

Here's a summary of the vocabulary and phrases that Steve covered in his **Japanese: Greetings and Introductions** talk.

We'll review this during the next class. Pay special attention to **Greetings, Introductions, Thank You** and **Requests**.

You'll be using them to introduce yourselves to your fellow students.

Remember: **Participation, not Perfection** is the goal here (but perfection's cool too).

Kanji 漢字

Examples:

本 = hon/moto = basis or origin

日 = nichi/ni sun

日本 = nihon = Japan

月 = tsuki = moon

明るい = akarui = bright / glittering

Syllabaries: hiragana, katakana

Hiragana : あいうえお (a i u e o)

Katakana アイウエオ (a i u e o)

Hiragana

Verb/adjective endings:

Iku 行, ikimashita 行きました

Samui 寒い, samukatta 寒かった

Pronunciation

All "soft" vowels:

a, i, u, e, o = ah, ee, ooh, eh, oh

Very slight trill/flip to "r" (something like Spanish)

Kore これ

Phrases

Subject (m) Object (m) Verb (?m):

は (ha but pron. "wa") or が (ga) mark subject

を (wo but pron "o") marks object

か (ka) marks question

Phrases

Watashi wa hon wo yomimasu (I read a book/I'm reading a book)

私は本を読みます

Sensei wa hon wo yomimasu ka? (Is the teacher reading a book?)

先生は本を読みますか

Watashi wa amerika-jin desu (I'm an American)

私はアメリカ人です

Amerika-jin desu ka? (Are you an American?)

アメリカ人ですか

Greetings

Good morning = ohayou gozaimasu (ohio go-zi-mas', literally "It's early")

おはようございます

Good day = konnichiwa (literally "as for this day")

こんにちは

Good evening = konbanwa (lit: "as for this evening")

こんばんは

Introductions

[your name] to moshimasu.

Hajimemashite. Douzo yoroshiku.

____ともします。はじめまして。どうぞよろしく。

Kochira wa [your friend's name] desu. (introducing your friend to someone else)

こちらは ____ です。

Japanese names

Family name first, given name second
(Shibata Kanako); no middle names.

Frequent confusion over western
names - which is family/given name?

Family name: myoji 名字

Given name: namae 名前

JONES wa myoji desu ____ は名字で
す。

Thank you

Formal: domou arigatou gozaimasu

どうもありがとうございます

Normal: domou arigatou or just

arigatou

どうもありがとう / ありがとう

Casual: doumo

どうも

Requests

Please give me XXX: XXX o kudasai

____ を下さい / をください

Or (point to what you want): sore o

kudasai

それを下さい

Where is the toilet: toire wa doko

desu ka?

といれはどこですか

What is this? = kore wa nan desu ka?

これはのんですか

Are there any/do you have: XXX

arimasu ka?

____ ありますか