

## LESSON 1: INTRODUCTION TO THE JAPANESE PROGRAM

There are three types of letters used in the Japanese Writing System : kanji (Chinese characters) , hiragana and katakana (Japanese syllabaries).

Japanese consists of 2 scripts Hiragana and Katakana.

Katakana is used primarily for foreign words.

NB: Chinese characters called Kanji in Japanese are also heavily used in Japanese writing .

ENGLISH	A	E	I	O	U
HIRAGANA	あ	え	い	お	う
KATAKANA	ア	エ	イ	オ	ウ

**INTRODUCTIONS**

Good morning- Ohayou gozaimasu

Good afternoon- Konnichiwa

Good evening – Konbanwa

How are you? - Genki desu ka.

I'm fine. – genki desu.

**ASKING YOUR NAME**

What's your name? Anata no namae wa nan desu ka.

My name is ..... Watashi wa \_(name)\_\_\_\_\_desu.

Pleased to meet you ! – Hajimemashite , (dozo yoroshiku onegaishimasu).

**CHARACTERISTICS OF JAPANESE GRAMMAR**

As taken from the “Japanese for JETS” booklet ,

1. Word Order : a predicate always comes at the end of the sentence.  
Ex. Watashi wa Sumisu desu. My name is Smith.
2. To form a question, “ka” is added to the end of the sentence.  
Ex. Ano kata wa Tanaka – san desu. – That person over there is Mr. Tanaka.  
Ano kata wa Tanaka – san desu ka. Is that person over there Mr. Tanaka?



## ROLE PLAY

- Ohayou gozaimasu
- (Greet the person as well by stating good morning)
- Genki desu ka.
- (I am fine).
- Anata no namae wa nan desu ka.
- State your name.
- Hajimemashite .
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