

# 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 idiot!!

**Yarou, Bakayarou** Idiot, Stupid Idiot

**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 *onegai*.)

**Jiji** Old man - literally "grandfather" (slang, less respectful)

**Ojiisan** = more formal, **Ojiisama** = 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!