



# Useful Phrases in Japan

## A BEGINNER'S GUIDE

### COMMON PHRASES

*Good morning* = Ohayoo Gozaimasu

*Good afternoon* = Konnichiwa

*Goodbye* = Sayoonara

*Thank you* = Arigatou Gozaimasu

*Go ahead* = Doozo

*Excuse me* = Sumimasen

*I don't understand* = Wakarimasen

*Excuse me, do you speak English?* =

Sumimasen, Ee-go wakarimasu ka?

*English* = Ee-go

*How much does this cost?* =

Kore wa ikura desu ka?

*Yes* = Hai

*No* = iie

*Toilet* = Toire

*Hotel* = Hoteru

*Airport* = Kuukou

*Station* = Eki

*Convenience Store* = Konbini

### FOOD RELATED

*Non-smoking seat* = Kin'en-seki

*Smoking seat* = Kitsuen-seki

*Water* = Mizu

*Tasty* = Oishii

*Menu* = Menyuu

*Credit Card* = Kaado

*Bill, please* = O-kaikee onegaishimasu

### NUMBERS

*One* = Ichi

*Eight* = Hachi

*Two* = Ni

*Nine* = Ku/ Kyuu

*Three* = San

*Ten* = Juu

*Four* = Shi/ yon

*100* = Hyaku

*Five* = Go

*1,000* = Sen

*Six* = Roku

*10,000* = Man

*Seven* = Nana/ Shichi

### COUNTING PEOPLE

*one person* = hitori desu, *two people* = futari desu, *three people* = san-nin desu, *four people* = yo-nin desu, *five people* = go-nin desu, *six people* = roku desu

### OTHER THINGS TO NOTE:

The end of a question is "ka", so if someone says something to you which ends in "ka" chances are they're asking you a question!

### IF YOU ONLY LEARN ONE PHRASE...

Learn the phrase "Doomo". This phrase has multiple meanings: (1) thank you, (2) hi or hello, (3) good afternoon, (4) good evening, (5) good night and (6) good bye. "Doomo" is multi-purpose, much like the word "preggo" is in Italian.