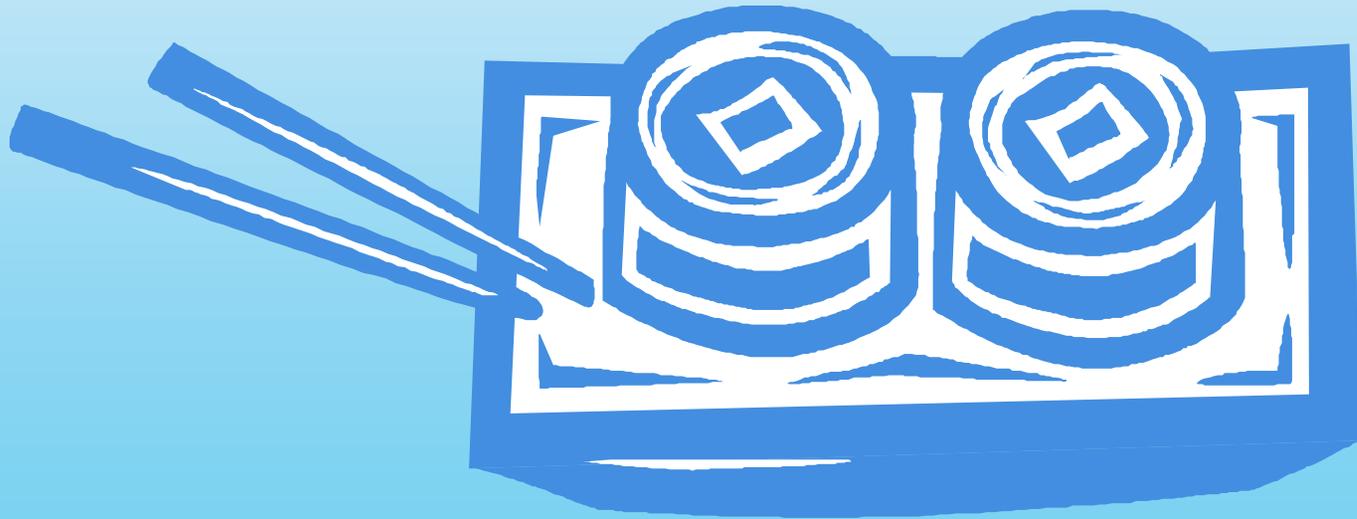


Learning Japanese

日本語



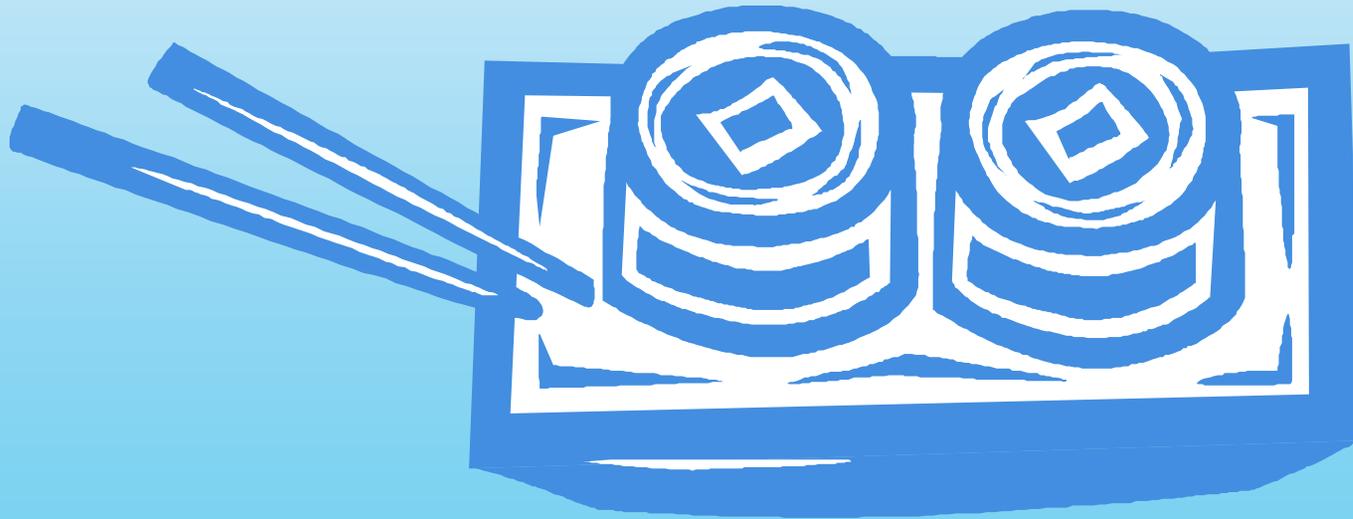
DON'T PANIC

- Participation, not perfection
- Concentrate on
 - Spoken Japanese
 - Listening practice
- Pick up as much written Japanese as you can
- The more you learn, the more you'll enjoy the trip



Review

In our last episode ...



Where were we ...

- Traveler's Japanese – basic vocab, phrases and a bit of reading
- Handy for shopping, eating ...
- Dictionaries?
- Resources



SIS: Sudden Illiteracy Syndrome



Four systems

- ひらがな
- The one we know and love
- 漢字
- カタカナ



Kanji 漢字

- Basis of Japanese writing system
- Nouns, verb & adjective stems
- Examples:
 - 本 = hon/moto = basis or origin
 - 日 = nichi/ni/hi = sun
 - 日本 = nihon = Japan
 - 月 = tsuki = moon
- 2000 or more for basic literacy



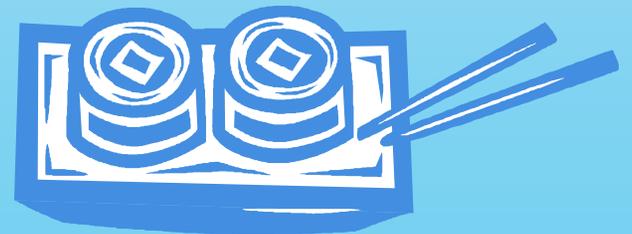
Syllabaries: hiragana, katakana

- Similar to alphabet
- One symbol, one sound
- Hiragana: あいうえお (a i u e o)
 - Verb/adjective endings
 - Simpler Japanese, traditional
- Katakana アイウエオ (a i u e o)
 - Foreign words, emphasis, sound effects (manga)



Pronunciation

- All vowels are "soft"
 - a, i, u, e, o = ah, ee, ooh, eh, oh
 - Asakusa
 - Ueno
 - Sake
- Very slight trill/flip to "r"
 - Kore
 - Ramen ラーメン
 - Arigatou



Typical questions

- Subject wa Verb ka?
- Sore wa nan desu ka?
That what is?
 - Kore wa hon desu.
- Amerika-jin desu ka?
America-person is/are you?
 - Hai. Amerika-jin desu.



Typical sentences

- Subject wa Object o Verb
- (Watashi wa) sakana o tabemasu.
 - I fish eat.
 - I eat (or I'm eating) fish. Or I'll have fish.
- Kore wa sakana desu.
 - That fish is.
 - That's fish.
- (Watashi wa) amerika-jin desu
 - I america-person am.
 - I'm an american.



Desu

- It is (handy)
- It is (everywhere)
- Sou desu ka? (Is it? Really? Is that so?)
- Sou desu (It is.)
- Sou dewa arimasen / sou dewanai
 - No, it isn't



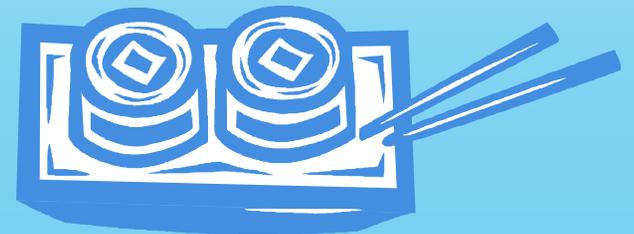
Greetings

- Good morning = ohayou gozaimasu
Until around 10 a.m.
- Good day = konnichiwa
From 10 until it's dark, more or less
- Good evening = konbanwa
Evenings



Introductions

- [your name] to moshimasu.
Hajimemashite. Douzo yoroshiku.
- Kochira wa [your friend's name]-san desu.
 - Kochira = that person there
 - Sensei = teacher
 - Gakusei = student
 - Dare = who?



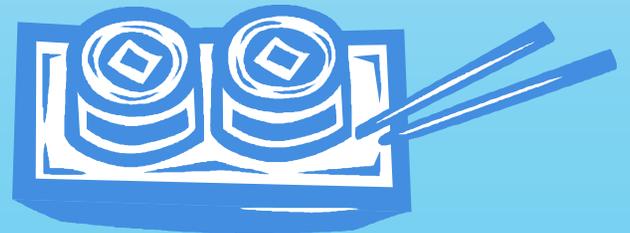
Japanese names

- Family name first, given name second
- Confusion over western names - which is family/given name?
 - Family name: myoji
 - Given name: namae
 - JONES wa myoji desu
- Jones wa [doitsu | igirisu | etc] no namae desu ka?



Thank you

- Formal: doumo arigatou gozaimasu
- Normal: doumo arigatou or just arigatou



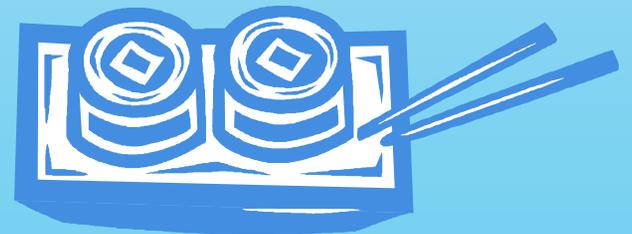
Requests

- Please give me XXX:
XXX o kudasai
- Or (point to what you want):
sore o kudasai
- Where is the toilet?
toire wa doko desu ka?



Requests

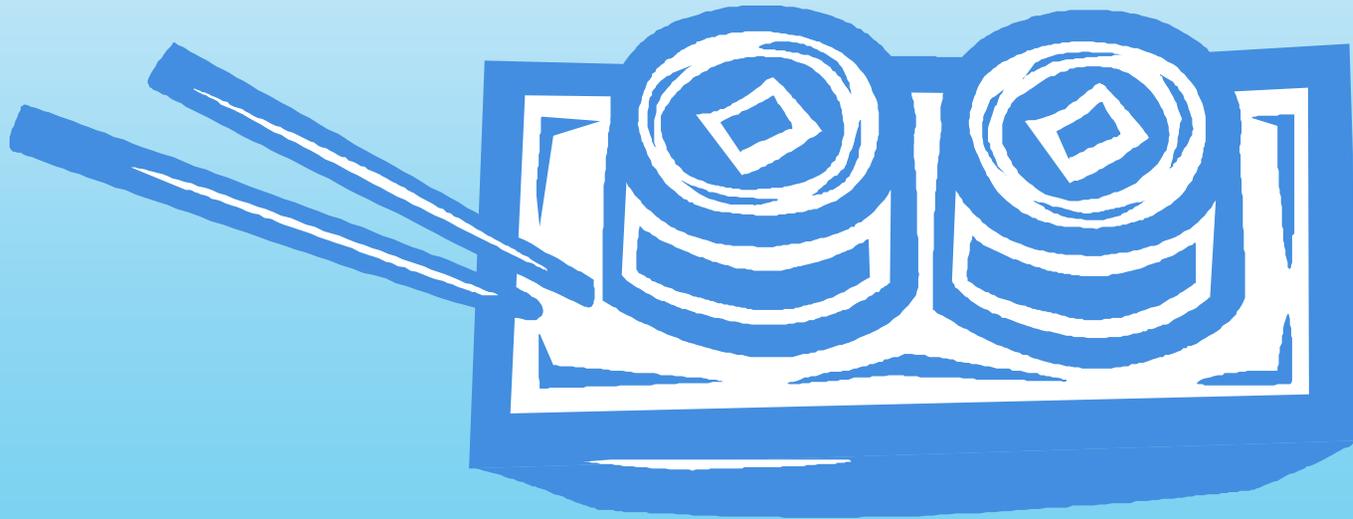
- What is this?
kore wa nan desu ka?
 - sore wa hon desu.
 - sore wa konpyuta- desu
- Are there any/do you have:
Senbei arimasu ka?
 - hai senbei arimasu
 - senbei arimasu
 - hai arimasu
 - arimasu



Questions?

しつもんありますか？

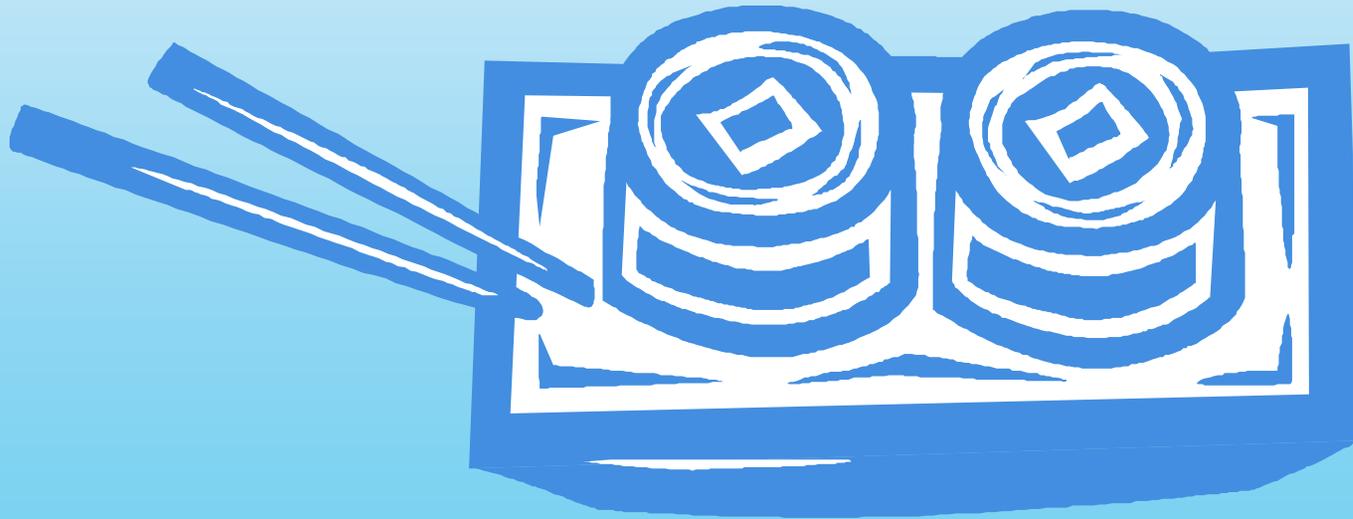
Shitsumon arimasu ka?



Japanese Food

日本の食べ物

nihon no tabemono



Dinner at Matsuya



Types of restaurants

- Convenience store
- Ramen
- Sushi
- Family
- Fast food
- Eel
- Traditional
- Akachochin
- Gyoza (dumplings)
- Vegetarian
- Noodle (menrui)
- Tonkatsu
- Izakaya
- Yakiniku



Noodles Noodles Noodles Noodles

- Ramen
- Soba
- Udon
- Somen





Vending machine restaurants



- Choose from window display or menu posted outside
- Insert money, push button, get ticket.
- Hand ticket to cook.
- Find table. Sit.
- Pick up your food when they call out your order.



Kaitenzushi (conveyor belt sushi)



Eel – Unagi うなぎ

- Sushi
- Kabayaki かばやき
- Donburi どんぶり
- Always cooked
- Sweet BBQ sauce



Gyoza (dumplings)

- Fried
- Steamed



Tonkatsu とんかつ

- Breaded, deep-fried pork or chicken
- Served with different sauces



Yakiniku 焼肉 やきにく

- Grilled meat
- And other stuff
- With sauce
- Do-it-yourself
- Yum!



Tempura 天ぷら てんぷら

- Shrimp and veggies
- Battered and deep-fried



Bentou 弁当 べんとう

- Box lunches of all kinds/prices

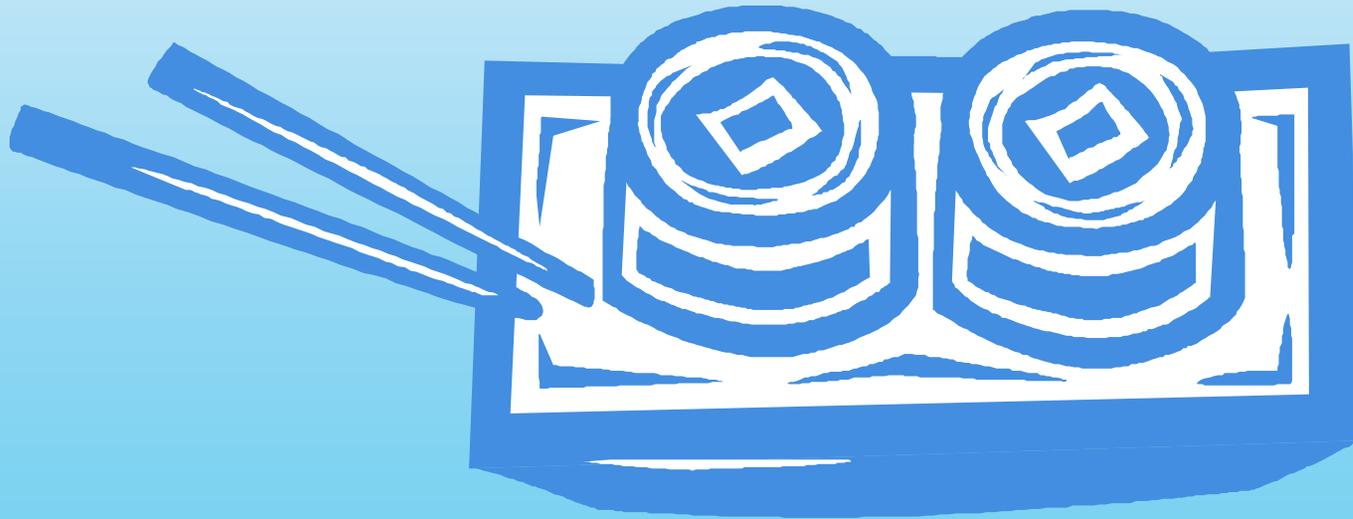


Bentou 弁当 べんとう



Ordering

Feeding the peko-peko gaijin



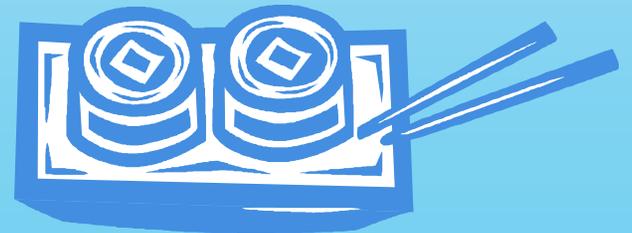
How does the gaijin get fed?

- Gesture. Window. Point.
- Menu. Picture. Point.
- Menu. Read/Guess. Point.
- I'll have what he's having.
 - Pointing at someone is rude
- Ask for what you want



Asking for something

- XXX o kudasai
 - Please give me XXX
- Tonkatsu teishoku o kudasai
- Mizu o kudasai
- Gyoza o kudasai
- Gyoza to mizu o kudasai
 - Mizu = water



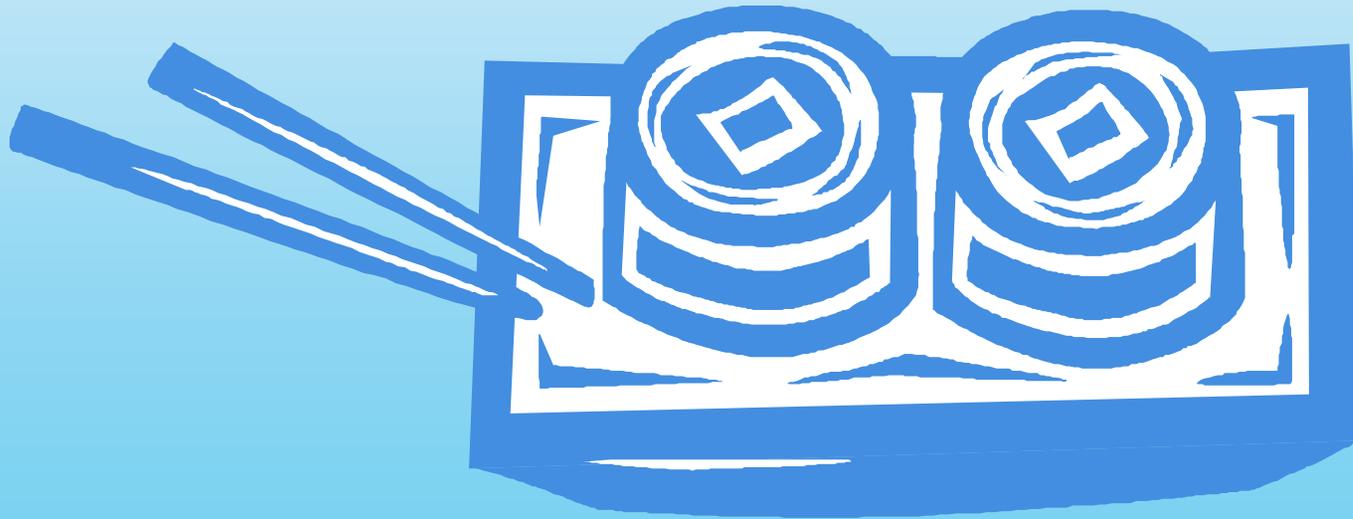
Paying and departing

- How much is this?
Kore wa ikura desu ka?
- Check, please
Sumimasen, o-kanjo kudasai
- It was a great meal
go-chisosama deshita



Our meal at Matsuya

Kaiseki-style



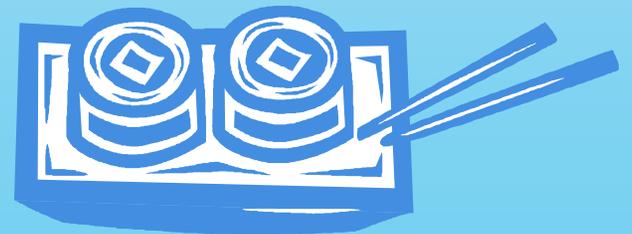
Kaiseki

- Ingredients chosen, prepared and presented to match the season
- Set group of dishes: appetizer, sashimi, simmered, grilled, steamed
- Other dishes at the discretion of the chef
 - Hassun: a second course, which sets the seasonal theme, typically one kind of sushi and several smaller side dishes
 - Mukozuke: a sliced dish of seasonal sashimi
 - Yakimono: broiled seasonal fish
 - Su-zakana: a small dish used to clean the palate, such as vegetables in vinegar
 - Gohan: a rice dish made with seasonal ingredients
 - Ko no mono: seasonal pickled vegetables

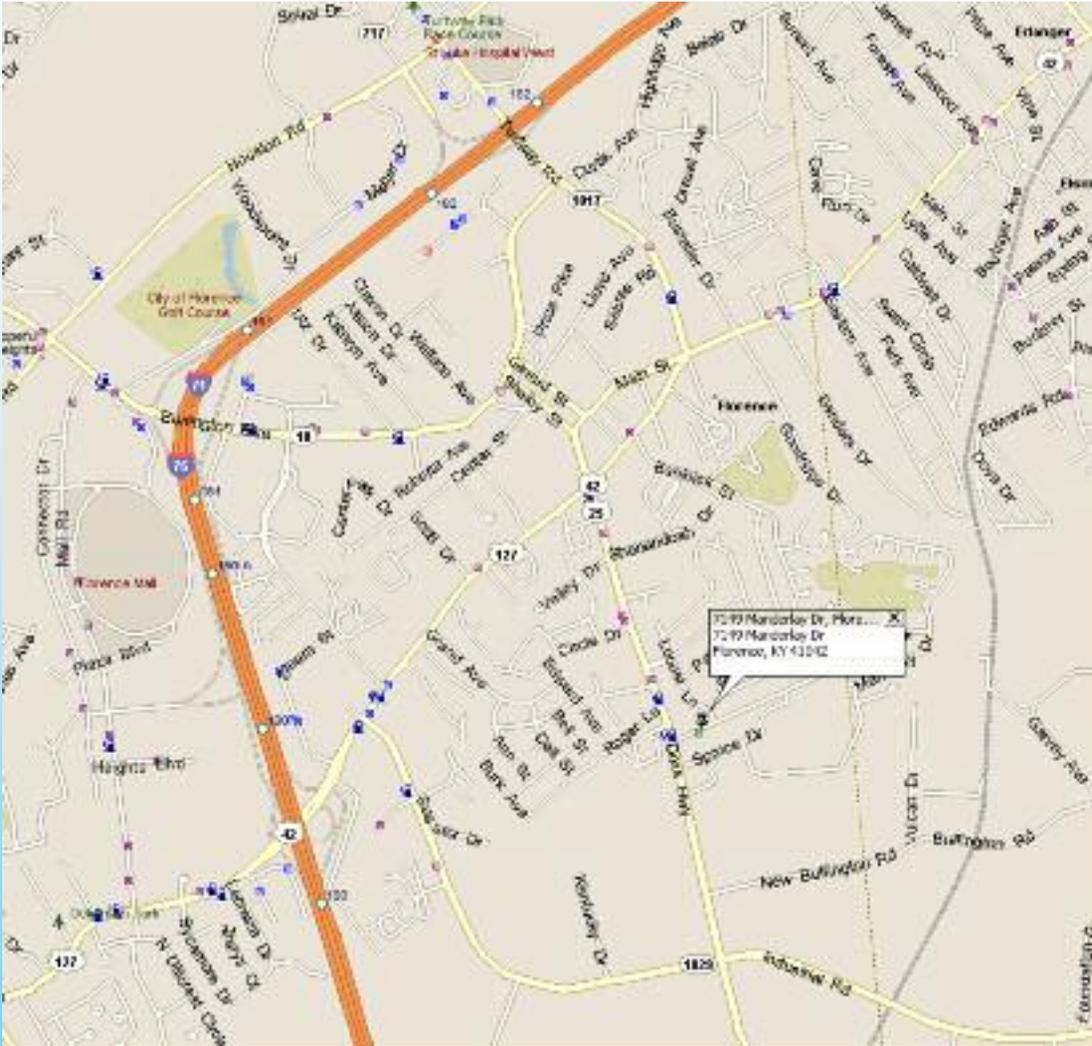


At the restaurant

- Shoes off before walking on tatami
- Owner's name is Matsushita-san
aka Panasonic
- Please ... TRY everything
- Bring your Food & Restaurant Japanese sheets with you

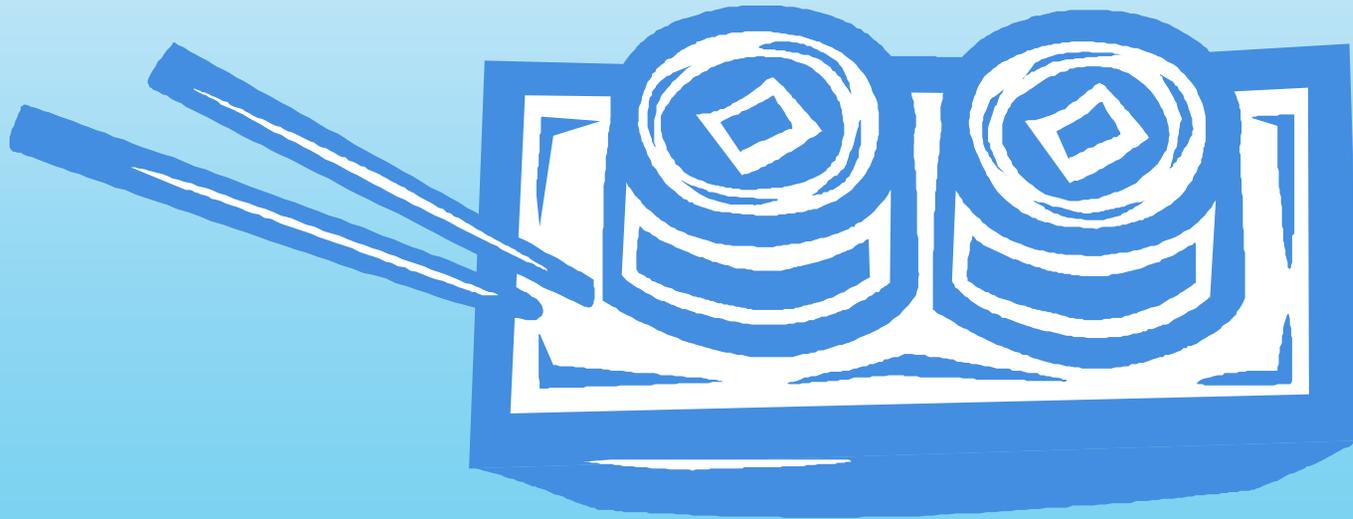


Matsuya Japanese Restaurant



[View or download a PDF of the map here](#)

What's next?



Next: Inside Outside Up and Down

- Directions
- Signs
- Getting around



ありがとう. でわまた.
arigatou. dewa mata.
Thanks. Bye for now.

