

# Survival Japanese

## Expressions that all you need to know

Thank you.

**Arigatou** [ah-ri-gah-toe]

Excuse me.

**Sumimasen** [Sue-me-mah-sen]

You can use this for stopping somebody to ask something, or when you apologize (like stepping on somebody's foot).

Hello.

**Kon-nichiwa** [Kon-nichi-wa]

Where is ...?

**... wa doko deska?** [... wa dough-ko des-ka?]

beer

**[bee-ru]**

..., please

**..., onegai shimasu** [Oh-nay-guy she-mass]

This is a very useful expression.

For example, if you want to buy something at a shop, just point to it and say 'Onegai shimasu.' If you want to buy two tickets to Kyoto, say 'Kyoto, onegai shimasu', and show two fingers. If you want to go to Miyako Hotel by taxi, just say 'Miyako Hotel, onegai shimasu.' If you want beer, just say 'Bee-ru, onegai shimasu.'

## Numbers in Kanji (Chinese characters)

〇	一	二	三	四	五	六	七	八	九	円
0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	Yen

example:

八  
五  
〇  
円

= 850 Yen

## Signs in Kanji

非常口 Emergency Exit

出口 Exit

便所、御手洗い、洗面所 Restroom

地下鉄 subway

難波 Namba

谷町九丁目 Tanimachi 9-chome (notice the 九 for 9?)

## For vegetarians

I am a vegetarian.

私は菜食主義者です。

Does this contain meat?

これに肉は入っていますか。

Does this contain pork?

これに豚肉は入っていますか。

Does this contain beef?

これに牛肉は入っていますか。

Does this contain egg?

これに卵は入っていますか。