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## Top 5 Classroom Phrases in Japanese

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## The Focus of This Lesson is the Top 5 Classroom Phrases in Japanese

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In this lesson, we'll teach you the top five useful classroom phrases in Japanese, and then some!

### 1. "Please say it." / "Please repeat."

*Itte kudasai* (言ってください) means "please say it." As a variation, you might also hear *ripīto shite kudasai* (リピートしてください), which means "please repeat (after me)," when teachers want you to repeat exactly what they have said.

### 2. "Please look."

*Mite kudasai* (見てください) means "please look," and when an object comes before the phrase, it means "please look at (object). For example, *howaito bōdo, mite kudasai* (ホワイトボード、見てください) means "please look at the whiteboard".

### 3. "Please read."

*Yonde kudasai* (読んでください) means "please read."

You can expect to hear this phrase if a teacher wants you to practice reading some word, phrase, or passage. For example, *tekisuto, yonde kudasai* (テキスト、読んでください) means "please read your textbook".

### 4. "Please write it."

*Kaite kudasai* (書いてください) means "please write it."

Teachers may use this phrase when they want you to practice writing some *hiragana*, *katakana*, or even *kanji*!

### 5. "Do you understand?"

The most direct translation is *wakarimasu ka?* (わかりますか?).

Other variations Japanese teachers often use include *daijōbu desu ka?* (大丈夫ですか?) and *ii desu ka?* (いいですか?), which both literally translate to "Is it/everything okay?" Teachers often use these questions to confirm understanding. If teachers want to ask whether there are any questions, they might also ask *shitsumon arimasu ka?* (質問ありますか?), which means "Are there any questions?"