

Useful Japanese Phrases

Common Anime Phrases

Boku/Ore/Watashi wa sonna jikan wa nai. There's no way I have the time (for this/that).

Onore/Teme/Kisama Very derogative ways to say "you"; basically, You bastard!!

Yarou, Bakayarou Bastard, Stupid bastard

Shiriai Someone you know, someone who has a relation to you. (*Watashi no shiriai desu.* It's my friend, my relation.)

Koibito Lover

Aishiteru I love you.

Henna/Henn Weird

Tomodachi, Nakama Friend, Companion

Dare desu ka Who is it?

Doko desu ka Where is it?

Nan desu ka/Nani/Nani o What is it?/What?

Nan demo nai (It's) nothing./Nothing at all.

Tasukete Help! (Literally, Save me!)

Hentai/Sukebi Pervert

Bouzu Derogatory way to address a priest (See Inu Yasha).

Ogyaku-sama Customers, persons who have done business with the particular establishment.

Kudasai Please (Only used after verbs. To just say, "Please", the word to use is *onagai*.)

Jiji Old man - literally "grandfather" (slang, less respectful) *Ojiisan* = more formal, *Ojisama* = extremely formal

Baba Old woman - literally "grandmother" (slang, less respectful.) *Obaasan/Obaasama* - Refer to above.

Oneechan/san/sama Used to address a slightly older girl in increasing degrees of formality - literally "older sister"

Oniichan/san/sama Used to address a slightly older boy - literally "older brother"

Ogaasan/sama Mother/older woman (*Ofukuro* is used in extremely formal situations, such as when your mother happens to be an empress or a woman of very high status.)

Otousan/sama Father/older man

Hontou ni?/Hontou? Really? (Can also be used as a verifying statement: *Hontou (desu).*)

Omoishiroi Interesting (Used a lot in Rurouni Kenshin, Naruto, basically any anime.)

Hoshii I want it.

Motto More, again

Mada Already, just, only (varies depending on context.)

Maa Well... (*Maa, maa* means Come on, now/Calm down.)

Ja Then.../Well, then... (*Ja, ikimashoo* Well, then, let's go.)

Saa Come on!/Well, then! (*Saa, saa!* can be used as a taunt to provoke your opponent into action during a fight)

Tatakai Opponent/Enemy

Warawa nai Don't laugh (at me, her, etc.)

More to come later! For now, study some particles!