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Colors			
Red	Aka		
Orange	Daidaiiro / Orenji		
Yellow	Kiiro		
Green	Midori		
Blue	Ao		
Purple	Murasaki		
Pink	Pinku/Momoiro		
Grey	Haiiro		
Black	Kuro		
White	Shiro		
Brown	Chaiiro		
Colors	Iro		
Colors require the suffix -no when being put			

Colors require the suffix -no when being put before a noun.

Basic Phrases	
Good morning	Ohayoo
Good afternoon	Konnichi wa
Good evening	Komban wa
Goodbye	Sayonara
Hello (for the telephone)	Moshi moshi
Yes	Hai
No	lie
Excuse me	Sumimasen / gomen nasai
Please	Doozo
Thank you	Arigatoo

Numbers	
One	Ichi
Two	Ni
Three	San
Four	Yon
Five	Go
Six	Roku

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Numbers (cont)				
Seven	Nana/Shichi			
Eight	Hachi			
Nine	Kyu			
Ten	Ju			
One Hundred	Hyaku			
Three Hundred	Sam-Byaku			
Six Hundred	Rop-Pyaku			
Eight Hundred	Hap-Pyaku			
One Thousand	Sen			
Three Thousand	San-Zen			
Ten Thousand	Ichi-Man			
One Million	Hyaku-Man			
Number	Bango			
To create the desired month, simply add -gatsu to the number. Ex: November is Juu-				

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Ichi-Gatsu.

Days of the Week				
Monday	Getsu-			
Tuesday	Ка-			
Wednesday	Sui-			
Thursday	Moku-			
Friday	Kin-			
Saturday	Do-			
Sunday	Nichi-			
All days end with the suffix -youbi				

Body Parts	
karada	body
atama	head
kami	hair
kao	face
hitai	forehead
me	eye
mayu	eyebrown
mabuta	eyelid
matusge	eyelash
hana	nose
mimi	ear
kuchi	mouth
kuchibiru	lip
ha	teeth
shita	tongue
nodo	throat
ago	jaw
kubi	neck
kata	shoulder
ude	arm
hiji	elbow
te	hand
yubi	finger
tsumi	nail
mune	chest
senaka	back
onaka	stomach
hiza	knee
ashikubi	ankle
kakato	heel
tsumasaki	toe

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Particles: ga

-Subject marker (newly introduced)

Mukashi mukashi, ojii-san ga sunde imashita.

Once upon a time, there lived an old man.

-With question words "Who" or "what". Always used in question and response.

Dare ga kimasu ka.

Who is coming?

Yoko ga kimasu.

Yoko is coming.

-Emphasis Distinguishes the subject as the most important part of the sentance.

Taro ga gakkou ni ikimashita.

Taro is the one who went to school. (With particle wa would be 'Taro went to school.'

-Instead of 'o' Some verbs and adjectives (expressing like/dislike, desire, potential, necessity, fear, envy etc.) take "ga" instead of "o."

Kuruma ga hoshii desu.

I want a car.

 -In subordinate clauses Marks a secondary subject.

Watashi wa Mika ga kekkon shita koto o shiranakatta.

I didn't know that Mika got married.

Particles: de

-Place of action

Umi de oyoida.

I swam in the ocean.

-Means By, with, in, of.

Basu de gakkou ni ikimasu.

I go to school by bus.

-Totalizing

Zenbu de sen-en desu.

They cost 1,000 yen together.

-Scope In, among, within.

Particles: de (cont)

Kore wa sekai de ichiban ookii desu.

This is the biggest in the world.

-Time limit

Isshuukan de deki masu.

I can do it in a week.

-Material or composition

Toufu wa daizude tsukurimasu.

Tofu is made from soybeans.

-Required cost

Kono hon o juu-doru de katta.

I bought this book for ten dollars.

-Cause Because of, due to, owing to.

Fuchuui de kaidan kara ochita.

I fell down the stairs due to carelessness.

Particles: ni

-Indirect object marker

Eki de tomodachi ni atta.

I met my friend at the station.

-Location of existance

Isu no ue ni neko ga imasu.

There is a cat on the chair.

-Direct contact Used when an action or motion is directed to an object or place.

Koko ni namae o kaite kudasai.

Please write your name here.

-Direction Indicates destination.

Kinou ginkou ni ikimashita.

I went to the bank yesterday.

-Purpose

Eiga o mi ni itta.

I went to see a movie.

-Specific time Indicates a specific point in time.

Gogatsu mikka ni umaremashita.

I was born on May 3rd.

-Source 'By' or 'from'

Particles: ni (cont)

Haha ni shikarareta.

I was scolded by my mother.

-Notion of per Per hour, per gallon, etc.

Isshukan ni sanjuu-jikan hatarakimasu.

I work 30 hours per week.

Particles: no

-Possessive marker Used as an apostraphe is in English.

Kore wa watashi no hon desu

This is my book.

- -*Indicates position or locationAs related to the first noun.
- ...isu no shita.
- ...under the chair
- -Noun modifier The noun before "no" modifies the noun after "no". It is seen more with compound nouns or noun phrases.

Nihongo no jugyou wa tanoshii desu.

The Japanese class is interesting.

-Apposition Indicates the relationship between two nouns.

Bengoshi no Tanaka-san wa itsumo isogashisou da.

The lawyer, Mr. Tanaka seems to be busy all the time.

Particles: o

-Object marker Indicates the noun is the direct object.

Kutsu o kaimashita.

I bought shoes.

-Route of motion

Tsugi no kado o magatte kudasai.

Please take the next corner

-Point of departure

Hachi-ji ni ie o demasu.

I leave home at eight o'clock.



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Particles: o (cont)

- Occupation or Position Usually followed by

"~shiteiru" or "~shiteimasu".

Watashi no ane wa kangofu o shiteimasu. *My sister is a nurse.*

Particles: to

-Complete listing Like 'and' for linking nouns and pronouns, but never clauses or phrases. Eigo to nihongo o hana shimasu.

I speak English and Japanese.

-Comparison and contrast. Or.

Neko to inu to dochira ga suki desu ka. Which do you like better, cats or dogs?

-Accompaniment With, together.

Yuki wa raigetsu Ichiro to kekkon shimasu. *Yuki is going to marry Ichiro next month.*

-Change or result *X* reaches a new goal or state. Commonly used with '-to naru.
Bokin wa zenbude hyakuman-en to natta.

*The total amount of donations reached one million ven

-Quotation Typically used before -iu, -omou and -kiku

Kare wa asu kuru to itta.

He said that he will come tomorrow.

-Conditional As soon as, if, when.

Shigoto ga owaru to sugu ochi ni kaetta.

I went home as soon as work was over.

-Sound symbolism Used after onomatopoeic adverbs. (Words used to imitate sounds)
Kodomotachi was bata bata to hashiri ma

The children ran around making lots of noise.

Particles: wa

-Topic marker (already introduced)

"as for", "speaking of"

Watashi wa gakusei desu.

I am a student.

-Contrast

Direct: Biiru wa nomimasu ga, wain was nomimasen.

I drink beer, but I don't drink wine.

Indirect: Ano hon wa yomimasen deshita.

I didn't read that book

Particles: Sentance Ending

-ka Turns sentance into a question.

Nihon-jin desu ka.

Are you Japanese?

-kana/kashira Used when you are unsure of something. Kashira is only used by women.

Ano hito wa dare kana/kashira.

I wonder who that person is.

-na a.) Casual emphasis on decision or opinion.

b.) Prohibition emphasis used only by men in informal situations.

a.) Sore wa machigatteiru to omou na.

I think that is wrong.

b.) Sonna koto o suru na.

Don't do such a thing!

-naa Used to show emotion or wishful thinking.
 Sugoi naa.

How great it is.

-ne/nee Confirmation. Isn't it?, right?, don't vou think so?

Mou nakanaide ne.

Please don't cry anymore, okay?

-no a.) Explaination or emotive emphasis.

Used only by women and children in informa situations. b.) Marks an informal question.

a.) Onaka ga itai no.

Particles: Sentance Ending (cont)

I have a stomach ache.

b.) Ashita konai no.

Aren't you coming tomorrow?

-sa Mainly used by men to emphasize a sentance.

Sonna koto wa wakatteiru sa.

I certainly know of such a thing.

-wa Used only by women for emphatic function or softening effect.

Watashi ga suru wa.

I'll do it.

-yo a.) Emphasizes a command. b.)Moderate emphasis.

a.) Okoranaide yo!

Don't get so angry at me!

b.) Ano eiga wa sugoku yokatta yo.

That movie was very good.

-ze Elicits agreement. Used mainly by men in casual conversation or with those of a lower social status

Nomi ni ikou ze.

Let's go for a drink.

-zo Mainly used by men to emphasize an opinion or judgement.

lku zo.

I'm going.



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