

## Basic Japanese Phrases

1. おはよう  
o ha yo o                      Good morning. (Informal)
  2. おはようございます。  
o ha yo o go za i ma su.                      Good morning. (Formal)
  3. こんにちは。  
ko n' ni chi wa.                      Good afternoon. /Hello. (Formal only)
  - 4.こんばんは。  
ko n' ba n wa.                      Good evening. /Hello. (Formal only)
  5. おやすみ。 OR おやすみなさい。                      Good night (as going to sleep).  
o ya su mi                      o ya su mi na sa i.
  6. ありがとう。  
a ri ga to o                      Thank you. (Informal)
  7. ありがとうございます。  
a ri ga to o go za i ma su                      Thank you. (Formal)
  9. はじめまして。  
ha ji me ma shi te.                      Hello/How do you do? ("Hello" for the first-time meeting)
  10. よろしくおねがいします。  
yo ro shi ku o ne ga i shi ma su                      Nice to meet you.
- NOTE: This is one of the most difficult expressions to translate into English. Literally it can mean *I'll be counting on your kindness, I'll depend on you with this matter, I look to you for guidance, I hope you'll take good care of me/my child/this matter, etc.*
11. そうですか。  
so o de su ka                      I see. (Literally "Is that so.") (Formal)
  12. そう。  
so o                      I see. (Informal)

13. では、また。  
de wa ma ta  
See you. (Literally “Well then, again.”) (Most Formal)
14. じゃあ、また。  
ja a ma ta  
See you. (Formal or Polite enough as a grownup)
15. (じゃあ) またね。  
(ja a) ma ta ne  
See you. (Very Informal)
16. 行ってらっしゃい。  
i tte ra ssha i  
Please go and come back.  
(“Bye” as you see someone off who leaves and comes back later)
17. 行ってきます。  
i tte ki ma su  
I’ll go and come back.  
(“Bye” as you leave to someone who stays behind)
18. ただいま。  
ta da i ma  
I’m home. / I’m back.
19. おかえりなさい。  
o ka e ri na sa i  
Welcome home. / Welcome back.
20. ごめん。  
go me n  
I am sorry. (Informal)
21. ごめんなさい。  
go me n na sa i  
I am sorry. (Can be used Informally but sounds slightly better)
22. すみません。  
su mi ma se n  
I am sorry. (Formal)
23. すみません。  
su mi ma se n  
Excuse me. (for getting someone’s attention)

24. いただきます。  
i ta da ki ma su. Thank you for the meal. (Before eating)
25. ごちそうさまでした。  
go chi so o sa ma de shi ta. Thank you for the meal. (After eating)
26. もう いちど いってください。  
mo o i chi do i tte ku da sa i Please say it one more time.
27. もう いちど おねがいします。  
mo o i chi do o ne ga i shi ma su One more time, please.

### ==== Extra Expressions ====

28. だいじょうぶですか。  
da i jo o bu de su ka Are you ok? /Are you doing alright?
29. はい、だいじょうぶです。  
ha i da i jo o bu de su Yes, I am ok.
30. がんばってください。  
ga n ba tte ku da sa i Good luck! /I will be rooting for you./Keep it up!  
Do your best. /Show them what you are made of!  
(Formal)
- がんばって!  
ga n ba tte (Informal)

NOTE: This is another expression that is difficult to translate into English. Basically, Japanese say this when they want to show their supports and wish others for a good outcome.