curd
てんぷらそば **tempura-**
soba noodles in fish
bouillon with deep-fried
shrimps
おかめそば／うどん
okame-soba/udon noodles
in fish bouillon with fish
dumplings
なめこそば／うどん
nameko-soba/udon noodles
in fish bouillon with
Japanese small mushrooms
肉南蛮 **niku-namban**
noodles in fish bouillon
with pork or beef
たぬきそば／うどん
tanuki-soba/udon noodles in

fish bouillon with small pieces of deep-fried batter

あんかけそば／うどん
 ん *ankake-soba/udon*
 noodles in thick bouillon with fish dumplings and vegetables

Pork and Pork Dishes

豚肉 *butaniku* pork
 ポーク *pōku* pork
 とんかつ *tonkatsu* deep-fried pork cutlets
 かつ丼 *katsudon* deep-fried pork on rice
 骨付き豚肉 *honetsuki-butaniku* pork chop
 豚しょうが焼き *buta-shōgayaki* pork cooked in soy sauce with ginger
 カツカレー *katsukarē* pork cutlets with curry
 豚照り焼き *buta-teriyaki* pork cooked in soy sauce and sake
 ローストポーク *rōsto-pōku* roast pork
 バター焼き *batāyaki* sliced pork (or beef) fried in butter

Rice and Rice Dishes

ごはん *gohan* rice
 ライス *raisu* rice
 うな重 *unajū* broiled eel on rice
 丼物 *dom-mono* bowl of rice with something on top
 親子丼 *oyakodon* dom-mono with chicken and egg
 かつ丼 *katsudon* dom-mono with deep-fried breaded pork cutlet
 天丼 *tendon* dom-mono with deep-fried shrimps
 卵丼 *tamagodon* dom-mono with soft scrambled eggs and onions
 うな丼 *unadon* dom-mono with broiled eel
 中華丼 *chūkadon* dom-mono with pork and vegetables
 牛丼 *gyūdon* dom-mono with sliced beef
 チャーハン *chāhan* fried rice
 おにぎり *onigiri* riceballs
 もち *mochi* rice cakes
 お茶づけ *ochazuke* rice in tea or fish bouillon
 釜飯 *kamameshi* rice steamed in fish bouillon

with pieces of meat, fish
and vegetables

チキンライス chikin-rais
rice with chicken, cooked
in tomato sauce

カレーライス karērais
rice with curry-flavoured
stew

オムライス omurais rice
wrapped in a plain
omelette

ハヤシライス hayashi-
rais diced beef in gravy on
rice

Salads

サラダ sarada salad

生野菜 nama-yasai salad

ミックスサラダ
mik-kus-sarada mixed salad

ポテトサラダ poteto-
sarada potato salad

ドレッシング
dores-shingu salad dressing

Snacks

チーズバーガー chīzu-
bāgā cheeseburger

ポテトフライ poteto-
frai chips, French fries

ポテトチップ poteto-
chipu crisps, (US) potato
chips

ハンバーガー hambāgā
hamburger

ハムサンド hamusando
ham sandwich

ホットドッグ
hot-todog-gu hotdog

とうもろこし tōmorokoshi
roasted corn on the cob

サンドイッチ sandoichi-chi
sandwich

スパゲッティ spaget-ti
spaghetti

トースト tōsto toast

ツナサンド tsunasando
tuna sandwich

Soups

スープ sūpu soups (usually
Western-style)

汁物 shirumono soups
(Japanese-style)

吸物 suimono clear fish
bouillon with meat, fish or
vegetable

すまし汁 sumashi-jiru
clear fish bouillon with
meat, fish or vegetable

コンソメスープ
konsome-sūpu consommé

野菜のクリームスー
プ yasai no kurīmu-sūpu
cream of vegetable soup

オニオングラタン
スープ onion-guratan-
soup

sūpu onion soup au gratin
 味噌汁 misoshiru soup
 with bean paste
 ポターージュ potāju thick
 soup
 トマトスープ tomato-
 sūpu tomato soup
 そば soba buckwheat
 noodles in bouillon
 うどん udon thick
 noodles made from
 wheatflour in bouillon
 ラーメン rāmen Chinese
 noodles in bouillon

Starters and Appetizers

オードブル ōdoburu
 starters, appetizers
 おつまみ otsumami Jap-
 anese-style starter/appetizer
 アスパラガス
 asuparagasu asparagus
 キャビア kyabia caviar
 セロリ serori celery
 はまぐり hamaguri clams
 かに kani crab
 フルーツジュース
 frūtsu-jūsū fruit juice
 ハム ham ham
 にしん nishin herring
 いせえび ise-ebi lobster
 メロン meron melon

マッシュルーム
 mashrūmu mushrooms
 かき kaki oysters
 くるまえび kuruma-ebi
 prawns
 魚の卵 sakana no tamago
 roe
 サラダ sarada salad
 サラミ sarami salami
 さけ sake salmon
 ソーセージ sōsēji
 sausage
 小えび ko-ebi shrimps
 まぐろ maguro tuna

Sushi Dishes

すし sushi raw fish on
 riceballs
 握りずし nigiri-zushi raw
 fish on seasoned riceballs
 五目ずし gomoku-zushi
 mixed fish and vegetables
 on rice
 ちらしずし chirashi-
 zushi mixed raw fish on
 rice
 押しずし oshi-zushi sushi
 cut in squares
 さばずし saba-zushi sushi
 with vinegared mackerel
 かっぱ巻き kap-pa-maki
 cucumber and seasoned
 rice wrapped in seaweed
 お新香巻き oshinko-maki

pickles and seasoned rice wrapped in seaweed
 茶巾ずし *chakin-zushi* seasoned rice wrapped in egg crepe
 いなりずし *inari-zushi* seasoned rice wrapped in deep-fried bean curd
 のり巻き *norimaki* sliced roll of rice, vegetables or cooked gourd wrapped in seaweed
 鉄火巻き *tek-ka-maki* tuna and seasoned rice wrapped in seaweed
 わさび *wasabi* very spicy horseradish served with sushi

Vegetables

野菜 *yasai* vegetables
 あずき *azuki* adzuki beans
 アスパラガス *asuparagasu* asparagus
 なす *nasu* aubergine, eggplant
 アボカド *abokado* avocado
 やきいも *yaki-imo* baked yam
 たけのこ *takenoko* bamboo shoots
 しなちく *shinachiku* bamboo shoots cooked in

soy sauce, sugar and sesame oil
 まめ *mame* beans
 もやし *moyashi* bean sprouts
 ビーツ *bitsu* beet
 てんさい *tensai* beetroot
 えだまめ *edamame* boiled green soybeans
 おひたし *ohitashi* boiled spinach with seasoning
 そらまめ *soramame* broad beans
 ブロccoli *burok-kori* broccoli
 しめじ *shimeji* brown button mushrooms
 芽キャベツ *mekyabetsu* Brussels sprouts
 ごぼう *gobō* burdock root
 キャベツ *kyabetsu* cabbage
 にんじん *ninjin* carrot
 カリフラワー *karifrawā* cauliflower
 セロリ *serori* celery
 プチトマト *puchi-tomato* cherry tomatoes
 チコリ *chikori* chicory
 白菜 *hakusai* Chinese cabbage
 春菊 *shun-giku* chrysanthemum greens
 とうもろこし *tōmorokoshi* corn on the

cob
 ズッキーニ *zūk-kīni*
 courgette, zucchini
 きゅうり *kyūri* cucumber
 かんぴょう *kampyō*
 dried gourd shavings
 しいたけ *shītake* dried
 mushrooms
 のり *nori* dried seaweed
 なめこ *nameko* edible
 fungus
 きくらげ *kikurage* edible
 tree fungus
 エンヂューブ *endību*
 endive
 きんぴら *kimpira* fried
 burdock root and carrot
 にんにく *nin-niku* garlic
 ししとう *shishitō* green
 chilli pepper
 ピーマン *pīman* green
 pepper
 さやいんげん *saya-*
ingen haricot beans
 わさび *wasabi* Japanese
 green horseradish
 まつたけ *matsutake*
 Japanese mushrooms, with
 a distinctive aromatic
 flavour
 いんげんまめ
ingen-mame kidney beans
 小松菜 *komatsuna* leafy
 cabbage
 ねぎ *negi* leeks

レタス *retasu* lettuce
 れんこん *renkon* lotus
 root
 かぼちゃ *kabocha*
 pumpkin, squash
 マッシュルーム *mash-*
rūmu mushrooms (Western)
 きのこと *kinoko* mushrooms
 (general term)
 からし菜 *karashina*
 mustard greens
 おくら *okura* okra
 たまねぎ *tamanegi* onion
 えんどうまめ
endōmame peas
 ポテト *poteto* potato
 じゃがいも *jagaimo*
 potato
 はつかだいこん
hatsuka-daikon radish
 ひじき *hijiki* seaweed
 cooked in soy sauce and
 sugar
 ごま *goma* sesame seeds
 だいず *daizu* soybeans
 ほうれんそう *hōrensō*
 spinach
 なら *nira* spring onions
 わけぎ *wakegi* spring
 onions
 コーン *kōn* sweetcorn
 さつまいも *satsumaimo*
 sweet potato
 さといも *satoimo* taro
 potato

- トマト tomato tomato
かぶ kabu turnip
わかめ wakame type of
seaweed
こんぶ kombu type of
seaweed
クレソン kureson
watercress
ふき fuki wild butterbur
(green vegetable stalk)
やまいも yamaimo yam
えのきだけ enokidake
yellow button mushrooms



Menu
Reader:
Drink

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Essential Terms

beer *bīru* ビールbottle *bin* びんcoffee *kōhī* コーヒーcup *kap·pu* カップglass *kop·pu* コップmilk *miruku* ミルクmineral water *mineraru-uōtā* ミネラルウォーターorange juice *orenji-jūsū* オレンジジュースred wine *aka-wain* 赤ワインrice wine *sake* 酒soft drink *sofuto-dorinku* ソフトドリンクsugar *satō* さとうtea *kōcha* 紅茶(green) *ocha* お茶water *mizu* 水white wine *shiro-wain* 白ワインwine *wain* ワインwhisky *uiskī* ウィスキー

a cup of ..., please

... *o hitotsu kudasai*

…をひとつください

another beer, please

bīru o mō hitotsu onegai shimasu

ビールをもうひとつお願いします

a glass of sake

sake o ip·pai

酒を一杯

Beer, Spirits, Wine etc

ビール *bīru* beer
 ブランディー brandī
brandy
 シャンペン *shampen*
champagne
 日本酒冷や *Nihonshu*
hiya chilled rice wine
 生ビール *nama-bīru*
draught beer
 辛口 *karakuchi* dry
 ジン *jin gin*
 ジントニック *jin-toniku*
gin and tonic
 ジンフィズ *jin-fizu* gin
fizz
 日本酒熱燗 *Nihonshu*
atsukan heated rice wine
 リキュール *rikyūru*
liqueur
 マティーニ *matīni*
martini
 ポートワイン *pōto-wain*
port
 赤ワイン *aka-wain* red
wine
 酒 *sake* rice wine
 地酒 *jizake* rice wine (local
 variety)
 升酒 *masuzake* rice wine
 served in wooden box cup
 ラム *ramu* rum
 オンザロック *onza-*

rok-ku scotch on the rocks
 スパークリング
spākuringu sparkling
 甘口 *amakuchi* sweet
 トニックウォーター
toniku-uōtā tonic
 ベルモット *berumot-to*
vermouth
 焼酎 *shōchū* very strong,
 transparent, colourless spirit
 ウッカ *uok-ka* vodka
 ウィスキー *uiskī* whisky
 水割り *mizuwari* whisky
 with water
 白ワイン *shiro-wain*
white wine
 ワイン *wain* wine

Coffee, Tea etc

お飲物 *o-nomimono*
beverages
 玄米茶 *gem-mai-cha*
ban-cha tea with roasted
 rice
 抹茶 *mat-cha* bitter green
 tea made of fine tea
 powder
 ブラックコーヒー
buraku-kōhī black coffee
 紅茶 *kōcha* black tea,
 similar to English tea
 ウーロン茶 *ūron-cha*
Chinese tea
 コーヒー *kōhī* coffee

お茶 ocha green tea
 ココア kokoa hot
 chocolate
 アイスティー ais-tī iced
 tea
 アイスコーヒー ais-
 kōhī iced coffee
 番茶 ban-cha inexpensive
 tea with large leaves
 レモンティー remon-tī
 lemon tea
 煎茶 sencha medium-
 grade green tea
 ミルク miruk milk
 お砂糖 osatō sugar
 ほうじ茶 hōjicha tea
 made with roasted ban-cha
 leaves
 ミルクティー miruk-tī
 tea with milk
 ミルクコーヒー miruk-
 kōhī white coffee, coffee
 with milk

Soft Drinks

りんごジュース rin-go-
 jūs apple juice
 コーヒー牛乳 kōhī-
 gyūnyū coffee-flavoured
 milk
 コカコーラ kōka-kōra
 Coke®
 コーラ kōrā cola
 ファンタ fanta Fanta®

グレープフルーツ
 ジュース gurēp-frūts-jūs
 grapefruit juice
 グレープジュース
 gurēp-jūs grape juice
 ソーダ水 sōdā-sui green,
 sweet soda pop
 お冷や ohiya iced water
 レモネード remonēdo
 lemonade
 レモンスカッシュ
 remon-skash lemon squash
 メロンジュース meron-
 jūs melon juice
 ミルク miruk milk
 ミネラルウォーター
 mineraru-uōtā mineral water
 オレンジジュース
 orenji-jūs orange juice
 オレンジスカッシュ
 orenji-skash orange squash
 ペプシ Pepusi Pepsi®
 パインジュース pain-
 jūs pineapple juice
 サイダー saidā soda pop
 いちご牛乳 ichigo-
 gyūnyū strawberry milk
 トマトジュース
 tomato-jūs tomato juice
 みず mizu water
 氷水 kōrimizu water with
 ice



How the Language Works

Pronunciation

Throughout this book, Japanese words have been transliterated into romanized form so that they can be read as though they were English, bearing in mind the notes on pronunciation given below.

- a as in **r**ather
- e as in **b**ed; **e** is always pronounced, even at the end of a word
- i like the **ee** in **f**ee*t*, but slightly shorter
- o as in **n**ot
- u as in **p**ut
- ae separate **a** followed by **e**, pronounced **ah-eh**
- ai as in **T**hai
- ei as in **w**ei*ght*
- ie separate **ee** followed by **e**, pronounced **ee-eh**
- ue separate **u** followed by **e**, pronounced **oo-eh**
- g hard **g** as in **g**irl
- s always as in **m**ass (never **z**)
- y as in **y**et

A bar over a vowel means that it is twice as long as a vowel without a bar.

A dot (·) between two letters indicates a slight pause.

Note that **ing** in Japanese is pronounced more strongly than in English.

In spoken Japanese the sounds *u* and *i*, in certain contexts, are shortened and can become barely audible. In this book we show *u* and *i* in italics to mean that their pronunciation is clipped. For example, **desu** is pronounced as **des**.

Japanese is generally evenly stressed, with all syllables having the same emphasis.

Abbreviations

f	feminine	pol	polite
m	masculine	pl	plural
ob. part.	object particle	sing	singular
part.	particle	sub. part.	subject particle

General

The Japanese language has a number of characteristics which are very different from European languages, the most important of these being that there are no changes for case, number or gender and that verbs do not change according to the person or number. Also, pronouns, both personal and impersonal, are often omitted.

Another distinctive feature of Japanese is that small words known as postpositional particles are used after a noun or pronoun to indicate whether it is the subject, object or indirect object of a sentence. See pages 269.

Articles

There is no equivalent in Japanese for either the definite article 'the' or the indefinite articles 'a' and 'an'. The exact meaning of a word or phrase will be clear from the context. Therefore, **zas-shi** (magazine) can mean 'a magazine' or 'the magazine'.

If you want to be more precise, you can use the demonstrative adjectives **sono/ano** (that) or **kono** (this) with the appropriate word (see page 282).

The number **hitots** (one) (see page 286) can also be used to translate 'a/an', but generally this is not necessary:

biru hitots, onegai shimas

['beer one please']

a beer, please

Nouns

Japanese nouns only have one form. Singular and plural forms of nouns are the same and there are no distinctions for gender (masculine/feminine/neuter). Therefore:

hon can mean ‘a book’, ‘the book’, ‘books’, ‘some books’ or ‘the books’

bīru can mean: ‘a beer’, ‘the beer’, ‘beers’, ‘some beers’ or ‘the beers’

Usually, what you mean will be perfectly clear from the context. Where necessary, you can be more specific by using numbers (see Counting, page 286).

Although the form of the noun itself does not change, grammatical particles placed after the noun indicate whether it is the subject, object or indirect object of a sentence:

watashi no fak-kusu wa todokimashita ka?

[‘I’ + possessive part. ‘fax’ + sub. part. + ‘arrived’ + question part.]

has my fax arrived yet?

fak-kusu o okurimashita ka?

[‘fax’ + ob. part. + ‘sent’ + question part.]

did you send the fax?

Wa and **o** are known as postpositional particles (see page 273).

One interesting aspect of many nouns is that they can be changed into verbs by just adding **suru** (to do) or **shimas** (polite form of ‘to do’). Thus, **dokusho** is the Japanese word for ‘reading’, and **dokusho suru** is the equivalent of ‘to read’.

Pronouns

Generally, pronouns are omitted in Japanese whenever possible, but occasionally it might be necessary to use them for emphasis or to avoid misunderstanding. It should be remembered that, on the whole, use of pronouns does not show respect and should be avoided, especially when addressing one’s superiors. If it does become necessary to use a personal pronoun, the words listed in the sections that follow can be used.

Personal Pronouns

watashi	I
bok	I (m, fam)
watakshi	I (pol)
anata	you (sing)
kimi	you (sing, fam, to a subordinate)
kare	he
kanojo	she
watashitachi	we
anatatachi	you (pl)
kimitachi	you (pl, fam, to subordinates)
karera	they (m)
kanojotachi	they (f)
sorera	they (inanimate objects)

watashi wa Igris-jin des

['I' + sub. part. + 'English am']

I'm English

The subject of the sentence above is followed by the subject particle **wa** (see page 270).

Care should also be taken not to address Japanese using **anata**, the direct translation of 'you'. The best way to say, for example, 'where are you going?' in Japanese, is to use the person's name plus **-san**, instead of the word for 'you'. Another acceptable way to say this is to omit both 'you' and the name in Japanese.

Eigo o hanasemas ka?

['English' + ob. part. + 'speak can' + question part.]

do you speak English?

Nakada-san wa Frans-go o hanasemas ka?

['surname Mr' + sub. part. + 'French' + ob. part. + 'speak' + question part.]

Mr Nakada, do you speak French?

The form of the pronoun does not change, but there is a change in the postpositional particle that is placed after the pronoun; for direct object pronouns, use **o** instead of **wa**:

watashi o	me
bok o	me (m, fam)
watakshi o	me (pol)
anata o	you (sing)
kimi o	you (sing, fam, to a subordinate)
kare o	him
kanojo o	her
watashitachi o	us
anatatachi o	you (pl)
kimitachi o	you (pl, fam, to subordinates)
karera o	them (m)
kanojotachi o	them (f)
sorera o	them (inanimate objects)

kare o yonde kimashō

['he' + ob. part. + 'fetch']

I'll get him

'It'

Japanese has no word that is equivalent to the English pronoun 'it'; 'it' will be understood in phrases like the following:

doko desu ka?

['where is' + question part.]

where is it?

tōi desu ka?

['far is' + question part.]

is it far?

ame ga fut-te imasu

['rain' + sub. part. + 'fall is']

it's raining

If you really need to emphasise 'it', you can use **sore**, but this is a demonstrative pronoun rather than a personal pronoun, and actually means 'that':

sore wa kare no kuruma des

['that' + sub. part. + 'he' + possessive part. + 'car is']
it's his car

Demonstrative Pronouns

kore this (one); these (ones)

sore that (one); those (ones) (nearby or just mentioned)

are that (one); those (ones) (further away)

kore wa watashi no des

['this' + sub. part. + 'I of am']
this is mine

sore dewa nak, kore des

['that as for not this is']
not that one, this one

are wa takai des

['that' + sub. part. + 'expensive is']
that one is expensive

See Demonstrative Adjectives, page 282.

Possessives

Possessive adjectives and pronouns are the same in Japanese. To form the possessive, add the particle **no** to the pronoun:

watashi no	my; mine
bok no	my; mine (m, fam)
watakushi no	my; mine (pol)
anata no	your; yours (sing)
kimi no	you (sing, fam, to a subordinate)
kare no	his
kanojo no	her; hers
watashitachi no	our; ours
anatatachi no	your; yours (pl)
kimitachi no	you (pl, fam, to subordinates)
karera no	their; theirs (m)
kanojotachi no	their; theirs (f)
sorera no	their; theirs (inanimate objects)

watashi no desu

['I' + possessive part. + 'be']
it's mine

watashi no heya de

['I' + possessive part. + 'room in']
in my room

The possessive is generally omitted if the meaning is clear from the context:

handobag-gu o nakushimashita

['handbag' + ob. part. + 'lost']
I've lost my handbag

In phrases like the one below, it's more respectful to use the possessive particle with the person's name or job title:

shachō no kuruma

['director' + possessive part. + 'car']
the director's car

rather than:

kare no kuruma

['he' + possessive part. + 'car']
his car

even if the English phrase doesn't use the name or title.

Postpositional Particles

Postpositional particles are small words that always follow the word they relate to. They have two main functions:

- a) They indicate whether a noun or pronoun is the subject, object or indirect object of a sentence.
- b) They are the equivalent of certain English grammatical elements, for example, prepositions (to, from, with etc), constructions such as 'and', 'because', 'also', and they are also used to indicate a question.

The following list shows the meanings of the various particles in brief; for further information and examples, see the text that follows this list.

ga	follows the subject of a sentence, emphasises the subject
wa	follows the subject of a sentence
o	follows the object of a sentence
ni	follows the indirect object of a sentence; or means on, in, to, at (referring to time and location)
e	to (indicates motion towards); towards; until
made	to; up to; until; as far as
kara	from; since
de	by, by means of; with; at; on; in (referring to location)
to	with, accompanied by; and, that
mo	too, also; even; both ... and; neither ... nor
no	of; possessive
ka?	question particle
ne?	question tag: isn't it?, haven't we?, haven't you? etc

Subject Particles

To indicate that a word is the subject of a sentence, the particles **ga** or **wa** are used:

onaka ga sukimashita ka?

['stomach' + sub. part. + 'empty' + question part.]

are you hungry?

The particle **ga** can indicate that the subject of the sentence is more important than the text that follows. In English this distinction can be achieved by tone of voice:

watashi ga ikimasu

['I' + sub. part. + 'will go']

I will go, it's me who's going (not anyone else)

watashi ga haraimasu

['I' + sub. part. + 'pay']

I'll pay (nobody else has to pay)

If **wa** is used instead of **ga**, this gives less emphasis to the subject and more to the rest of the text:

watashi wa Amerika-jin desu **watashi wa gakusei desu**
 ['I' + sub. part. + 'American am'] ['I' + sub. part. + 'student am']
 I'm American I'm a student

Ga is often used if the verb is **arimasu** or **imasu**:

kyō wa sumō ga arimasu
 ['today' + sub. part. + 'sumo' + sub. part. + 'is']
 there's a sumo match today

and **wa** is often used when the verb is **des** or a negative:

sore wa totemo omoshiroi desu
 ['that' + sub. part. + 'very interesting is']
 that's very interesting

watashi wa Ijirisu-jin desu
 ['I' + sub. part. + 'English am']
 I'm English

watashi wa ikimasen
 ['I' + sub. part. + 'go' + negative]
 I'm not going

kono hon wa omoshiroku nai desu
 ['this book' + sub. part. + 'interesting not is']
 this book is not interesting

Object Particle

The object particle **o** is placed after the object of the verb:

yoyaku o shite arimasu
 ['reservation' + ob. part. + 'made']
 I have a reservation

Eigo o hanasemasu ka?
 ['English' + ob. part. + 'speak can' + question part.]
 can you speak English?

Indirect Object Particle

The particle **ni** is used to indicate an indirect object:

sensei ni wain o agemashita

['teacher' + ind. ob. part. + 'wine' + ob. part. + 'gave']

I gave the teacher a bottle of wine

Other Particles

The particle **e** indicates motion towards something:

Kōbe e ikimasu

['Kobe to go']

I'm going to Kobe

The particle **made** means 'to', 'up to', 'until' or 'as far as':

kūkō made, onegai shimasu

['airport to please']

to the airport, please

... made nan-kiro arimasu ka?

['... to how many kilometres is' + question part.]

how many kilometres is it to ...?

Doyōbi made

['Saturday until']

until Saturday

The particle **kara** means 'from' or 'since':

Rondon kara Tōkyō made

['London from Tokyo to']

from London to Tokyo

senshū kara

['last week since']

since last week

The particle **ni** (as well as being the indirect object particle) means 'on', 'in', 'to' or 'at', referring to time or location:

Doyōbi ni

['Saturday on']

on Saturday

Hiruton hoteru ni tomat-te imasu

['Hilton Hotel at staying']

I'm staying at the Hilton Hotel

Tōkyō ni oba ga sunde imasu

['Tokyo in aunt' + sub. part. + 'lives']

my aunt lives in Tokyo

The particle **de** can mean 'by', 'by means of' or 'with':

kuruma de

['car by']

by car

basu de

['bus by']

by bus

kurejit-to-kādo de haraemasu ka?

['credit card by can pay' + question part.]

can I pay by credit card?

de can also mean 'at', 'on' or 'in', referring to location:

bā de suwat-te imashita

['bar at was sitting']

he was sitting at the bar

depāto no naka de aimashō

['department store of inside in meet let's']

I'll see you in the department store

The particle **to** means 'with', 'accompanying':

haha to kaimono shimasu

['mother with shopping do']

I go shopping with my mother

See page 284 for when to use **to** meaning 'and'.

The particle **mo** can mean 'too', 'also' or 'even':

kimi mo heya ni itano ka?

['you too room in were' + question part.]

were you in the room too?

watashi mo

me too

mo can also be used to translate ‘both ... and’ (in a positive statement) and ‘neither ... nor’ (with a negative verb, see page 278):

bīru mo sake mo nomimashīta

['beer both sake and drank']

I drank both beer and sake

bīru mo sake mo nomimasen deshīta

['beer both sake and not drank']

I drank neither beer nor sake

The particle **no** means ‘of’ or corresponds to the ’s or the possessive in English:

ane no hon

['sister of book']

my sister's book

kurabu no membā

['club of member']

a member of the club

watashi no kuruma

['I of car']

my car

The particle **ka** is added to the end of a statement to change it into a question:

kip-pu wa takai desu

['ticket' + sub. part. + 'expensive']

the tickets are expensive

kip-pu wa takai desu ka?

['ticket' + sub. part. + 'expensive' + question part.]

are the tickets expensive?

The particle **ne** is the equivalent of English tag questions like ‘isn't it?’, ‘haven't we?’ and so on:

Keiko-san, kore wa anata no desu ne?

['Keiko' + polite form + 'this' + sub. part. + 'you of is' + question tag]

it's yours, Keiko, isn't it?

koko ni kita koto ga arimasu ne?

['here in that came' + sub. part. 'be'+ question tag]

we've been here, haven't we?

Verbs

Unlike English verbs, Japanese verbs do not change their form according to first, second, or third person subjects, singular or plural. Therefore, **ikimasu** means:

to go	he/she/it goes
I go	we go
you go	they go

However, Japanese verbs do change their form according to various other criteria, for example, the degree of politeness required, the tense, or whether the verb indicates 'wanting' or 'necessity'.

Polite Verb Forms

The form of Japanese verbs is changed to indicate different levels of politeness. As a general rule, longer verb forms denote courtesy:

yomimasu to read

shimbun yomu ka? (basic form)

shimbun yomimasu ka? (polite)

shimbun yomaremasu ka? (very polite)

do you read the paper?

It is more straightforward for beginners in Japanese to stick to the second form given above (**yomimasu**). This is the verb form we have generally given in the English-Japanese section of this book and it is polite enough for most situations.

Present Tense

To express the simple present, use the basic form of the verb ending in **-masu**:

ikimasu to go

I go

you go

he/she/it goes

we go

they go

swarimasu to sit down

I sit down

you sit down

he/she/it sits down

we sit down

they sit down

To express a continuing action in the present ('he is going', 'I am walking' etc), the **-masu** ending is removed from the verb and replaced with **-te** or **-de**, and **imasu** is placed after the verb:

nani o yonde imasu ka?

['what' + ob. part. + 'reading' + question part.]

what are you reading?

karera wa tabete imasu

['they' + sub. part. + 'eating']

they are eating

kare wa tabako o sut-te imasu

['he' + sub. part. + 'cigarette' + ob. part. + 'inhale']

he is smoking

Past Tense

The ending **-mashita** indicates the past tense. Replace the **-masu** ending of the verb with **-mashita**:

ikimasu to go**ikimashita** I went

you went

he/she/it went

we went

they went

mimasu to see; to watch**mimashita** I've seen

you've seen

he/she/it has seen

we have seen

they have seen

tsukimasu to arrive**kyō tsukimashita**

['today arrived']

we arrived today

tabemasu to eat**watashitachi wa mō tabemashita**

['we' + sub. part. + 'already have eaten']

we've already eaten

Future Tense

There is no real future tense in Japanese; instead the present tense is used to express the future:

mata ashita kimasu

['again tomorrow come']

I'll come back tomorrow

rainen Kyōto ni ikimasu

['next year Kyoto to go']

I'm going to Kyoto next year

Asking Permission

Asking permission to do something is indicated by the verb ending **-te** followed by ... **ī desu ka?** (literally: is it allowed?):

anata ni tegami o kaite ī desu ka?

['you to letter' + ob. part. + 'write is allowed' + question part.]

can I write to you?

Indicating Necessity

Necessity is indicated by the verb ending **-nakereba narimasen**:

ikimasu to go

mō ikanakereba narimasen

['already go must']

I have to go now

kakimasu to write

tegami o kakanakereba narimasen

['letter' + ob. part. + 'write must']

I have to write a letter

Indicating Wanting

Wanting to do something is indicated by the verb ending **-tai**:

okurimasu to send

kore o Igirisu ni okuritai no desu ga

['this' + ob. part. + 'England to send want request please']

I want to send this to England

karimasu to rent

kuruma o karitai no desu ga

['car' + ob. part. + 'buy want request please']

I'd like to rent a car

Negatives

There is no simple equivalent to 'not' in Japanese. Instead the form of the verb changes to indicate the negative. The **-masu** ending changes to **-masen** and the **-tai** (wanting) ending changes to **-takunai**:

kono gak-kō e ikimasu

['this school to go']

I go to this school

kono gak-kō e wa ikimasen

['this school to' + sub. part. + 'go' negative]

I don't go to this school

Igirisu ni ikitai desu

['England to want go' + polite ending]

I want to go to England

Igirisu ni ikitakunai desu

['England to want go' + negative + polite ending]

I don't want to go to England

Japanese has no words like 'nobody', 'no-one', 'never', 'none', 'neither', 'nor', '(not) any'; these must be expressed in Japanese by a negative verb construction:

dare mo kimasen deshita

['somebody even come' + negative]

nobody came

dare mo hakbutskan e ikitagarimasen

['somebody even museum to want to go' + negative]

nobody wants to visit the museum

Kōbe niwa ichido mo it-ta koto ga arimasen

['Kobe to' + sub. part. + 'not once even that' + sub. part. + negative]

I've never been to Kobe

mō hitotsu mo arimasen

['already one even exist' + negative]

there's none left

hoshik arimasen

['want' + negative]

I don't want any

Adjectives

Japanese 'adjectives' are a special category of words, many of which behave in a way quite unlike their English counterparts. Many, indeed, are more like verbs since they have separate forms for present and past tenses and for positive and negative use. For example, the adjective for 'red' **akai** really means 'is red'.

There are two types of adjectives in Japanese. The first type end in **-ai**, **-ī**, **-oi** or **-ui**:

akai	is red
oishī	is delicious
omoshiroi	is interesting
warui	is bad

The final **-i** or **-ī** indicates the present positive form of the adjective, which is the basic form given in the English-Japanese section of this book; to make the past positive form, remove the **-i** or **-ī** to obtain the stem and add **-kat-ta**:

present positive	past positive
akai is red	akakat-ta was red
oishī is delicious	oishkat-ta was delicious
omoshiroi is interesting	omoshirokat-ta was interesting
warui is bad	warukat-ta was bad

These are all plain forms which generally would not be used by themselves; to make them polite forms, add **desu**:

nimotsu wa omokat-ta desu

['luggage' + sub. part. + 'was heavy' + polite ending]
the luggage was heavy

To form the present negative, remove **-i** or **-ī**, and add **-k nai**; for the past negative add **-ku nakat-ta** to the stem:

present negative

akaku nai is not red

oishiku nai is not delicious

omoshiroku nai is not
interesting

waruku nai is not bad

past negative

akaku nakat-ta was not red

oishiku nakat-ta was not
delicious

omoshiroku nakat-ta was
not interesting

waruku nakat-ta was not bad

To make the above polite forms (as used in speech), change **-ku nai** to **-ku arimasen**:

kono suika wa amaku arimasen

['this watermelon' + sub. part. + 'sweet' + negative]
this watermelon is not sweet

Adjectival Nouns

The second type of Japanese adjective is more like an English adjective in that it does not change its ending and is not a form of verb. This type of adjective does not end in **-ai**, **-ī**, **-oi** or **-ui**, but consists of a noun followed by **na**:

shizuka (na)

quiet

Adjectival nouns are used with the following to form the present and past tenses (positive and negative):

positive

present

des

past

deshta

negative

present

dewa arimasen

past

dewa arimasen deshta

If the adjectival noun is followed by **des**, **na** can be omitted:

hoteru wa shizka des

['hotel' + sub. part. + 'quiet is']

the hotel is quiet

kono hon wa tekito dewa arimasen

['this book' + sub. part. + 'suitable' + negative]

this book is not suitable

chit-toma shimpai dewa arimasen deshta

['not at all worried' + negative]

I wasn't worried at all

Comparatives and Superlatives

To form the comparative, put **mot-to** (more) in front of the adjective:

mot-to hayak

faster

mot-to omoshiroi

more interesting

To form the superlative, put **ichi-ban** (literally: number one) or **mot-tomo** (most) in front of the adjective:

ichi-ban omoshiroi toshi

['most is interesting city']

the most interesting city

mot-tomo takai hoteru

['most is expensive hotel']

the most expensive hotel

To express 'more ... than ...', '...-er than', use **yoru** (than):

kono hoteru wa ryokan yori takai desu

['this hotel' + sub. part. + 'Japanese inn than expensive']

this hotel is more expensive than a Japanese inn

densha wa basu yori hayai desu

['train' + sub. part. + 'bus than fast is']

the train is faster than the bus

To express 'as ... as ...' use to **onaji kurai** (about the same as):

Rondon wa Nagano to onaji kurai samui desu

['London' + sub. part. + 'Nagano as cold as is']

London is as cold as Nagano

To express 'not as ... as ...', use **hodo ... nai**:

Nippon wa Amerika hodo ōkiku nai desu

['Japan' + sub. part. + 'America not as big as is']

Japan is not as big as America

Demonstrative Adjectives

There are three demonstrative adjectives: **kono**, **sono** and **ano**:

kono	this; these
sono	that; those (nearby or just mentioned)
ano	that; those (further away)
kono densha	this train
sono tomodachi	that friend (of yours, that you mentioned)
ano basu	that bus (over there)

Adverbs

To form an adverb from the first type of adjective (ending in **-ai**, **-ī**, **-oi** or **-ui**), change the final **-i** to **-k**:

hayai	quick	hayaku	quickly
osoi	slow	osoku	slowly
yasashī	easy	yasashiku	easily
warui	bad	waruku	badly
yasui	cheap	yask	cheaply

To form the adverb from the second type of adjective (shown with **(na)** in the English-Japanese section), change **na** to **ni**:

shizka na heya	Keiko-san wa shizka ni hanashimas
['quiet room']	['Keiko' + polite form + sub. part. + 'quietly speaks']
a quiet room	Keiko speaks quietly

Word Order

The normal word order in Japanese sentences is:

subject – object – verb

ane wa sushi o suki des ga, watashi wa suki dewa arimasen

['sister' + sub. part. + 'sushi' + ob. part. + 'like but I' + sub. part. + 'like not']
my sister likes sushi but I don't

Adjectives usually precede the noun they modify while particles and conjunctions follow the noun they refer to.

'Yes' and 'No'

The words for 'yes' and 'no' are **hai** (or sometimes **ē**) and **ie** (or **ie**):

hai, onegai shimas
yes, please

ie kek-kō des
no thanks

yomimashta ka?
have you read the paper?

hai, yomimashta
yes, I have

In general, however, it is possible to omit **hai** and **ie** and answer simply by using the verb.

When the question is a negative one, however, **hai** and **ie** are used in quite a different way to English. This is because **hai** is used to confirm the statement, whether the answer is affirmative or negative:

anata wa Amerika-jin dewa arimasen ka?

['you' + sub. part. + 'American' + negative + question part.]
aren't you American?

hai, Ijirisu-jin desu

['yes (I am not) English']
no, I'm English

This kind of negative question (as in English) implies the speaker may be slightly surprised or incredulous or wants to confirm something that they are almost sure of. If a positive question were asked, with no prior assumptions, the answer would be *ie*.

In the same way, when the question is a negative one, *ie* is used to deny the sentence whether the answer is affirmative or negative:

soba o tabemasen deshita ka?

['noodles' + ob. part. + 'eat did not' + question part.]

didn't you eat the noodles? (implying you should have)

ie, tabemashita

['no, did eat']

yes, I did eat them

‘And’

There are different words for ‘and’ in Japanese. **To** is used with nouns and pronouns:

shio to koshō
salt and pepper

Tōkyō to Rondon
Tokyo and London

kōhī to satō o kaimashita

['coffee and sugar' + ob. part. + 'bought']

I bought coffee and sugar

Soshite also means ‘and’; it is used with verbs, adjectives and adverbs:

watashitachi wa onsen ni hairi soshite shokji o shimashta

['we' + sub. part. + 'hot spring in go and meal did']

we had a bath in the hot spring and had a meal

kare wa hayak, soshite utskushik, ji o kakimas

['he' + sub. part. + 'fast and neatly characters' + ob. part. + 'writes']

he writes both fast and neatly

Sorekara means ‘and then’:

terebi o mite, sorekara benkyō shimas

['television' + ob. part. + 'watched and then study']

I'll watch television and then I'll study

Masculine and Feminine Forms of Speech

In the past, there were many different levels of courtesy in Japanese speech and special words and phrases were used, for example, to praise one's superiors, and to deprecate oneself. As well as this, women's speech was traditionally more polite than men's. Although the differences between male and female speech patterns are now less pronounced than they used to be, there are still many ways of speaking that are exclusively used by either men or women. Men speak with a more even tone of voice, whereas women speak in a more lilting manner. Men and women use different pronouns and interjections. Also, in informal speech, men tend to use **yo** or **zo** at the end of sentences for emphasis, whereas women will use **wa**, for example:

bok wa Eigo ga hanaseru yo/zo! (said by a man)

['I' + sub. part. + 'English' + ob. part. + 'speak can emphasis']

I can speak English!

watashi wa okoto ga hikeru wa! (said by a woman)

['I' + sub. part. + polite prefix + 'Japanese harp' + ob. part. + 'play can' + emphasis]

I can play the Japanese harp!

Women make more use of the polite prefix **o-** or **go-**, as in:

denwa/odenwa

(said by a man/woman)

(your) telephone

gokazoku wa ogenki desu ka?

[polite prefix + 'family' + sub. part. + polite prefix + 'well' + question part.]

are your family all well?

Women also tend to use emotional interjections more than men, such as **'kawai'** (cute!) or **'suteki!'** (marvellous!). To express surprise when meeting somebody unexpectedly, women tend to say **'mā!'** or **'ara!'**, which are never used by men, who tend to say **'yā!'** or **'ō!'**.

Counting

Japanese has two sets of numbers from one to ten:

	set 1	set 2
1	ichi	hitotsu
2	ni	futatsu
3	san	mit-tsu
4	yon/shi*	yot-tsu
5	go	itsutsu
6	roku	mut-tsu
7	nana/shichi*	nanatsu
8	hachi	yat-tsu
9	kyū/ku*	kokonotsu
10	jū	tō

The first set is used when referring to expressions of time, quantities and measurements. They are used with the classifiers on the opposite page or with count words such as 'minute', 'yen' etc:

go-fun five minutes	ichijikan mae an hour ago
gozen shichiji ni at 7am	jū-en 10 yen

*The alternative numerals in the first set above must be used in the following time expressions:

yoji four o'clock	shichiji seven o'clock	kuji nine o'clock
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The second set of numbers is used for counting any other things not mentioned above. The number is placed after the

object and is used without a count word (like ‘minute’) or a classifier:

bīru futats, onegai shimas

two beers, please

If you use the two sets of numbers in the way described above, this will be acceptable, but a further method of counting, using a counting word known as a classifier, is more commonly used. Classifiers equate roughly to English words like ‘glassful’, ‘cupful’, ‘bottle of’, ‘sheets of’ etc. Nouns or groups of nouns in Japanese have specific classifiers which are used when they are counted or quantified.

The most common classifiers are:

- dai machines, cars, bikes, stereos
- hai glassfuls, cupfuls
- hiki animals
- hon pens, cigarettes, other cylindrical objects
- ko fruit, cakes, eggs and small chunky objects
- mai pieces of paper, tickets, other things that are thin and flat
- nin people
- sats books
- tsū letters

kuruma ni-dai

【‘car two’ + classifier】

two cars

kip-p o sam-mai, kudasai

【‘ticket’ + ob. part. + ‘three’ + classifier + ‘please’】

three tickets, please

Nihon-go no hon o go-satsu kaimashita

【‘Japanese of book’ + ob. part. + ‘five’ + classifier + ‘bought’】

I bought five Japanese books

mājan wa yo-nin de shimasu

【‘mahjong’ + sub. part. + ‘four’ + classifier + ‘by do’】

mahjong is played by four people

There is only one set of numbers above ten. See pages 292–293.

Dates

The word order for dates is:

year – month – day

There are two common ways of counting years in Japanese. The Western system is used thus:

sen-kyū-hyaku-kyū-jū-hachi-nen 【thousand-nine-hundreds-nine-tens-eight-year】 1998	ni-sen-ichi-nen 【two-thousand-one-year】 2001
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There is also a traditional system of counting from the first year of the current emperor's reign. The Heisei period (of Emperor Akihito) began in 1989:

Heisei ni-nen 【Heisei two year】 second year of Heisei (1990)	Heisei jū-nen 【Heisei ten year】 tenth year of Heisei (1998)
Kugatsu tsuitachi 【nine-month (September) first】 the first of September	Jūnigatsu futsuka 【twelve-month (December) second】 the second of December

ni-sen-ichi-nen Gogatsu san-jū-nichi
【two-thousand-one-year five-month (May) thirtieth】
the thirtieth of May 2001

Heisei jū-nen Rokgats ni-jū san-ichi
【Heise-ten-year six-month (June) twenty-third】
the twenty-third of June 1998

Dates are formed using the versions of the ordinal numbers below:

1st	tsuitachi	一日
2nd	futska	二日
3rd	mik·ka	三日
4th	yok·ka	四日

5th	itska	五日
6th	muika	六日
7th	nanoka	七日
8th	yōka	八日
9th	kokonoka	九日
10th	tōka	十日
11th	jū-ichi-nichi	十一日
12th	jū-ni-nichi	十二日
13th	jū-san-nichi	十三日
14th	jū-yok·ka	十四日
15th	jū-go-nichi	十五日
16th	jū-rok-nichi	十六日
17th	jū-shichi-nichi	十七日
18th	jū-hachi-nichi	十八日
19th	jū-ku-nichi	十九日
20th	hatska	二十日
21st	ni-jū-ichi nichi	二十一日
22nd	ni-jū-ni-nichi	二十二日
23rd	ni-jū-san-nichi	二十三日
24th	ni-jū-yok·ka	二十四日
25th	ni-jū-go-nichi	二十五日
26th	ni-jū-rok-nichi	二十六日
27th	ni-jū-shichi-nichi	二十七日
28th	ni-jū-hachi-nichi	二十八日
29th	ni-jū-ku-nichi	二十九日
30th	san-jū-nichi	三十日
31st	san-jū-ichi-nichi	三十一日

Japanese ordinals are written using the Chinese characters (kanji) above if writing vertically; otherwise, when writing left to right, Arabic numbers can be used instead.

Days

Monday	Getsuyōbi	月曜日
Tuesday	Kayōbi	火曜日
Wednesday	Suiyōbi	水曜日
Thursday	Mokuyōbi	木曜日
Friday	Kin'yōbi	金曜日
Saturday	Doyōbi	土曜日
Sunday	Nichiyōbi	日曜日

Months

January	Ichigatsu	一月
February	Nigatsu	二月
March	San-gatsu	三月
April	Shigatsu	四月
May	Gogatsu	五月
June	Rokugatsu	六月
July	Shichigatsu	七月
August	Hachigatsu	八月
September	Kugatsu	九月
October	Jūgatsu	十月
November	Jūichigatsu	十一月
December	Jūnigatsu	十二月

Time

what time is it?	ima nanji desu ka?	今何時ですか？
it's one o'clock	ichiji desu	一時です
it's two o'clock	niji desu	二時です
at one o'clock	ichiji ni	一時に
at two o'clock	niji ni	二時に
five past one	ichiji go-fun	一時五分

- ten past one *ichiji jup-pun* 一時十分
 quarter past one *ichiji jū-go-fun* 一時十五分
 quarter past two *niji jū-go-fun* 二時十五分
 half past one *ichiji-han* 一時半
 half past two *niji-han* 二時半
 quarter to one *ichiji jū-go-fun mae* 一時十五分前
 quarter to two *niji jū-go-fun mae* 二時十五分前
 twenty to one *ichiji nijup-pun mae* 一時二十分前
 ten to two *niji jup-pun mae* 二時十分前
 am *gozen* 午前
 pm *gogo* 午後
 at 1am *gozen ichiji ni* 午前一時に
 at 1pm *gogo ichiji ni* 午後一時に
 13.00 *jū-sanji* 十三時
 14.00 *jū-yoji* 十四時
 18.30 *jū-hachiji sanjup-pun* 十八時三十分
 noon *shōgo* 正午
 midnight *mayonaka* 真夜中
 hour *jikan* 時間
 minute *fun* 分
 one minute *ip-pun* 一分
 two minutes *ni-fun* 二分
 second *byō* 秒
 quarter of an hour *jū-go-fun* 十五分
 half an hour *san-jup-pun* 三十分
 three quarters of an hour *yon-jū-go-fun* 四十五分

Minutes are expressed by adding **-fun** (minute) to the numbers below. This sometimes changes to **-pun** depending on the preceding sound:

<i>ni-fun</i>	<i>go-fun</i>	<i>jup-pun</i>
two minutes	five minutes	ten minutes

Numbers

See Counting pages 286.

0 zero	ゼロ	70 shichi-jū	七十
1 ichi	一	80 hachi-jū	八十
2 ni	二	90 kyū-jū	九十
3 san	三	100 hyak	百
4 shi	四	101 hyak-ichi	百一
5 go	五	102 hyak-ni	百二
6 rok	六	200 ni-hyak	二百
7 shichi	七	1,000 sen	千
8 hachi	八	2,000 ni-sen	二千
9 kyū	九	3,000 san-zen	三千
10 jū	十	4,000 yon-sen	四千
11 jū-ichi	十一	5,000 go-sen	五千
12 jū-ni	十二	10,000* ichi-man	一万
13 jū-san	十三	20,000 ni-man	二万
14 jū-shi	十四	1,000,000	
15 jū-go	十五	hyaku-man	百万
16 jū-rok	十六	10,000,000	
17 jū-shichi	十七	is-sem-man	一千万
18 jū-hachi	十八	100,000,000	
19 jū-kyū	十九	ichi-oku	一億
20 ni-jū	二十		
21 ni-jū-ichi	二十一		
22 ni-jū-ni	二十二		
30 san-jū	三十		
31 san-jū-ichi	三十一		
32 san-jū-ni	三十二		
40 yon-jū	四十		
50 go-jū	五十		
60 rok-jū	六十		

*For 10,000 and above, use **man** instead of **sen**.

Japanese numbers are written using the Chinese characters (kanji) above if writing vertically; otherwise, when writing left to right, Arabic numbers can be used instead.

Ordinals

In Japanese, the words used for the dates (1st of March etc) and the ordinals in English sense (for example, ‘third chair from the window’) are different. The English ordinals can usually be translated by adding **-bam-me** to numbers.

1st	ichi-bam-me	一番目
2nd	ni-bam-me	二番目
3rd	san-bam-me	三番目
4th	yon-bam-me	四番目
5th	go-bam-me	五番目
6th	rok-bam-me	六番目
7th	nana-bam-me	七番目
8th	hachi-bam-me	八番目
9th	kyū-bam-me	九番目
10th	jyū-bam-me	十番目

See pages 288–289 for the set of ordinals used to form dates.

Conversion Tables

1 centimetre = 0.39 inches

1 inch = 2.54 cm

1 metre = 39.37 inches = 1.09 yards

1 foot = 30.48 cm

1 kilometre = 0.62 miles = 5/8 mile

1 yard = 0.91 m

1 mile = 1.61 km

km	1	2	3	4	5	10	20	30	40	50	100
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miles	0.6	1.2	1.9	2.5	3.1	6.2	12.4	18.6	24.8	31.0	62.1
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miles	1	2	3	4	5	10	20	30	40	50	100
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km	1.6	3.2	4.8	6.4	8.0	16.1	32.2	48.3	64.4	80.5	161
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1 gram = 0.035 ounces 1 kilo = 1000 g = 2.2 pounds

g 100 250 500 1 oz = 28.35 g

oz 3.5 8.75 17.5 1 lb = 0.45 kg

kg	0.5	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
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lb	1.1	2.2	4.4	6.6	8.8	11.0	13.2	15.4	17.6	19.8	22.0
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kg	20	30	40	50	60	70	80	90	100
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lb	44	66	88	110	132	154	176	198	220
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lb	0.5	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	20
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kg	0.2	0.5	0.9	1.4	1.8	2.3	2.7	3.2	3.6	4.1	4.5	9.0
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1 litre = 1.75 UK pints / 2.13 US pints

1 UK pint = 0.57 l

1 UK gallon = 4.55 l

1 US pint = 0.47 l

1 US gallon = 3.79 l

centigrade / Celsius

$^{\circ}\text{C} = (^{\circ}\text{F} - 32) \times 5/9$

$^{\circ}\text{C}$	-5	0	5	10	15	18	20	25	30	36.8	38
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$^{\circ}\text{F}$	23	32	41	50	59	64	68	77	86	98.4	100.4
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Fahrenheit

$^{\circ}\text{F} = (^{\circ}\text{C} \times 9/5) + 32$

$^{\circ}\text{F}$	23	32	40	50	60	65	70	80	85	98.4	101
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$^{\circ}\text{C}$	-5	0	4	10	16	18	21	27	29	36.8	38.3
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