100 anime phrases アニメのセリフ

The tags: casual friends, family and people younger than you. polite customers, seniors and anyone you respect. rough tough and blunt, mostly guys in anime. rude hear it, don't say it. careful can offend. No tag: anyone can say it.

Greetings, leaving and coming home

ただいま
tadaima · I'm home!

おかえり casual
okaeri · welcome back

いってきます
ittekimasu · I'm off, see you later

いってらっしゃい
itterasshai · take care, see you later

いただきます
itadakimasu · said before eating

ごちそうさま
gochisōsama · said after eating

お疲(つか)れ様(さま)
otsukaresama · thanks for your hard work

おはよう casual
ohayō · good morning

こんにちは
konnichiwa · hello, good afternoon

こんばんは
konbanwa · good evening

おやすみ casual
oyasumi · good night

じゃあね casual
jaa ne · bye, see you

またね casual
mata ne · see you again

また明日(あした) casual
mata ashita · see you tomorrow

久(ひさ)しぶり casual
hisashiburi · long time no see

よろしく casual
yoroshiku · nice to meet you, treat me well

Reactions

すごい
sugoi · amazing, wow

まじで? casual
majide? · seriously? for real?

うそ! casual
uso! · no way! (a lie!)

やばい casual
yabai · uh-oh, or: so good! (both)

なるほど
naruhodo · I see, that makes sense

えっ?
e? · huh? what?

まさか
masaka · no way, it can't be

やった! casual
yatta! · yes! I did it!

よかった
yokatta · thank goodness, what a relief

しまった casual
shimatta · oh no, I messed up

うわ
uwa · whoa, ugh

ちょっと! casual
chotto! · hey! hold on! (annoyed)

へー casual
hē · huh, really? oh, interesting

すげー rough
sugē · whoa, awesome

あれ?
are? · huh? that's odd

もう! casual
mō! · geez! come on!

よし!
yoshi! · all right! OK, let's do it

さすが
sasuga · just what I'd expect from you

Make it polite: many casual lines have a longer polite form. おかえり becomes おかえりなさい, お疲(つか)れ様(さま) becomes お疲(つか)れ様(さま)です, ありがとう becomes ありがとうございます.

Battle and friendship 戦いと友情

Battle and resolve

行くぞ rough
iku zo · let's go! here I come!

負けない casual
makenai · I won't lose

任せて casual
makasete · leave it to me

諦めない casual
akiramenai · I won't give up

守る casual
mamoru · I'll protect you

逃げろ! rough
nigero! · run! get away!

危ない!
abunai! · look out!

待って! casual
matte! · wait!

覚悟しろ rough
kakugo shiro · prepare yourself

信じてる casual
shinjiteru · I believe in you

頑張れ! casual
ganbare! · go for it! hang in there!

来るぞ! rough
kuru zo! · here it comes!

下がれ! rough
sagare! · stand back!

許さない casual
yurusanai · I'll never forgive you

絶対に勝つ casual
zettai ni katsu · I'll win, no matter what

俺がやる rough
ore ga yaru · I'll do it (a guy's I)

何だと?! rough
nan da to?! · what did you say?!

終わりだ rough
owari da · it's over, you're finished

Feelings and friendship

ありがとう
arigatō · thank you

ごめん casual
gomen · sorry

大丈夫?
daijōbu? · are you OK?

好きだ casual
suki da · I like you, I love you

寂しい casual
sabishii · I'm lonely, I miss you

嬉しい casual
ureshii · I'm so happy

心配した casual
shinpai shita · I was worried about you

一緒に行こう casual
issho ni ikō · let's go together

約束だ casual
yakusoku da · it's a promise

頑張って casual
ganbatte · good luck, do your best

会いたい casual
aitai · I want to see you

助けて!
tasukete! · help me!

泣かないで casual
nakanaide · don't cry

怖い casual
kowai · I'm scared, scary

許して casual
yurushite · forgive me

仲間だろ? rough
nakama daro? · we're friends, aren't we?

Why so short? Japanese drops the I and the you whenever it can. 守る is just protect, and the scene tells you who protects whom. 好きだ needs no I or you at all.

Rough is a costume. Lines with ぞ, ろ and だろ make a hero sound tough. Say them to a friend as a joke, never to a teacher or a stranger. ごめん is for friends; to anyone else, say ごめんなさい or すみません.

Everyday lines 日常(にちじょう)

Everyday

お腹(なか)すいた — casual
onaka suita · I'm hungry

眠(ねむ)い — casual
nemui · I'm sleepy

分(わ)かった — casual
wakatta · got it, OK

知(し)らない — casual
shiranai · I don't know

ちょっと待(ま)って — casual
chotto matte · wait a second

本当(ほんとう)? — casual
hontō? · really?

何(なに)? — casual
nani? · what?

どうしたの? — casual
dō shita no? · what's wrong?

いいよ — casual
ii yo · sure, it's fine

だめ — casual
dame · no, you can't, no good

疲(つか)れた — casual
tsukareta · I'm tired

うるさい — careful
urusai · so noisy, shut up

早(はや)く! — casual
hayaku! · hurry up!

めんどくさい — casual
mendokusai · what a pain

おいしい!
oishii! · so good! tasty!

かわいい!
kawaii! · so cute!

気(き)をつけて — casual
ki o tsukete · take care, be careful

しょうがない — casual
shōganai · it can't be helped

もういい — casual
mō ii · forget it, enough

ほら — casual
hora · look, here, see?

Short answers do a lot: 分(わ)かった, いいよ and だめ each answer a whole question. Said flat, 知(し)らない can sound cold, so listen to the tone.

Careful with うるさい: between friends it's a grumpy shut up, or even a shy one. Said to a stranger, it starts a fight.

Calling people 呼び方

Names come with a suffix. In Japanese, people add a small word after a name: 田中さん, ゆきちゃん. Which one says how close you are, and how much you respect them. Japanese also avoids saying you, so the name does that job.

～さん san

Mr, Ms, the safe one

Anyone, after a family name. Classmates, neighbours, strangers. When unsure, use this.

～くん kun

casual

for boys

To boys and younger men. A teacher to a male student, a boss to a junior.

～ちゃん chan

casual

cute, close

To kids, close girl friends and pets. On a grown man it's teasing.

～様 sama

polite

very respectful

Shops to customers. In anime: a servant to a master, a fan to an idol.

先輩 senpai

polite

my senior

To anyone ahead of you at school, in a club or at work. Used alone, like a name.

先生 sensei

polite

teacher, doctor

To teachers, doctors, also manga artists and masters. Used alone, like a name.

お兄ちゃん oniichan

casual

big brother

A younger sibling to an older brother. Also a kid to any older boy.

お姉ちゃん oneechan

casual

big sister

A younger sibling to an older sister. Also a kid to any older girl.

呼び捨て yobisute

careful

just the name, no suffix

Close friends, family, couples. A big step in a romance. With a stranger it's rude.

お前 omae

rough

you (rough)

Guys to close friends, or to an enemy. Not for a teacher or a stranger.

あんた anta

careful

you (blunt)

Often said when annoyed. A favourite of the tsundere girl.

貴様 kisama

rude

you bastard

Villains and rivals mid-fight. It was polite centuries ago.

Watch for the switch. When a character drops さん and calls someone by their bare name for the first time, it's a big moment, often the start of a friendship or a romance.

Words for I and you: 俺 (ore) is rough and male, 僕 (boku) is a softer guy, 私 (watashi) is anyone, and the polite you, あなた (anata), is rarely said to someone's face.

Practice 練習(れんしゅう)

5 · renshū · ten lines to cover and recall

How: cover the right side with a strip of paper. Read the English, say the Japanese out loud, then slide the strip down to check. Do it again tomorrow with the lines you missed.

1	I'm home!	ただいま tadaima
2	let's go! here I come!	行(い)くぞ iku zo
3	are you OK?	大丈夫(だいじょうぶ)? daijōbu?
4	no way, it can't be	まさか masaka
5	leave it to me	任(まか)せて makasete
6	I'm hungry	お腹(なか)すいた onaka suita
7	it's a promise	約束(やくそく)だ yakusoku da
8	oh no, I messed up	しまった shimatta
9	look out!	危(あぶ)ない! abunai!
10	let's go together	一緒(いっしょ)に行(い)こう issho ni ikō

Anime turns it up. Anime speech is louder, rougher and more dramatic than everyday Japanese. Real people rarely shout 覚悟(かくご)しろ or call anyone 貴様(きさま). Copy the greetings and the everyday lines freely; keep the battle cries for fun.

Meet a word you don't know? In Kitsumi, hover any word in Japanese subtitles to see its reading and meaning.