



## 1. Things you need to know

どうか

1.

Yes, it's great to begin with a word of agreement: **Yes**

はい

hai

2.

After saying “yes”, sometimes there’s no choice but to say “no”... From the tone you can tell that no means **No!**

いいえ

ie

3.

Now that we’ve mastered “yes” and “no”, it’s time to ask for something, and say **Please**

どうか・お願いします

douka /

onegaishimasu

4.

If we get what we asked for, we probably want to say thanks: you can just say **Thank You**

ありがとう

arigatou

5.

And you can also add emphasis by saying **Thanks a Lot**

どうもありがとう

Doumo arigatou

6.

Usually you’ll get a standard response, such as “my pleasure”, “no problem”, or a

modest response like: **You're welcome**

どういたしまして  
**Douitashimashite**

7.

Now we already know how to put words together and say: **Yes, please**

はい、お願いします。  
**Hai, onegaishimasu**

8.

Or: **No, thank you**

いいえ、結構です。  
**Iie, kekkoudesu**

9.

“Excuse me” is an interesting phrase. When we want to be polite, get someone’s attention, make a comment, ask for something, the correct phrase is “excuse me”. For example, “Excuse me please, you’re stepping on my foot!” – **Excuse me**

すみません  
**Sumimasenn**

10.

There is also a way to ask for forgiveness – “Ooh, I beg your pardon, I didn’t mean it!” If we accidentally hurt someone, we can say **I beg your pardon**

許してください  
**Yurushite kudasai**

11.

When we want to express true sorrow or to apologize, the appropriate phrase is: **Sorry**

ごめんなさい  
**Gomenn nasai**

12.

And when everything is fine, you can say: **It's okay**

大丈夫です  
**Daijyoubu desu**

13.

Moving on to some “dating phrases”. The first word you’ll probably say at the beginning of the date is: **Hello**

こんにちは  
**konnichiwa**

14.

And when you part ways? It's always nice to say, I had a great time, hope to see you soon, **Goodbye**

さようなら

## Sayounara

15.

Sometimes you do want to see that person again, and sometimes you say “see you” just to be polite... in either case, we say: **See you**

またね

**Matane**

16.

I wonder why almost every language has a special greeting for mornings. When you meet someone in the morning, you say: **Good morning!**

おはよう!

**Ohayou!**

17.

And there is also a special greeting for the afternoon: **Good afternoon!**

こんにちは!

**Konnnichiwa!**

18.

When you meet someone in the evening, you say: **Good evening!**

こんばんは!

**Konnbannwa!**

19.

And at night, when you are ready to go to sleep, you guessed right! – we say **Good night!**

おやすみ!

**Oyasumi!**

20.

After a good night's sleep, we're ready to start the new day. Or maybe we want to welcome a guest, or maybe someone is happy to meet us and says: “Good to see you... **Welcome!**”

ようこそ・いらっしやい

**Youkoso / irassyai**

21.

When people meet each other, they usually exchange “small talk”. They aren't always interested in a specific answer, but they show interest: **What's new?**

最近どうですか?

**Saikinn doudesuka?**

22.

**How are you today?**

お元気ですか?

**Ogenki desuka**

/

本日はご機嫌いかがですか？  
**Honjitsuwa gokigen ikaga desuka?**

23.

Some people simply ask, **How are you doing today?**

今日の調子はどうですか？

**Kyouno choushiwa doudesuka?**

24.

Most people expect a polite answer and not a list of complaints... You can simply say: **Fine, thanks**

元気ですよ。ありがとう

**Genki desuyo Arigatou**

25.

Everything's fine with me. What about you?

とても元気ですよ。あなたはどうか？

**Totemo genki desuyo Anatawa doudesuka?**

26.

And if everything was okay, or at least no one complained, you can say politely: I enjoyed myself, **I had a lovely time**

楽しかったです

**Tanoshikatta desu**

27.

And your host will probably reply: "It's my pleasure".

Yes, it's always a good idea to be polite... **It's my pleasure**

喜んで

**Yorokonnde**

28.

And so, continuing to be polite, let us part by saying: **I wish you...**

～でありますように

**...de arimasu youni**

29.

You could also say "best wishes", or "all the best", and maybe even wish someone **Good luck**

幸運を祈ります

**Kouunwo inorimasu**

30.

You could, of course, add a little more detail, such as: **Good health and happiness**

健康と幸せを祈ります

**Kenkouto shiawasewo inorimasu**

31.

And there's also **Happy Holiday**

良い休暇を！  
**Yoi kyuukawo!**

32.

And of course **Happy New Year**

明けましておめでとう  
**Akemashite omedetou**

33.

Another way of saying goodbye is **Bon voyage**

いってらっしゃい  
**itterassyai**

34.

Hey, kid, how old are you?! **Happy birthday**

お誕生日おめでとう  
**Otanjoubi omedetou**

35.

And to mark a wedding anniversary, you would say **Happy anniversary**

結婚記念日おめでとう  
**Kekkonn kinennbi omedetou**

36.

Have a good time, **Enjoy your stay**

おくつろぎください  
**Okutsurogi kudasai**

37.

And **Have a nice day**

良い一日を  
**Yoi ichinichiwo**

38.

And you could always add this greeting: **All the best**

がんばって  
**Gannbatte**



## 12. Hotels

### ホテル

#### 355.

Now that we've landed safely, filled in all the forms and set out as tourists... let's think about the most common situations we may encounter. We'll begin at the hotel. Make a reservation in advance to make sure there's a room... **Making Hotel Reservations**

**ホテルの部屋を予約する**

**Hoteruno heyawo yoyaku suru**

#### 356.

If you didn't make a reservation, your first question to the hotel clerk is: **Hello, do you have a vacancy?**

**もしもし、空き部屋はありますか？**

**Moshimoshi, akibeyawa arimasuka?**

#### 357.

Here's the answer you don't want to hear: **Sorry, everything's taken**  
**すみません、満室です。**

**Sumimasenn, mannshitsu desu**

#### 358.

If you did make a reservation, you can say: **I have a reservation**  
**私は予約があります。**

**Watashiwa yoyakuga arimasu**

#### 359.

And if not, try your luck and hope for the best: **I don't have a reservation**  
**私は予約がありません。**

**Watashiwa yoyakuga arimasenn**

#### 360.

Maybe you need to give more information: **I need a room...**  
**私は部屋が必要です。**

**Watashiwa heyaga hitsuyou desu**

#### 361.

for one night

一晩  
hitobann

362.

for two adults and two children

大人二名と子供二人  
Otona nimeito kodomo futari

363.

This may sound odd, but based on experience it's a good idea to add: **with a bathroom**

トイレ・シャワー付き  
Toire shawaa tsuki

364

with a single bed or a double bed

シングル・ベッド  
ダブル・ベッド  
Shinnguru beddo  
daburu beddo

365.

Where is the room? **on the first floor**

一階  
ikkai

366.

Or maybe **on the top floor**

最上階  
saijyoukai

367.

Do I need to take the stairs to get **upstairs**

上階  
jyoukai  
階下  
kaika

368.

Or to get **downstairs**

下階  
kaika

369.

But I have suitcases... Is there an elevator? **elevator**

エレベーター  
erebeetaa

370.

The hotel's location is important for tourists and also affects the price. A hotel can be downtown, near the train station or in the suburbs. It's always good to know the hotel's exact address. **Where are you located?**

**場所はどこですか？**

**Bashowa dochira desuka?**

371.

If the location isn't clear, you can always ask: **How do I get there from...?**

**~からはどうやってそちらに行けますか？**

<...> **karawa douyatte sochirani ikemasuka?**

372.

And of course, to avoid any surprises... **How much does it cost?**

**料金はいくらですか？**

**Ryoukinnwa ikura desuka?**

373.

This is not always obvious... **Does the price include breakfast?**

**料金に朝食は含まれますか？・朝食付きですか？**

**Ryoukinni choushokuwa fukumaremasuka?**

**/ choushoku tsuki desuka?**

374.

Let's review meals! first, **breakfast**

**朝食**

**choushoku**

375.

**lunch**

**昼食**

**chuushoku**

376.

**supper**

**夕食**

**yuushoku**

377.

We've almost forgotten the hotel clerk on the phone... what should we tell him?

We'll take the room! **Thank you, I'll be there by... 4**

**ありがとうございます。私はそちらに・・・4時までに到着します。**

**Arigatou watashiwa sochirani yojimadeni touchakushimasu**

378.

Most countries that welcome tourists have tourist information offices. Most hotels also have a tourist desk to answer tourists' questions... **Tourist Information**

観光案内所

**Kannkou annaisho**

379.

Fill in the following question as needed: Excuse me, where can I find...?

すみません、～はどこにありますか？

**Sumimasenn, <…> wa dokoni arimasuka?**

380.

Maybe we'll separate to shop in the market. We need a... meeting point

集合場所・集合地

**Shuugou basho / shuugou chi**

381.

Perhaps you have a free map of the city

街の地図

**Machino chizu**

382.

Can you help me find ... a car rental agency

レンタカー代理店

**Rentakaa dairitenn**

383.

Actually, maybe I'd prefer a taxi stand or a bus stop

タクシー乗り場・バス停

**Takushii noriba / basu tei**

384.

A train to...

～への電車

**<…> eno dennsha**