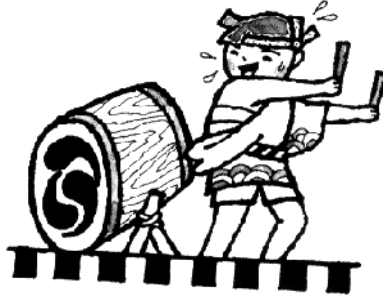


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# 日本語



## Beginners' Information Pack

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こんにちは!

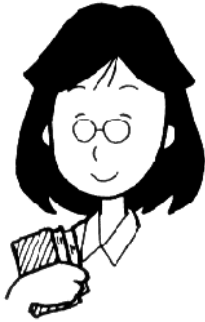
なまえ : \_\_\_\_\_  
(your name in Katakana)

くみ : \_\_\_\_\_(room)



# Greetings

It is our custom to start and finish the lesson with greetings. Study these greetings so that you know what they mean!



At the beginning  
of the lesson,  
Sensei will say,  
(with a bow)

minasan  
みなさん、(everyone)

ohayougozaimasu  
おはようございます。 or  
(good morning!)

konnichiwa  
こんにちは。(good afternoon!)

Other greetings:

konbanwa  
こんばんは      good evening

oyasuminasai  
おやすなさい      good night

At the end of the  
lesson, Sensei will  
also say,

sayounara  
さようなら ! (goodbye!)

mata raishuu  
また らいしゅう !  
(see you next week!)

WHAT SHOULD YOU SAY IN REPLY?

FIND OUT FROM A tomodachi ともだち ! (friend!)



# Writing in Japanese

Japanese scripts are phonetic in nature. There are 3 types of Japanese scripts and this is what you need to know:

## (1) Hiragana or ひらがな (most commonly used)



- There are 46 basic sounds in Hiragana
- Each Hiragana represents a sound and the sound does not change.
- Hiragana has 5 vowels, namely あ、い、う、え、お or phonetically written a,i,u,e,o.
- All the other 41 Hiragana are all consonants.



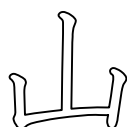
## (2) Katakana or カタカナ

- Katakana also has 46 basic sounds. It is used to write words that do not originate in Japan. For example, プリン (purin) for the English word 'pudding'.
- It is used to write your name too!



## (3) Kanji or かんじ (漢字)

- Kanji means 'Chinese characters'.
- Kanji are used to represent pictures of things drawn by people.
- Can you guess the meaning of these Kanji?



# Names and Titles

In your first Japanese lesson, you will hear words like 'Sensei', '\_\_\_\_san', '\_\_\_\_kun', and '\_\_\_\_chan'. What do they mean?

せんせい is 'Sensei'



This is the title you use for calling your teacher. It means 'teacher'! Just add your せんせい's surname at the front! e.g. Smith せんせい。

さん is 'san' and it means 'Mr.', 'Mrs.' or 'Miss'

You can put さん after names of people whom you do not know, or your friends' name.

**\*\*In the Japanese custom, we do not to put さん after our own name!**

くん is 'kun' and it is used after boys' names to show affection. For boys, you can use くん after names of friends you know well.

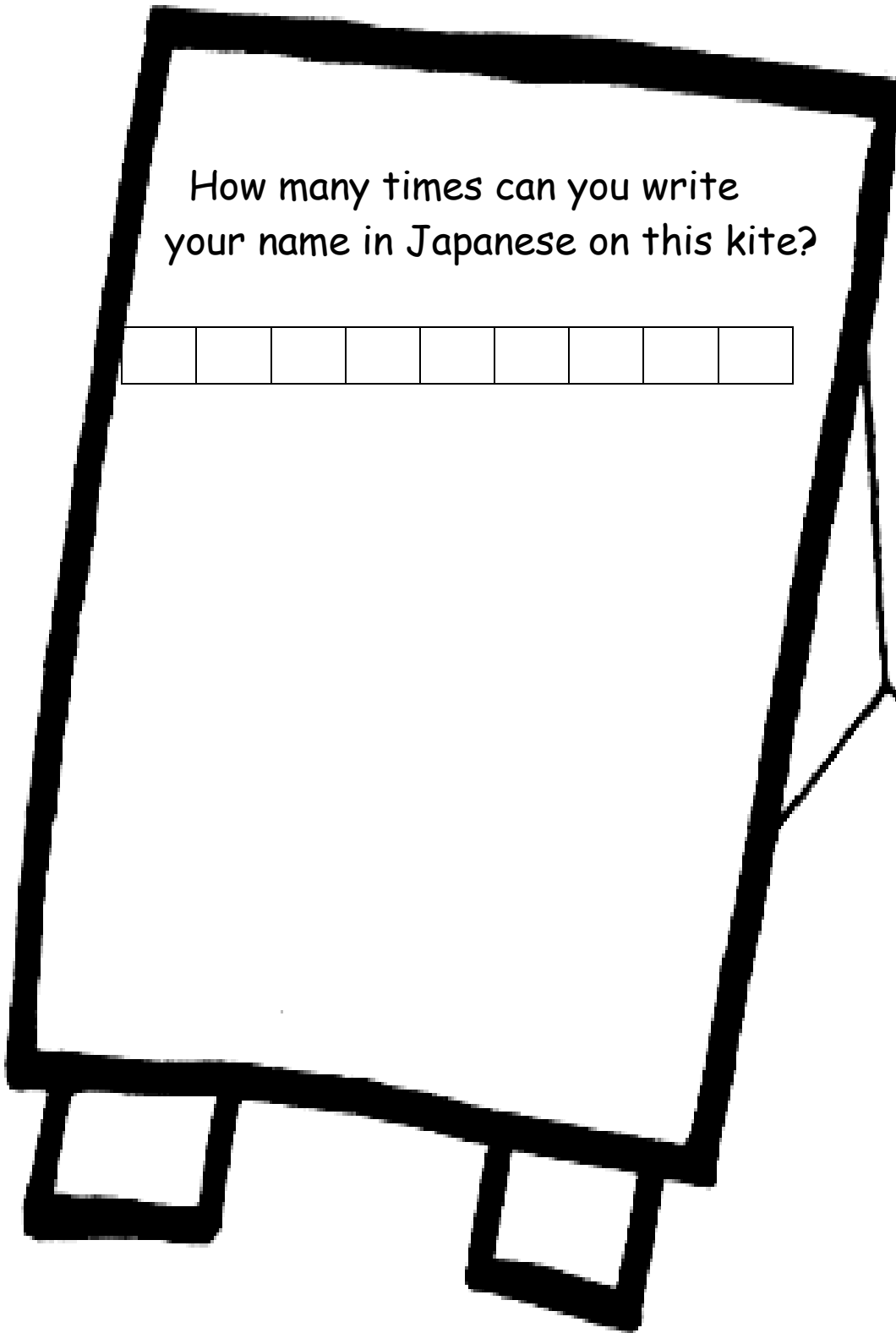


ちゃん is 'chan' and it is used after girls' names to show affection. For girls, you can use ちゃん after names of friends you know well.








How many times can you write  
your name in Japanese on this kite?

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# Counting in Japanese

Number	How to read <i>Bold: most commonly used</i>	Number in Kanji	Sounds like...
1	ichi	一	 itchy
2	ni	二	 knee
3	san	三	 sun
4	shi/ <u>yon</u> /yo	四	 she
5	go	五	 go!
6	roku	六	 rock
7	shichi/ <u>nana</u>	七	 nana
8	hachi	八	 hatch
9	<u>kyuu</u> /ku	九	 Q
10	juu	十	 <u>juice</u>
11	juu-ichi	十一	 <u>juice</u> - <u>itchy</u>
12	juu-ni	十二	 <u>juice</u> -knee

\* For number 20, 30, 40 etc, all you need is the number 2, 3 or 4 plus the number 10 (e.g. 20 is ni-juu, 30 is san-juu, 40 is yon-juu).