## **How-To Speak Simple Japanese**

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Greetings in Japanese

Good morning おはようございます Ohayo gozaimasu

Hello こんにちは Konnichiwa

Good evening こんぱんは Konbanwa

How do you do はじめまして Hajime mashite

My name is ... わたしのなまえは... Watashi no namae wa ...

Useful words to know

Thank you ありがとうございます Arigato gozaimasu

Please

おねがいします Onegai shimasu

Excuse me すみません Sumimasen

At a restaurant

Can I take your order? ごちゅうもんはおきまりです か? Gochumon wa okimari desuka?

Yes No はい いいえ Hai lie Coffee please

コーヒーおねがいします Kohi onegai shimasu

Curry & rice and water please カレーライスとおみずおね がいします

Kare-raisu to omizu onegai shimasu

Before and after the meal

Before eating いただきます Itadaki masu

After the meal ごちそうさまでした Gochiso sama deshita

Coffee コーヒー Kohi

Cake ケーキ Keki

Curry カレー Kare

Rice ball おにぎり Onigiri

Mochi like balls だんご

Dango

Miso soup みそしる Miso shiru Toire wa doko desuka?
Where is the station?

Where is the bathroom?

トイレはどこですか?

Where is the station? えきはどこですか? Eki wa doko desuka?

Straight まっすぐ Massugu

Right みぎ Migi

Left ひだり Hidari

At a store

How much is this? これいくらですか? Kore ikura desuka?

l'll take this これください Kore kudasai

Clothes ふく Fuku

Shoes くつ Kutsu

Bag かばん/バッグ Kaban/Baggu

Asking for directions

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## Hiragana (in large font), Katakana and Romaji (in small font)

There are 3 components to Japanese writing system: Hiragana, Katakana and Kanji. Hiragana and Katakana are sets of Japanese written symbols (syllabaries). Hiragana is predominantly used to write Japanese words, such as おにぎり onigiri (rice ball) or みそしる misoshiru (miso soup), and Katakana is mostly used to write foreign/borrowed words, such as コーヒーKohi (coffee) or English names like エミリー Emiri (Emily) or ジェームスJemusu (James). Romaji is a way of writing Japanese in Roman characters. Kanji is adopted characters from Chinese writing system.

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