

Basic Japanese Phrases

Hello.	Konnichiwa. (<i>kon-nee-chee-WAH</i>)
How are you?	O-genki desu ka? (<i>oh-GEN-kee dess-KAH?</i>)
Fine, thank you.	Genki desu. (<i>GEN-kee dess</i>)
What is your name?	O-namae wa nan desu ka? (<i>oh-NAH-mah-eh wah NAHN dess-KAH?</i>)
My name is ____ .	Watashi no namae wa _ desu. (<i>wah-TAH-shee no nah-mah-eh wa _ dess</i>)
Nice to meet you.	Hajimemashite. (<i>hah-jee-meh-MOSH-teh</i>)
Please. (request)	Onegai shimasu. (<i>oh-neh-gigh shee-moss</i>)
Please. (offer)	Dōzo. (<i>DOH-zo</i>)
Thank you.	Dōmo arigatō. (<i>doh-moh ah-ree-GAH-toh</i>)
You're welcome.	Dō itashi mashite. (<i>doh EE-tah-shee mosh-teh</i>)
Yes.	Hai. (<i>HIGH</i>)
No.	lie. (<i>EE-eh</i>)
Excuse me.	Sumimasen. (<i>soo-mee-mah-sen</i>)
I'm sorry.	Gomen-nasai. (<i>goh-men-nah-sigh</i>)
Goodbye. (long-term)	Sayōnara. (<i>sa-YOH-nah-rah</i>)
Goodbye. (informal)	Sore dewa. (<i>SOH-reh deh-wah</i>)
Good morning.	Ohayō gozaimasu. (<i>oh-hah-YOH go-zigh-moss</i>)
Good evening.	Konbanwa. (<i>kohm-bahn-wah</i>)
Good night (to sleep)	Oyasuminasai. (<i>oh-yah-soo-mee-nah-sigh</i>)
I can't speak Japanese [well].	Nihongo [yoku] hanasemasen. (<i>nee-hohn-goh [yo-koo] hah-nah-seh-mah-sen</i>)
Do you speak English?	Eigo o hanasemasuka? (<i>AY-goh oh hah-nah-seh-moss-KAH?</i>)
Is there someone here who speaks English?	Dareka eigo o hanasemasuka? (<i>dah-reh-kah AY-goh oh hah-nah-seh-moss-KAH?</i>)
Help!	Tasukete! (<i>tah-soo-keh-teh!</i>)
Look out!	Abunai! (<i>ah-boo-NIGH!</i>)
I don't understand.	Wakarimasen. (<i>wah-kah-ree-mah-sen</i>)
Where is the toilet?	Toire wa doko desu ka? (<i>toy-reh wah DOH-koh dess kah?</i>)