

LESSON NOTES

Survival Phrases #1

Indispensable Words

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KANJI

1. 下さい
2. お願いします。
3. どうも。
4. 有り難う。
5. どうも有り難う。
6. はい。
7. いいえ。
8. すみません。

KANA

1. ください
2. おねがいします。
3. どうも。
4. ありがとう。
5. どうもありがとう。
6. はい。

CONT'D OVER

7. いいえ。
8. すみません。

ROMANIZATION

1. Kudasai
2. Onegai shimasu.
3. Dōmo.
4. Arigatō.
5. Dōmo arigatō.
6. Hai.
7. Iie.
8. Sumimasen.

ENGLISH

1. Please
2. Please.
3. Thanks. Hi. And many more.

CONT'D OVER

4. Thank you.
5. Thank you very much.
6. Yes.
7. No.
8. Excuse me. Sorry.

VOCABULARY

Kanji	Kana	Romaji	English
下さい	ください	kudasai	please
どうも	どうも	dōmo	Thanks, hi, etc.
どうも有り難う。	どうもありがとう。	Dōmo arigatō.	Thank you very much.
はい	はい	hai	Yes.
いいえ。	いいえ。	ie.	No.
すみません。	すみません。	Sumimasen.	Excuse me. I'm sorry.
お願いします。	おねがいします。	Onegai shimasu.	Please.
赤坂	あかさか	Akasaka	Akasaka (place in Tokyo)

SAMPLE SENTENCES

<p>水を下さい。 <i>Mizu o kudasai.</i></p> <p>Can I have some water, please?</p>	<p>A 「田中さんですか。」 B 「はい。」 <i>A: Tanaka-san desu ka. B: Hai.</i></p> <p>A: Are you Mr. Tanaka? B: Yes.</p>
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A:これ、すきですか。B:いいえ。きらいです。

A:*Kore, suki desu ka. B:ie. Kirai desu.*

A: Do you like this? B:No. I dislike it.

ほんとうにすみません。

Hontō ni sumimasen.

I'm really sorry.

GRAMMAR

When requesting some object, the following phrase can be used.

[Object]ください。

[Object] *kudasai*.

Please (give me) [object].

You can also use this phrase by pointing at something and saying *kudasai* in order to request that thing. *Onegai shimasu* is another expression that can be used to request an object, ask a favor, get someone's attention, etc….

Dōmo is the swiss army knife of survival phrase words. Depending upon the situation, *dōmo* can mean thank you, hello, excuse me, and more. When using it as thank you, to make it more polite, one can add *arigatō*. *Arigatō* by itself also means thank you, and is more polite than *dōmo* alone. Another multi-purpose word is *sumimasen*, which can mean sorry, excuse me, thank you, or can also be used to get somebody's attention.

Using these few words, you can already successfully participate in a Japanese exchange! Consider the following situation, which can be heard in today's lesson.

[In a restaurant, ready to order.]

You: *Onegai shimasu!*

[Waitperson approaches. You point at an item on the menu.]

You: *Kudasai.*

[The waitperson acknowledges, and returns after a few moments with your selection.]

You: *Dōmo arigatō!*