

LANGUAGE

Historical Aid

Japanese is the official language of Japan. There are many local dialects that differ greatly in pronunciation. Fortunately, most people understand the Tokyo dialect because it is the dialect that is spoken on radio and television.

Spoken Japanese has different styles according to the situation. There is one style for everyday use and one for company. There is another style for speechmaking and yet another for speaking to elders!

Project

Learn to say a few simple Japanese phrases.

Materials

- Butcher paper
- Marking pen

Directions

1. Print the phrases and their pronunciation on pieces of butcher paper and post on the walls around the room.
2. Practice saying the phrases with your class.

English

Hello.

Thank you.

My name is Amy.

Yes, please.

Good bye.

See you tomorrow.

For what I'm about to receive ... (What to say before you eat)

Japanese

Konnichi wa

Arigatoh Gozaimasu

Amy to moshimasu

O-negai shimasu

Sayonara

Mata ashista

Itadakimasu

Pronunciation

Cone knee che wah

Arigahtaw gozighmass

Amy toh mow she mass

Oh-nehgyu shemass

Sah yoh nah rah

Mahtah ahshtah

Eetahdahkeymass