

# Japanese 1

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### Basic Japanese

## NOTES

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# 1 Pronunciation

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Do you know any Japanese words?

Only 5 vowels

a (b**a**n**a**na), i (i**g**loo), u (p**u**sh), e (e**g**g), o (o**r**ange)



Just be careful with long vs short vowels.

e.g. Ob**a**san (aunt) vs ob**aa**san (grandmother)



## 2. Writing system

### 3 character sets

- **Hiragana (sound)**
- **Katakana (sound) for foreign words**
- **Kanji <Chinese characters> (sound & meaning)**



これは  
ko re wa

にほん  
日本の  
ni ho n no

カメラです。  
ka me ra desu.

*This is a Japanese camera.*

Hiragana/Katakana=46 Basic + α

# 3. Basic Expressions

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O ha you (informal)

O ha you go za i ma su

Ko n ni chi wa

Ko n ba n wa

Sa you na ra

Su mi ma se n

Dou zo

Dou mo (informal)

A ri ga you

Mou i chi do (informal)

Mou i chi do o ne ga i shi ma su

Good morning

Good afternoon

Good evening

Good bye

Excuse me

Here you are

Thank you

Once again,  
please

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