

Japanese 1

Term 1, Week 2

Basic Japanese

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Pronunciation

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

oba**a**san (grandmother)



Writing system

- Roma-ji (Roman script), e.g. Ken
- Hiragana, e.g. けん
- **Katakana (for foreign words)** e.g. ケン
- kanji (Chinese Characters) e.g. 賢, 健, 謙 etc

Hiragana=46 Basic + α



Basic Expressions

O ha yo~ (informal)

O ha yo~ go za i ma su

Good morning

Ko n ni chi wa

Good afternoon

Ko n ba n wa

Good evening

Sa yo~ na ra

Good bye

Su mi ma se n

Excuse me

Do~ zo

Here you are

Do~ mo (informal)

A ri ga to~

Thank you

Moo i chi do (informal)

Mo~ i chi do o ne ga i shi ma su

Once again,
please

