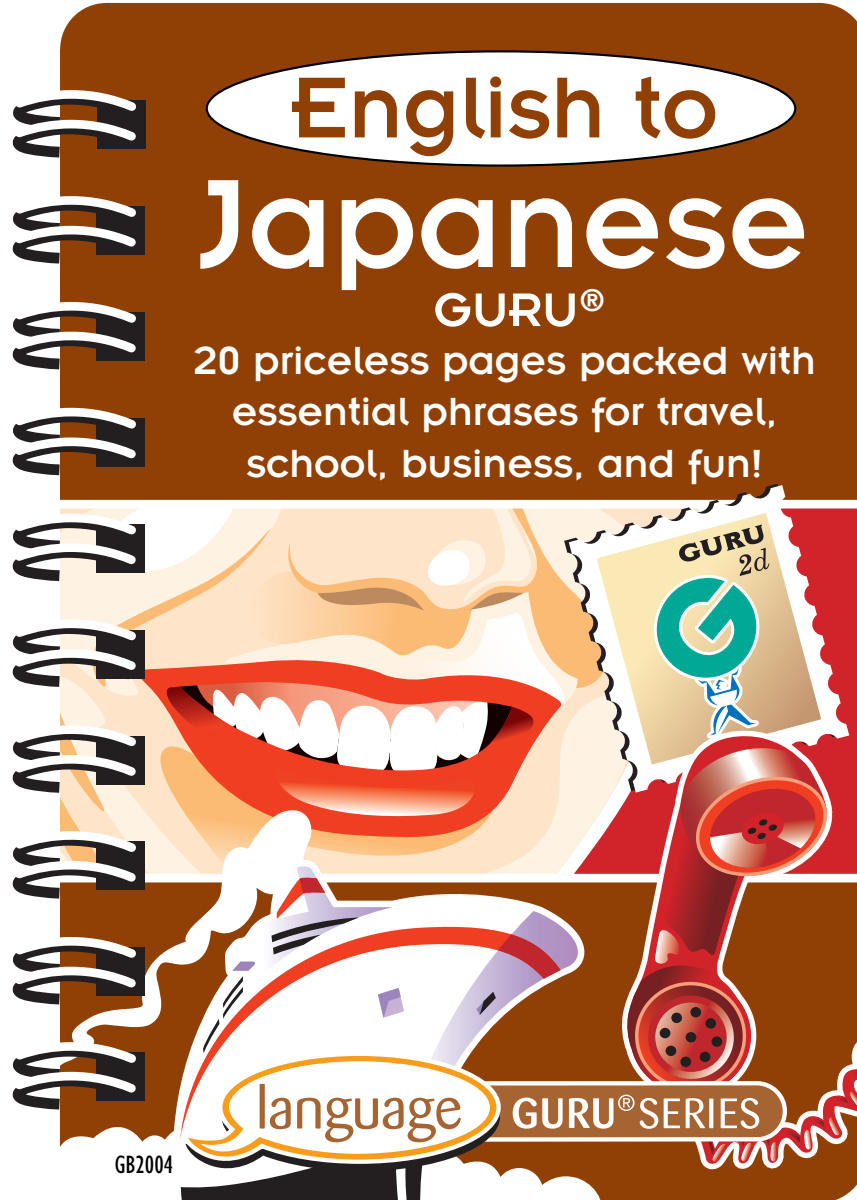




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SPEAKING GUIDE

Your *Guru* uses American accent sound-alike phonetics to describe the word sounds. You just read the italics pronunciation as it seems natural to you -- and you don't have to worry about foreign accent marks or awkward clusters of letters!

Here's a few examples of common sounds in your *Guru*...
ah pronounced as in the word *ah-hah*

<i>ahn</i> as in <i>dawn</i>	<i>en</i> as in <i>pen</i>	<i>o</i> as in <i>go</i>
<i>ay</i> as in <i>bay</i>	<i>ew</i> as in <i>new</i>	<i>ock</i> as in <i>clock</i>
<i>e</i> as the <i>e</i> in <i>pen</i>	<i>g</i> as in <i>gum</i>	<i>oo</i> as in <i>boo</i>
<i>ee</i> as in <i>bee</i>	<i>j</i> as in <i>jam</i>	<i>ow</i> as in <i>now</i>
<i>eh</i> as the <i>e</i> in <i>pen</i>	<i>kyo</i> as in <i>Tokyo</i>	<i>y</i> as in <i>my</i>

To illustrate some pronunciation, have a look at these. When you see a small bar over a letter, hold that corresponding sound a little longer (for example in English, the sound of *to* vs. *too*).

- one ... **ichi** ... ee-chee
- beer ... **bīru** ... bee-roo
- please ... **dōzo** ... do-zo

HANDY HINTS

Don't be overly concerned with your pronunciation, because most people will appreciate your effort. And rather than get stuck on one word (which you repeatedly try to pronounce perfectly), you're better off to try a complete phrase ... your listener will probably understand by the context of the entire phrase.



GREETINGS AND CHIT-CHAT

A FEW OF THESE GO A LONG WAY

hello ... **konnichiwa** ... *kon-nee-chee-wah (O AS IN GO)*

goodbye ... **sayōnara** ... *say-yo-nahl-rah*

welcome ... **irasshai mase** ... *eer-ahs-hy mah-seh*

good morning ... **ohayō gozaimasu**

o-ha-yo go-zah-ee-mah-soo

good day ... **konnichiwa** ... *kon-nee-chee-wah*

good evening ... **konbanwa** ... *kon-bahn-wah*

good night ... **oyasumi nasai** ... *o-yah-soo-mee nah-sy*

Nice to meet you ... **hajime mashite**

hah-jee-meh mah-shee-teh

How are you? ... **ogenki desu ka**

o-gehn-kee deh-soo kah

Fine, thank you ... **hai arigatō gozaimasu**

hy ah-ree-gah-to go-zah-ee-mah-soo (Y AS IN MY)

please ... **dōzo** ... *do-zo*

thank you ... **arigatō** ... *ah-ree-gah-to (O AS IN GO)*

you're welcome ... **dō itashimashite**

do ee-tah-shee-mah-shee-teh

Mr. / Mrs. / Miss ... **san** ... *sahn*

excuse me ... **sumimasen** ... *soo-meem-mah-sen*

I'm sorry ... **gomennasai** ... *go-men-nah-sah-ee*

HANDY HINTS

Last name comes first, so **Mr. Bob Jones** is *Jones Bob-san*.

SOME QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Do you speak English? **eigo o hanashimasu ka**

ee-go o hah-nah-shee-mah-soo kah

yes ... **hai** ... *hy (Y AS IN MY)*

no ... **ie** ... *ee-eh*

I understand ... **wakarimashita** ... *wah-kah-ree-mah-shee-tah*

I do not understand ... **wakarimasen**...*wah-kah-ree-mah-sen*

Please repeat slowly

mō ichido yukkuri itte kudasai

mo ee-chee-do yuk-koo-ree eet-teh koo-dah-sy

What is your name?

anata no o-namae wa nan desu ka

ah-nah-tah no o-nah-may wah nahn deh-soo kah

My name is Bob ... **watashi wa Bob to mōshimasu**

wah-tah-shee wah "Bob" to mo-shee-mah-soo

Where are you from?

dochira kara irasshai mashita ka

do-cheer-ah kah-rah ee-rahs-shy mah-shee-tah kah (Y AS IN MY)

I am from the U.S.

watashi wa amerika kara kimashita

wah-tah-shee wah ah-mehr-ee-kah kah-rah kee-mah-shee-tah

How do you say in Japanese, "today"?

"today" wa nihongo de nanto imasu ka

"too-day" wah nee-hon-go deh nahn-to ee-mah-soo kah





TRAVEL



GETTING THERE

the map ... **chizu** ... *chee-zoo*
 the ticket ... **kippu** ... *keep-poo*
 one-way ... **katamichi** ... *kah-tah-mee-chee*
 round trip ... **ōfuku** ... *o-foo-koo* (O AS IN GO)
 arrival ... **tōchaku** ... *to-chah-koo*
 departure ... **shuppatsu** ... *shoop-pah-zoo*
 the plane ... **hikōki** ... *hee-ko-kee*
 the airport ... **kūkō** ... *koo-ko*
 the ship ... **fune** ... *foo-neh*
 the train ... **ressha** ... *rehs-shah*
 the train station ... **eki** ... *eh-kee*
 the car ... **kuruma** ... *koo-roo-mah*
 the bus ... **basu** ... *bah-soo*
 the bicycle ... **jitensha** ... *jee-ten-shah*

HANDY HINTS

- Japanese includes four types of symbols:
 - (1) kanji, where each picture represents one word (Chinese origin)
 - (2) hiragana, used for Japanese words
 - (3) katakana, for foreign words
 - (4) romaji, western (roman) representations of Japanese. Used in phrase books (or else you'd have to learn some 2,000 characters!)
- Japanese can be written top to bottom or left to right.
- *kah* at end of sentence signifies a question (since no ? marks).

ON THE MOVE

How can I get to ___? ... **e wa dō ikun desu ka**
eh wah do ee-koon deh-soo kah (O AS IN GO, OO AS IN BOO)

How far is it to ___?

___ ewa koko kara tōi desu ka
___ eh-wah ko-ko kah-rah to-ee deh-soo kah

How much is a ticket to ___? ... **made ikura desu ka**
mah-deh ee-koo-rah deh-soo kah

first class ... **gurin sha** ... *goo-reen shah*

second class ... **futsu sha** ... *foo-zoo shah*

When does it leave? ... **nanji no shuppatsu desu ka**
nahn-jee no shoop-pah-zoo deh-soo kah

When does it arrive? ... **nanji ni tsuki masu ka**
nahn-jee nee zoo-kee mah-soo kah

How long will it take to get there?

jikan wa dono kurai kakari masu ka
jee-kahn wah do-no koo-ry kah-kah-ree mah-soo kah

Is this the right way to ___?

kore wa ___ e iku michi desu ka
ko-reh wah ___ eh ee-koo mee-chee deh-soo kah

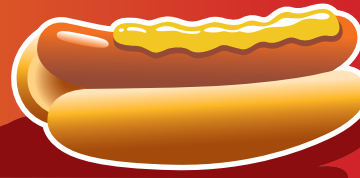
Where is the bus stop? ...

basu tei wa doko desu ka
bah-soo teh-ee wah do-ko deh-soo kah

Stop here please ... **koko de tomatte kudasai**
ko-ko deh to-maht-teh koo-dah-sy (Y AS IN MY)



FOOD AND DRINK



FOOD

I'm hungry ... **onaka ga sukimashita**
o-nah-kah gah soo-kee-mah-shee-tah (O AS IN GO, OO AS IN BOO)

restaurant ... **resutoran** ... *reh-soo-to-rah*

menu ... **menyū** ... *men-yoo*

breakfast ... **chōshoku** ... *cho-shock-oo*

lunch ... **chūshoku** ... *choo-shock-oo*

dinner ... **yūshoku** ... *yoo-shock-oo*

vegetarian ... **saishokushugi** ... *sah-ee-sho-koo-shoo-gee*

I'm allergic to ___ ... ___ **ni arerugi desu** (G AS IN GUM)
nee ah-reh-roo-gee deh-soo

nuts ... **nattsu**... *nah-zoo*

appetizers ... **zensai** ... *zen-sy (Y AS IN MY)*

bread ... **pan** ... *pahn*

butter ... **batā** ... *bah-tah*

salad ... **sarada** ... *sah-rah-dah*

soup ... **sūpu** ... *soop-oo*

cheese ... **chīzu** ... *chee-zoo*

fish ... **sakana** ... *sah-kah-nah*

shellfish ... **kairui** ... *kah-ee-roo-ee*

poultry ... **tori** ... *to-ree*

beef ... **gyūniku** ... *gyoo-nee-koo*

lamb ... **kohitsuji no niku** ... *ko-heet-soo-jee no nee-koo*

pork ... **butaniku** ... *boo-tahn-ee-koo*

veal ... **koushiniku** ... *ko-oo-shee-nee-koo*

vegetables ... **yasai** ... *yah-sy (Y AS IN MY)*

potato ... **jagaimo** ... *jah-gah-ee-moh*

rice ... **gohan** ... *go-hahn*

fruit ... **kudamono** ... *koo-dah-mo-no*

dessert ... **dezāto** ... *deh-zah-to (O AS IN GO)*

ice cream ... **aisukurīmu** ... *ah-ee-soo-koo-ree-moo*

salt ... **shio** ... *shee-o*

pepper ... **koshō** ... *ko-sho*

waiter ... **ueitā** ... *oo-eh-ee-tah*

bill ... **kanjō** ... *kahn-jo*

tip ... **kokorozuke** ... *ko-ko-ro-zoo-keh*

Bon appetit! ... **itadakimasu** ... *ee-tah-dah-kee-mah-soo*

DRINK

I'm thirsty ... **nodo ga kawakimashita**
no-do gah kah-wah-kee-mah-shee-tah

water ... **mizu** ... *mee-zoo*

milk ... **miruku** ... *mee-roo-koo*

coffee ... **kohi** ... *ko-hee*

tea ... **cha** ... *chah*

sugar ... **satō** ... *sah-to*

lemon ... **remon** ... *reh-mon*

soda pop ... **jūsu** ... *joo-soo*

wine ... **wain** ... *wy-ee*

beer ... **bīru** ... *bee-roo*

Cheers! ... **kanpai** ... *kahn-py*



ACCOMMODATION, MONEY, QUESTIONS



ACCOMMODATION

Where is ___? ... ___ **wa doko desu ka**

wah do-ko deh-soo kah

the hotel? ... **hoteru** ... *ho-teh-roo*

the youth hostel? ... **yūsu hosteru** ... *yoo-soo ho-steh-roo*

I have a reservation ... **yoyaku shite arimasu**

yo-yah-koo shee-teh ah-ree-mah-soo (0 AS IN GO, OO AS IN BOO)

I would like a room for ___ persons

___ **nin beya ga hoshii no desu ga**

___ neen beh-yah gah ho-shee-ee no deh-soo gah

with bath ... **basu tsuki no** ... *bah-soo zoo-kee no*

for ___ nights ...

___ **nichi** ... *nee-chee*

How much does the room cost?

ippaku no nedan wa ikura desu ka

eep-pah-koo no neh-dahn wah ee-koo-rah deh-soo kah

Is breakfast included?

chōshoku wa fukumarete imasu ka

cho-shock-oo wah foo-koo-mah-reh-teh ee-mah-soo kah

the key ... **kagi** ... *kah-gee*

What time is breakfast served?

chōshoku jikan ka ... *cho-shock-oo jee-kahn kah*

Please wake me at ___ o'clock

___ **ji ni okoshite kudasai masu ka**

___ jee nee o-ko-shee-teh koo-dah-sy mah-soo kah

MONEY

money ... **o-kane** ... *o-kah-neh*

Where is ___? ... ___ **wa doko desu ka**

___ wah do-ko deh-soo kah (O AS IN GO, OO AS IN BOO)

a bank? ... **ginkō** ... *geen-ko*

a money-exchange office? ... **ryōgaejo** ... *ryo-gah-eh-jo*

What is the exchange rate ___?

___ **kōkan rēto wa ikura desu ka**

___ ko-kahn reh-to wah ee-koo-rah deh-soo kah

for dollars? ... **doru** ... *do-roo*

traveler's checks?...**toraberā chekku**...

to-rah-behr-ah chek-koo

QUESTIONS

what ... **nani** ... *nah-nee*

What is that? ... **are nani desu ka**

ah-reh nah-nee deh-soo kah

how ... **dōyatte** ... *do-yaht-teh*

how much ... **dorehodo** ... *do-reh-o-do*

How much is it? ... **kore wa ikura desu ka**

ko-reh wah ee-koo-rah deh-soo kah

where ... **doko** ... *do-ko*

why ... **naze** ... *nah-zeh*

when ... **itsu** ... *ee-zoo*

who ... **dare** ... *dah-reh*



SIGHTSEEING AND SHOPPING



SIGHTSEEING

Where is ___? ... ___ **wa doko desu ka**
wah do-ko deh-soo kah
the city center? ... **machi no chūshin**
mah-chee no choo-sheen
the tourist office? ... **kankō an-naijo**
kahn-ko ahn-nah-ee-jo
the tour bus? ... **tsuā no basu** ... *zoo-ah no bah-soo*
How much does a ticket cost?
kippu wa ikura ni nari masu ka
keep-poo wah ee-koo-rah nee nah-ree mah-soo kah
What time do you close? ... **itsu shimarimasu ka**
ee-zoo shee-mahr-ee-mah-soo kah
city tour ... **kankō tsuā** ... *kahn-ko soo-ah*
museum ... **hakubutsukan** ... *hah-koo-boo-zoo-kahn*
art gallery ... **garō** ... *gah-ro*
cathedral ... **daiseidō** ... *dah-ee-seh-ee-do*
opera ... **opera** ... *o-per-ah*
concert ... **konsāto** ... *kon-sah-to*
open ... **aiteiru** ... *ah-ee-teh-ee-roo*
closed ... **heiten** ... *heh-ee-ten*
go ... **iku** ... *ee-koo*
left ... **hidari** ... *hee-dah-ree*
right ... **migi** ... *mee-gee*
straight ... **massugu** ... *mahs-soo-goo*

SHOPPING

I would like to buy ... ___ **o kaitai no desu ga**
o kah-ee-tah-ee no deh-soo gah
Where is ___? ... ___ **wa doko desu ka**
___ *wah do-ko deh-soo kah*
a pharmacy? ... **kusuriya** ... *koo-soo-ree-yah*
a laundromat? ... **koinrandorī** ... *ko-een-rahn-do-ree*
a supermarket? ... **sūpāmāketto** ... *soo-pah-mah-ket-to*
a travel agency? ... **ryokō dairiten**
ryo-ko dah-ee-ree-ten
a department store? ... **depāto** ... *deh-pah-to*
a newstand? ... **shinbun uriba** ... *sheen-boon oo-ree-bah*
Do you have ___? ... ___ **wa arimasu ka**
wah ah-ree-mah-soo kah
I need ... ___ **ga irun desu ga** ... *gah ee-roon deh-soo gah*
How much is it? ... **kore wa ikura desu ka**
ko-reh wah ee-koo-rah deh-soo kah
expensive ... **takai** ... *tah-ky (Y AS IN MY)*
inexpensive ... **yasui** ... *yah-soo-ee*
Do you accept ___? ... ___ **de haraemasu ka**
___ *deh har-rah-eh-mah-soo kah*
credit cards? ... **kurejitto kādo** ... *koo-reh-jeet-o kah-do*
traveler's checks? ... **toraberā chekku**
to-rah-beh-rah chek-koo



NUMBERS



1, 2, 3 -- COUNT!

- 0 ... **zero** ... *zay-ro (O AS IN GO)*
- 1 ... **ichi** ... *ee-chee*
- 2 ... **ni** ... *nee*
- 3 ... **san** ... *sahn*
- 4 ... **shi** ... *shee*
- 5 ... **go** ... *go*
- 6 ... **roku** ... *lo-koo (O AS IN GO, OO AS IN BOO)*
- 7 ... **shichi** ... *shee-chee*
- 8 ... **hachi** ... *hah-chee*
- 9 ... **kyū** ... *koo (OO AS IN BOO)*
- 10 ... **jū** ... *joo*
- 11 ... **jū-ichi** ... *joo-ee-chee*
- 12 ... **jū-ni** ... *joo-nee*
- 13 ... **jū-san** ... *joo-sahn*
- 14 ... **jū-shi** ... *joo-shee*
- 15 ... **jū-go** ... *joo-go*
- 16 ... **jū-roku** ... *joo-lo-koo*
- 17 ... **jū-shichi** ... *joo-shee-chee*
- 18 ... **jū-hachi** ... *joo-hah-chee*
- 19 ... **jū-kyū** ... *joo-koo*
- 20 ... **ni-jū** ... *nee-joo*
- 21 ... **ni-jū-ichi** ... *nee-joo-ee-chee*
- 22 ... **ni-jū-ni** ... *nee-joo-nee*

30 - SOMETHING

- 30 ... **san-jū** ... *sahn-joo*
- 40 ... **yon-jū** ... *yon-joo*
- 50 ... **go-jū** ... *go-joo*
- 60 ... **roku-jū** ... *lo-koo-joo*
- 70 ... **nana-jū** ... *nah-nah-joo*
- 80 ... **hachi-jū** ... *hah-chee-joo*
- 90 ... **kyū-jū** ... *koo-joo*
- 100 ... **hyaku** ... *hy-ah-koo (Y AS IN MY)*
- 101 ... **hyaku-ichi** ... *hy-ah-koo-ee-chee*
- 200 ... **ni-hyaku** ... *nee-hy-ah-koo*
- 500 ... **go-hyaku** ... *go-hy-ah-koo*
- 1000 ... **sen** ... *sen*
- 5000 ... **go-sen** ... *go-sen*
- 1 million ... **hyaku-man** ... *hy-ah-koo-mahn*
- first ... **ichiban** ... *ee-chee-bahn*
- 1st ... **1** ... *ee-chee-bahn*
- a half ... **hanbun** ... *hahn-boon*
- ten percent ... **jū pāsento** ... *joo pay-sehn-to*
- How old are you? ... **o-ikutsu desu ka**
o-ee-koo-zoo deh-soo kah
- I'm 9 ... **kyū sai desu** ... *kew sy deh-soo*
- Happy Birthday! ... **tanjōbi omedetō**
tahn-joo-bee o-meh-deh-too

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TIME, DAYS, AND COLORS



TIME

What time is it? ... **nan-ji desu ka**
nahn-jee deh-soo kah

It is ___ ... ___ **desu** ... *deh-soo*
two o'clock ... **ni-ji** ... *nee-jee*
five past three ... **san-ji go-fun sugi**
sahn-jee go-foon soo-gee
early ... **hayai** ... *hah-yah-ee*
late ... **oso**i ... *o-so-ee*

in twenty minutes ... **ni-ju-pun de**
nee-joo-poon deh

two hours ago ... **ni-jikan mae**
nee-jee-kahn mah-eh

time ... **jikan** ... *jee-kahn*
second ... **byō** ... *byo*
minute ... **fun** ... *foon*
hour ... **jikan** ... *jee-kahn*
day ... **hi** ... *hee*
week ... **shū** ... *shoo*
month ... **gatsu** ... *gaht-soo*
year ... **toshi** ... *to-shee*
now ... **ima** ... *ee-mah*
soon ... **sugu ni** ... *soo-goo nee*
later ... **atoni** .. *ah-to-nee*

DAYS OF THE WEEK

Monday ... **getsuyōbi** ... *geht-soo-yo-bee*
Tuesday ... **kayōbi** ... *kah-yo-bee*
Wednesday ... **suiyōbi** ... *soo-ee-yo-bee*
Thursday ... **mokuyōbi** ... *mo-koo-yo-bee*
Friday ... **kin-yōbi** ... *keen-yo-bee*
Saturday ... **doyōbi** ... *do-yo-bee*
Sunday ... **nichiyōbi** ... *nee-chee-yo-bee*

today ... **kyō** .. *kyo (KYO AS IN TOKYO)*
yesterday ... **sakujitsu** ... *sah-koo-jeet-soo*
tomorrow ... **asu** ... *ah-soo*

COLORS

color... **iro** ... *ee-ro*

white ... **shiro** ... *shee-ro*
black ... **kuro** ... *koo-ro*
gray ... **hai iro** ... *hy ee-ro (Y AS IN MY)*
brown ... **cha iro** ... *chah ee-ro*
red ... **aka** ... *ah-kah*
green ... **midori iro** ... *mee-do-ree ee-ro*
blue ... **ao** ... *ah-o*
yellow ... **ki iro** ... *kee ee-ro*
pink ... **pinku** ... *peen-koo*
purple ... **murasaki iro** ... *moo-rah-sah-kee ee-ro*



MAIL, PHONE, AND EMERGENCIES



MAIL

Where is ___? ... ___ **wa doko desu ka**
wah do-ko deh-soo kah
a post office? ... **yūbin kyoku** ... *yoo-been kyo-koo*
a mailbox ... **posuto** ... *po-soo-to*

How much does a stamp cost ___?
___ **muke wa ikura desu ka**
moo-keh wah ee-koo-rah deh-soo kah
to the U.S.? ... **amerika** ... *ah-mehr-ee-kah*
a postcard ... **hagaki** ... *hah-gah-kee*
a letter ... **tegami** ... *teh-gah-mee*
a package ... **kozutsumi** ... *ko-zoo-zoo-mee*
by airmail ... **kōkūbin** ... *ko-koo-been*

PHONE

Where is a telephone? ...
denwa wa doko ni arimasu ka
den-wah wah do-ko nee ah-ree-mah-soo kah
I would like ... ___ **ga hoshii no desu ga**
gah ho-shee-ee no deh-soo gah
to make a telephone call ... **denwa** ... *den-wah*
to the U.S. ... **amerika** ... *ah-mehr-ee-kah*
to call collect ... **korekuto kōru**
ko-reh-koo-to ko-roo

EMERGENCIES

Emergency ... **kinkyū** ... *keen-kyoo*
I'm lost ... **michi ni mayoi mashita**
mee-chee nee mah-yo-ee mah-shee-tah
I lost my ___ ... ___ **o nakushimashita**
___ *o nah-koo-shee-mah-shee-tah*
ticket ... **kippu** ... *keep-poo*
money ... **o-kane** ... *o-kah-neh*
wallet ... **saifu** ... *sy-foo*
passport ... **pasupōto** ... *pah-soo-po-to*
Where is the restroom?
otearai wa doku dese ka
o-tair-ahr-ee wah do-koo deh-seh kah
I'm ill ... **byōki desu** ... *byo-kee deh-soo*
I'm in pain ... **itamimasu** ... *ee-tah-mee-mah-soo*
Please call ... ___ **o yonde kudasai**
o yon-deh koo-dah-sy (Y AS IN MY)
a dentist ... **haisha** ... *hah-ee-shah*
a doctor ... **isha** ... *ee-shah*
the hospital ... **byōin** ... *byo-een*
an ambulance ... **kyūkyūsha**... *kyoo-kyoo-shah*
the police ... **keisatsu** ... *keh-ee-saht-soo*
Fire! ... **kaji** ... *kah-jee*
Help! ... **tasukete** ... *tah-soo-keh-teh*

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