

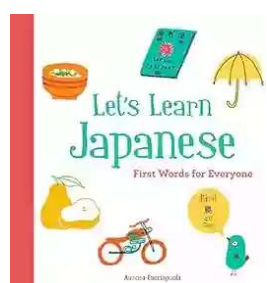
# Let's Learn Japanese First Words For Everyone - The Gateway to a Fascinating Language!

A journey of a thousand miles begins with a single step. If you've always been fascinated by the intricate beauty of the Japanese language, it's time to take that first step and unlock the secrets of this captivating language. In this article, we will explore some of the most essential Japanese words that will set you on the path to fluency. So buckle up and let's dive into the world of Japanese language learning!

## 1. Greetings and s

When learning any language, it is only natural to start with greetings and s. Japanese greetings are a fundamental part of the culture, as they reflect the importance of respect and politeness. So let's begin by mastering these basic Japanese greetings:

Japanese	Pronunciation	Meaning
おはよう(ございます)	ohayou (gozaimasu)	Good Morning
こんにちは	konnichiwa	Hello / Good afternoon
こんばんは	konbanwa	Good evening
おやすみ(なさい)	oyasumi (nasai)	Good night
さようなら	sayounara	Good bye / See you later
またあした	mata ashita	See you tomorrow
ありがとう(ございます)	arigatou (gozaimasu)	Thank you
どういたしまして	dou itashimashite	You're welcome
すみません	sumimasen	Excuse me / I'm sorry
ごめんなさい	gomen nasai	I'm sorry
おげんきですか	ogenki desu ka	How are you?
おかげさまで(げんきです)	okagesamade (genki desu)	I'm very good
いただきます	itadakimasu	Express gratitude before eating your meal
ごちそうさまでした	gochisou sama deshita	Express gratitude after eating your meal
おめでとう(ございます)	omedetou (gozaimasu)	Congratulations
おきをつけて	o ki wo tsukete	Be careful



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The word "Konnichiwa" is the most commonly used Japanese greeting, meaning "Hello" or "Good afternoon." It is essential to understand how to use it correctly to greet someone appropriately. Likewise, "Ohayou gozaimasu" means "Good morning," and "Konbanwa" means "Good evening." By learning these basic greetings, you'll be ready to connect with Japanese speakers in a respectful manner.

## **2. Numbers and Counting**

Numbers play a crucial role in everyday life, from ordering food to understanding prices. Let's take a look at some of the essential Japanese numbers to help you navigate your way around Japan:

Name _____		Name _____		Name _____	
How to Say the Japanese Numbers		How to Say the Japanese Numbers		How to Say the Japanese Numbers	
一	<b>Ichi</b> (いち)	一	<b>Ichi</b> (いち)	一	<b>Ichi</b> (いち)
二	<b>Ni</b> (に)	二	<b>Ni</b> (に)	二	<b>Ni</b> (に)
三	<b>San</b> (さん)	三	<b>San</b> (さん)	三	<b>San</b> (さん)
四	<b>Shi</b> (し)	四	<b>Shi</b> (し)	四	<b>Shi</b> (し)
五	<b>Go</b> (ご)	五	<b>Go</b> (ご)	五	<b>Go</b> (ご)
六	<b>Roku</b> (ろく)	六	<b>Roku</b> (ろく)	六	<b>Roku</b> (ろく)
七	<b>Shichi</b> (しち)	七	<b>Shichi</b> (しち)	七	<b>Shichi</b> (しち)
八	<b>Hachi</b> (はち)	八	<b>Hachi</b> (はち)	八	<b>Hachi</b> (はち)
九	<b>Kyuu</b> (きゅう)	九	<b>Kyuu</b> (きゅう)	九	<b>Kyuu</b> (きゅう)
十	<b>Jyuu</b> (じゅう)	十	<b>Jyuu</b> (じゅう)	十	<b>Jyuu</b> (じゅう)

Learning how to count from one to ten is a great place to start. The numbers in Japanese are relatively straightforward, and with some practice, you'll quickly grasp the basic concepts. Additionally, it is essential to learn how to count objects in Japanese, as the counting system can vary depending on the objects you are counting.

### 3. Common Phrases and Expressions

Once you've mastered greetings and numbers, it's time to expand your repertoire with some common phrases and expressions. Here are a few frequently used Japanese phrases:



"Arigatou gozaimasu" means "Thank you" in Japanese, which is a phrase you'll often find yourself using. Similarly, "Sumimasen" is a versatile phrase that can mean "Excuse me," "I'm sorry," or "Thank you" depending on the context. It is

crucial to understand when and how to use these phrases appropriately to navigate social interactions in Japan.

#### 4. Food and Dining

Japanese cuisine is renowned worldwide for its unique flavors and culinary traditions. If you're planning to explore the rich food culture of Japan, it's important to familiarize yourself with essential Japanese food vocabulary:



Learning the names of common Japanese food items will greatly enhance your dining experience in Japan. From sushi to tempura, knowing what you're ordering will allow you to explore a broader range of dishes and appreciate the authenticity of Japanese cuisine.

## **5. Travel and Transportation**

Japan is a land of breathtaking landscapes and bustling cities, offering a plethora of opportunities for exploration. To make the most of your travel experience, it is essential to learn some practical travel and transportation words in Japanese:



# TRAVEL & TRANSPORT



Match the different terms for TRAVEL with their definitions:

TOUR  
JOURNEY  
VOYAGE  
FLIGHT  
HONEYMOON  
CRUISE  
TRIP  
EXCURSION  
OUTING  
TRAVELS

..... General term for "going from a place to another". It can include your stay in your destination.  
 ..... A short journey made for pleasure, often by a group of people.  
 ..... Sailing for pleasure, relaxation or sightseeing, often on a luxury boat.  
 ..... A distance travelled, especially over land.  
 ..... A short getaway.  
 ..... A visit to various places of interest.  
 ..... A journey by plane.  
 ..... A series of journeys (often made by explorers).  
 ..... An act of travelling by water.  
 ..... A holiday taken by a newly married couple.

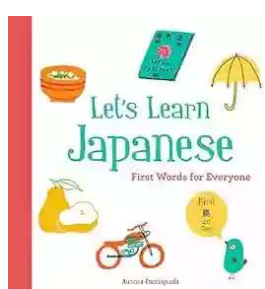
Means of transport: do you know their names?

1. submarine
2. skates
3. sledge
4. caravan
5. broomstick
6. jet ski
7. rocket
8. helicopter
9. magic carpet
10. tank
11. cart
12. sailboat
13. UFO
14. ark
15. pirate ship
16. car
17. train
18. bus
19. balloon
20. tractor
21. raft
22. plane
23. canoe

Mastering these words will enable you to navigate public transportation, ask for directions, and book accommodations with ease. Whether you're exploring Tokyo's vibrant streets or visiting the serene temples of Kyoto, having a basic understanding of travel and transportation vocabulary will contribute to a smoother journey.



Learning Japanese can be an invigorating and rewarding experience, opening doors to a rich culture and exciting opportunities. By starting with these essential Japanese words, you are taking an important step in your language learning journey. Remember, practice makes perfect, so immerse yourself in the language as much as possible, whether it's through conversations with native speakers or by watching Japanese movies and shows. With dedication and determination, you'll be well on your way to mastering the beautiful language of Japan!



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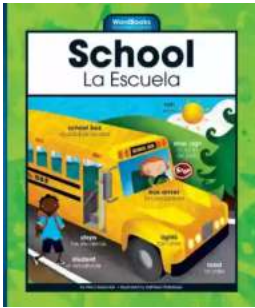
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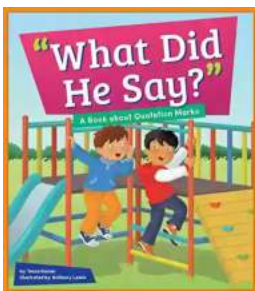
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