

[Day 8] KAIWA/かいわ/Conversation - The List of Words and Phrases PART 1

English	#	Roma-ji	Hiragana	Note
How are you?	1	genki?	げんき?	casual "genki" literally means "fine". "~?" makes it "Fine?"
How are you?	1	(o)genki desuka?	おげんきですか?	polite If you want to be more polite, say "ogenki desuka?"
I'm fine.	1	genki yo	げんきよ	casual "yo" is a confirmation, stressing that you are fine.
I'm fine.	1	genki desu	げんきです	polite "desu" always makes it polite.
Today is ...	1	kyo wa	きょうは	Attach any adjective/noun to express "today is xxx."
Right/I agree	1	soo ne	そうね	casual When you agree with someone's comment, use this.
Right/I agree	1	soo desu ne	そうですね	polite
Very much	1	sugoku	すごく	Very common. "Sugoku oisii/Sugoku amui/Sugoku tanosii." etc.
Now	1	ima	いま	Right this moment.
Why?	1	doosite?	どうして?	casual Very common. When you want to ask for a reason, use this.
Why?	1	doosite desuka?	どうしてですか?	polite
Movie/film	1	eiga	えいが	
Really!	1	heee	へえええ	casual This is a sound you make when you're impressed with what someone said.
Yes/right	1	soo	そう	casual This is an acknowledgement. Polite form is "soo desu."
Good afternoon!	2	kon niti wa	こんにちわ	Very common. Use this during the day (around 11am to before sunset)
Oh,	2	aa	ああ	The sound you make when you notice something.
OK/fine/alright	2	dai joo bu	だいじょうぶ	Super common. When things are ok/alright, use this. This is an almighty word.
Problem	2	mondai	もんだい	Math/study problems, test problem, but can be a real life problem.
Very much	2	totemo	とても	Same as "sugoku", but a little more formal. "sugoku" is more common.
Which one?	2	dore desuka?	どれですか?	polite Use this anytime you want to know which one out of many (more than a few).
Which one?	2	dore?	どれ?	casual Polite form is "dore desuka?"
Good morning!	3	ohayoo!	おはよう!	casual For friends and family. This is casual.
Good morning!	3	ohayoo gozaimasu	おはようございます	polite Use this for everybody else
Store/shop	3	mise	みせ	Retail business that sells tangible items. "Omise" is also common.
Ramen noodle	3	ramen	ラーメン	Noodle soup that's very popular in Japan and around the world.
seems~	3	~mitai	~みたい	"adjective+mitai" = "seems ~". "oisii mitai" "isogasii mitai", etc.
Long time no see	4	hisasiburi!	ひさしぶり	casual This is a greeting for someone you haven't met for a while (10 days or so more)
Long time no see	4	(o)hisasiburi desu	おひさしぶりです	polite
So so, just ok	4	maa maa	まあまあ	casual Very common. Neither good nor bad, just ok or so so.
So so, just ok	4	maa maa desu	まあまあです	polite
Oh yea? really?	4	soo?	そう?	casual When you react to someone's comment by saying "oh yea?" "is it really?"
Thank you	4	arigatoo	ありがとう	casual
Thank you	4	arigatoo gozaimasu	ありがとうございます	polite
What's wrong?	5	doo sita no?	どうしたの?	casual Used when you see something might be wrong with a person.
Yesterday	5	kinoo	きのう	
Thanks for your work	5	otukare sama	おつかれさま	casual To show gratitude/appreciation toward a person usually in the same office/company.
Thanks for your work	5	otukare sama desu	おつかれさまです	polite Note: You don't use "otukare sama(desu)" toward your clients.
I see/I agree	5	soo ne	そうね	casual When you agree with someone's comment, use this.
I see/I agree	5	soo desu ne	そうですね	polite
Good luck/go for it!	5	ganbatte!/ganbatte ne!	がんばって!	casual Very common. To encourage/cheer up someone, use this.
Good luck/go for it!	5	ganbatte kudasai	がんばってください	polite
Japanese	6	nihongo	にほんご	Japanese (language)
But~	6	demo~	でも~	"Demo" is followed by a reason or opinion.
Please/go ahead	6	doozo	どうぞ	When you want the person to go ahead and "do" or "take" something.
A little	6	chotto	ちょっと	