

Japanese for Travel

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600 Phrases with Audio (MP3)
95 Pages of PDF Materials

This course is designed as an audio-supported travel phrase library, helping learners quickly pick up the Japanese phrases they need for real travel situations, such as airports, transportation, hotels, dining, and sightseeing. By listening and practicing with audio, students can build practical speaking confidence and be prepared to communicate smoothly during their trip.

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Section I: The Basics (Culture & Daily Phrases)

【Culture 1】 Culture and Customs - Things you need to know

Phrase Lesson 1 - Daily Phrases

67 Phrases (PDF 10 pages) + MP3 audio files (67)

[Sample Phrases]

- It's been a while.
- It's a pleasure to meet you.
- This is my wife, Linda.
- I'm originally from the USA.
- This is my first time in Japan.
- I don't know much Japanese.
- Please slow down a little, please.
- Do you speak English?
- Does anyone here speak English?
- Can you write it down?
- I had a great time.
- Thank you for everything.
- I want to come to Japan again.
- I'll email you.
- We'll see you again.
- Stay well.

Section II: Airport

【Culture 2】 Narita Airport - Things you need to know



Phrase Lesson 2 - Passport Control

35 Phrases (PDF 6 pages) + MP3 audio files (35)

[Sample Phrases]

- How long will you stay?
- About 2 weeks.
- What is the purpose of your trip?
- Sightseeing.
- To see my daughter.
- Where will you stay in Japan?
- It's [name of a hotel].
- My son's house.
- Are you traveling alone?
- I'm traveling with my husband.
- Passport, please.
- Place your fingers here, please.
- Look at the camera, please.
- Declaration card, please.
- Do you have anything to declare?
- No, I don't have any.

Phrase Lesson 3 - Information Center

31 Phrases (PDF 5 pages) + MP3 audio files (31)

[Sample Phrases]

- I want to buy [item].
- Is there a shop around here?
- There is a store called [name] on the third floor.
- I want to rent a pocket Wi-Fi.
- Where can I rent it?

- I want to go to [destination].
- Is there a bus service?
- How long will it take?
- Where can I buy tickets?
- Is there a convenience store around here?
- Is there a money exchange counter around here?
- How can I get to Terminal 1?
- Where is the departure gate to [destination]?
- Where are the luggage carts located?
- Where is the counter for [Airline]?
- How long will it be delayed?

Section III: Transportation

【Culture 3】 Bus in Japan - Things you need to know



Phrase Lesson 4 - Bus

25 Phrases (PDF 4 pages) + MP3 audio files (25)

[Sample Phrases]

- What is the number of the bus to [destination]?
- It's bus number 55.
- That's the bus staying over there.
- Does this bus stop there?
- Is there a bus stop around here?
- How much is it to [destination]?
- I'm getting off here!
- Where can I buy tickets?
- Where do I leave my luggage?
- Please leave it with the attendant over there.

- What time will we arrive at [destination]?
- I think we will arrive around 10:00.
- Thank you for riding with us.
- Is there Wifi on the bus?
- Is there a restroom on the bus?
- This is the last stop (the end point of the route).

【Culture 4】 Taxi in Japan - Things you need to know



Phrase Lesson 5 - Taxi

30 Phrases (PDF 5 pages) + MP3 audio files (30)

[Sample Phrases]

- Where is the taxi stand?
- Can you call me a taxi?
- Where to?
- To [destination], please.
- About how much is it to [destination]?
- About how long will it take to [destination]?
- Can I use a credit card?
- I don't have any cash.
- I don't have any change.
- Excuse me, could you speed up a little?
- Excuse me, could you open the trunk?
- Excuse me, could you turn off the radio?
- Keep the change.
- Will you come back to pick us up again?
- Around 5:30, please.
- Should I come back here?
- We'll see you later then.

【Culture 5】 Train & Subway in Japan - Things you need to know



Phrase Lesson 6 - Train, Subway

26 Phrases (PDF 4 pages) + MP3 audio files (26)

[Sample Phrases]

- I want to go to [destination]. (but would you help me?)
- Which is faster, the train or the subway?
- The train would be faster.
- What line should I take?
- You should get on the Yamanote line.
- Where can I recharge my Suica card?
- You can do it at the ticket machine area.
- I'm not sure.
- Please ask a staff at the ticket gate.
- Where is the ticket machine area for JR? (= Japan Railways)
- Where is the ticket machine area for the subway?
- I don't know how to use the ticket machine. (but would you help me?)
- Which way is the north exit?
- Where is the nearest JR station?
- Is this the right platform for [destination]?
- Do I need to change trains?
- Here, please have a seat. (When giving up your seat to someone)

【Culture 6】 Shinkansen (Bullet Train) - Things you need to know



Phrase Lesson 7 - Shinkansen

25 Phrases (PDF 4 pages) + MP3 audio files (25)

[Sample Phrases]

- Where can I buy tickets for the Shinkansen?
- You can buy them at the Midori-no-madoguchi. (= JR Ticket Office)
- Where is the Midori-no-madoguchi?
- It's located near the ticket machine area.
- Please ask the station staff.
- I'd like to reserve a seat to [destination].
- What time is the first train tomorrow morning?
- What time is the first train tomorrow afternoon?
- Does this train stop at [city]?
- Which train will get me to [destination] faster?
- Is it one-way or round trip?
- Round trip, please.
- What seat would you like?
- Window seat, please.
- Excuse me, this is my seat...
- Is this seat taken?
- May I recline my seat? (Asking the person sitting behind you)

Section IV: Accommodation

【Culture 7】 Hotels in Japan - Things you need to know



Phrase Lesson 8 - Hotel Front Desk

54 Phrases (PDF 9 pages) + MP3 audio files (54)

[Sample Phrases]

- Do you have a room for tonight?
- A three-night stay, please.
- Twin room, please.
- Meals included, please.
- I have a reservation; my name is Smith.
- What floor is my room on?
- How much is one night's stay?
- Is this the price for two people?
- Are taxes included?
- What time is the check-out time?
- Until what time is room service available?
- Can you hold my luggage until 10:00?
- Please provide your name and address here.
- Is English ok?
- From what time is breakfast served?
- Is there an ice-making machine on the same floor as my room?
- Is there any staff who can speak English?

Phrase Lesson 9 - Hotel Trouble

50 Phrases (PDF 8 pages) + MP3 audio files (50)

[Sample Phrases]

- I'm sorry, can you please change the room?
- The room next door is a little noisy.
- The toilet is broken.
- The air conditioner is not working.
- Can someone please come to our room?
- Can I get an extra blanket?
- Can you bring me some toilet paper?
- Can we get extra hangers?
- Room service, please.
- I lost my room key.
- I got locked out of my room.
- What is your room number?

- The bathroom is leaking.
- My laptop was stolen.
- My child got injured.
- My wife collapsed.
- Please help us.
- Please call an ambulance.

Section V: Dining

【Culture 8】 Restaurant - Things you need to know

【Culture 9】 Chopsticks - Taboos when using chopsticks



Phrase Lesson 10 - Restaurant

74 Phrases (PDF 11 pages) + MP3 audio files (74)

[Sample Phrases]

- How many people in your party?
- We have a reservation for 6:00 under Smith.
- Would the counter seats be ok?
- Is there a menu in English?
- Do you have a vegan menu?
- Ready to order?
- Is this gluten-free?
- We are ready to order.
- Tempura udon and steak, please. Medium rare, please.
- Draft beer, please.
- Can I have a separate plate, please?
- Do you have a spoon?

- What kind of Sake do you have?
- May I take your plate away?
- Can I get this food to go?
- Can I get the check, please?
- Split the bill, please.
- Can I use Apple Pay?
- How long have you been running this restaurant?
- The food was great.
- We will be back.

【Culgture 10】 Fast Food - Things you need to know



Phrase Lesson 11 - Fast Food

40 Phrases (PDF 7 pages) + MP3 audio files (38)

[Sample Phrases]

- Would you like to eat here?
- No, take-out, please.
- One cheeseburger, please.
- One cheeseburger and one medium size fries, please.
- One chili dog, onion rings, and a Coke, please.
- Chicken nuggets 5 pieces, a side salad, and a small size of fries, please.
- How about your beverage?
- Vanilla shake, please.
- Ah, I'm sorry. Please change it to matcha shake.
- How about this meal set?
- How about your sauces?
- Mustard sauce and spicy sauce, one each, please.
- I will repeat your order.
- One teriyaki burger, one small fries, and one hot coffee. Is that all?
- The total will be 850 yen.
- We will call you when it's ready.

- Please wait with this number tag.
- Please return the tray over there.
- Excuse me, could you please wipe the table?
- I'm sorry, I spilled my drink... Could you wipe it up?

Section VI: Sightseeing

【Culture 11】 Shrine - Things you need to know



【Culture 12】 Castles - Famous Castles in Japan



【Culture 13】 Popular Tourist Sites



Phrase Lesson 12 - Tourist Office

53 Phrases (PDF 8 pages) + MP3 audio files (53)

[Sample Phrases]

- Is there a tourist information center around here?
- What kind of tourist attractions are there in this area?
- Are there any castles in this area?
- Are there any shrines in this area?
- Are there any hiking trails in this area?
- Do you have any maps of this area in English?
- I would like to go to the Imperial Palace. Are there any tours?
- How much is the admission fee?
- What time do they close?
- Do you have any brochures in English?
- Where is the spot that appeared in the Ghibli movie?
- Is there any discount for senior citizens?
- Can I use my overseas (= non-Japanese) credit card?
- Is there any English-speaking guides?
- I'd like to eat [Dish], but do you have any restaurant recommendations?
- What are some popular local souvenirs?
- May I take pictures here?
- Could you take a picture for us?
- Horizontally, please.
- I like old Japanese architecture.
- I'm interested in Japanese culture.
- I'm interested in Bushido. (= Way of Samurai)
- I like Onsen (= Japanese hot springs).
- Everyone is very kind in Japan.
- I like the countryside of Japan.
- The nature is beautiful.

【Culture 14】 Onsen = Hot Springs



Phrase Lesson 13 - Onsen

59 Phrases (PDF 8 pages) + MP3 audio files (59)

[Sample Phrases]

- We will show you to your room.
- What time would you like to have dinner?
- 6:00, please.
- Would you like to have dinner in your room?
- Yes, we'll eat in our room.
- No, we will go to the designated place.
- Do you have any allergies?
- I am allergic to soybeans.
- Natto is not my favorite. / I'm not really fond of Natto.
- No, I can eat anything.
- Please wear these footwear inside the building.
- Until what time can we enter the large public bath?
- Is the large public bath open 24 hours?
- Where is the public bath located?
- Is there an outdoor bath?
- Is there a sauna?
- Is shampoo and soap provided in the public bath?
- Is it ok to bring my own drinks into the public bath?
- It's ok in the changing room, but please refrain from doing so inside the baths.
- What are the benefits of the hot spring water here?
- I have a small tattoo on my shoulder, but can I enter the public bath?
- How was the hot spring?
- It felt really good.
- It was very relaxing.
- Once you've finished dinner, please call us on extension number 1.
- After dinner, we will come to your room to lay out your futon (= bedding).
- Is there a shop in the building?
- What are the popular souvenirs from this hot spring?

Section VII: Shopping

【Culture 15】 コンビニ Konbini = Convenience Store - Things you need to know



Phrase Lesson 14 - Convenience Store

31 Phrases (PDF 5 pages) + MP3 audio files (31)

[Sample Phrases]

- Next customer, please (proceed to the cashier).
- Do you have a point card?
- Points will be added from this time on. Do you want to make it?
- Yes, please.
- No, thank you.
- Would you like it heated?
- Would you like a spoon?
- Would you like chopsticks?
- Can I have two spoons?
- Would you like a receipt?
- Would you like a bag?
- Please give me one.
- No, I'm good.
- Please press the "Age Verification" button.
- Excuse me, do you have a Band-Aid?
- Excuse me, I'm looking for this (but would you help me to find it?)
- Excuse me, do you have a restroom?

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