

001 Verbs

~食べる - to eat (taberu) 今朝, お母さんと朝ごはんを食べました (Kesa, okaasan to asagohan wo tabemashita) I ate breakfast with my mother this morning

~帰る - to return (kaeru) 日本に行ってから, 家にカナダを帰ります (Nihon ni itte kara, ie ni kanada wo kaerimasu) After i go to japan, i will return to my home in Canada

~行く - to go (iku) 今家に行きましょう, ねむたいです (Ima ie ni ikimashou, nemutai desu) Let's go home now, I'm tired/i want to sleep

~飲む - to drink (nomu) 家に帰ってから, 友達と酒を飲みました (le ni kaette kara, tomodachi to sake wo nomimashita) After returning to my home, i drank alcohol with my friends

~買う - to buy (kau) 日本と韓国では, 食べ物を買った (Nihon to kankoku dewa tabemono wo katta) In japan and korea, i bought food.

~見る - to see/watch (miru) 空の鳥を見る (Sora no tori wo miru) I see a bird in the sky 映画を見ませんか, チケットを買います (Eiga wo mimasenka, chiketto wo kaimasu) Won't you watch the movie with me, i bought the ticket.

~聞く - to listen (kiku) 踊りながらBTSの音楽を聞きました (Odori nagara BTS no ongaku wo kikimashita) I dance while I listen to BTS' music

~話す - to speak (hanasu) 日本語と韓国を話したい (Nihongo to kankoku wo hanashitai) I want to speak japanese and korean ~分かる - to know/understand (wakaru) 日本語は上手を分かる, でも韓国をわからない (Nihongo ha jyouzu wo wakaru, demo kankoku wo wakaranai) I understand japanese well, but i can't understand korean

*~いる and ある - to exist (iru, aru) 机の上に猫がいます (Tsukue no ue ni neko ga imasu) There is a cat on the desk 家の外に車があります (Ie no soto ni kuruma ga arimasu) There is a car outside the house

*いる must be used with a living object (猫, 犬, 人), あるust be used with non-living (車, ベッド, 本)

MorE CompleX/LesS NeedeD VerbS [S](still needed tho) ~忘れる - to forget (wasureru) 名前を忘れります,何でしたか? (Namae wo wasurerimasu, nandeshitaka?) I forgot your name, what was it?

~泳ぐ - to swim (oyogu) 春と夏では, 泳ぐのが好きです (Haru to natsu dewa, oyogu no ga suki desu) In the spring and summer, i like to swim.

~寝る - to sleep (neru) 腕に寝たい (Ude ni netai) I want to sleep in your arms

~歌う - to sing (utau) 来週,子供のために歌いましょう (Raishuu, kodomo no tame ni utaimasho) Next week, we should sing for kids

~踊る - to dance (odoru) 趣味は踊る,情熱です (Shumi ha odoru, Jounetsu desu) Dance is my hobby, its my passion

~描く - to paint/draw (kaku) 3年BTSを描いています (San nen BTS wo kaiteimasu) i've been drawing BTS for 3 years

~起きる - to wake up (okiru)

午前8時を起きてと朝ごはんを食べる (Gozen hachi ji wo okite to asagohan wo taberu) I wake up at 8am and eat breakfast

~あげます and もらいます - to give and to recieve (agemasu, moraimasu) 誕生日のために友達は食べ物をあげます (Tanjoubi no tame ni tomodachi wa tabemono wo agemasu) For my birthday, my friend gave me food 家に帰ってから,コンサートのチケットをもらいます (le ni kaette, konsaato no chiketto moraimasu) After i came home, I recieved concert tickets

~洗います - to wash (araimasu) 部屋の床を洗いまして (Heya no yuka wo araimashite) Wash your bedroom floor

~読む - to read (yomu) 今日, 起きてから, 本を読みました (Kyou, okite kara, hon wo yomimashita) Today, after i woke up, i read a book

IrregulaR VerbS ~する - to do (suru) それをしないでください (Sore wo shinai de kudasai) Don't do that please

~来る - to come (kuru) 一緒に来てください (Isshoni kite kudasai) Come with me please

する BaseD VerbS

~結婚する - to marry (kekkon suru)
~キスする - to kiss (kisu suru)
~勉強する - to study (benkyou suru)
~電話する - to phone (denwa suru)
~練習する - to practise (renshuu suru)
~運転する - to drive (unten suru)
~検索する - to search (kensaku suru)

☆ Won't you ませんか (masenka) ☆

洗う あらう arau

To wash

Did not push

		Let's (Volitional) -ましょう
洗いませんか (araimasenka)		
Won't you wash	泳ぐ およぎ oyogu	
		食べましょう tabemashou
	To swim	
言う いう iu		
	泳ぎませんでした	行きましょう ikimashou
To say	Oyogimasen deshita	
言いませんか (iimasenka)	Did not swim	見ましょう mimashou
Won't you say		
	物わるかわる。	Latin ant
売るうる uru	終わる おわる owaru	Let's eat
であって uiu	To finish	Let's go Let's watch
To sell	10 11111511	Let's water
10 3611	終わりませんでした	Sushi o tabemashou
売りませんか (urimasenka)	Owarimasen deshita	寿司を食べましょう!
Won't you sell	Owar in a seried	Let's eat sushi
Tron t you sen	Did not finish	Let's cat sasin
		Asoko e ikimashou
覚える おぼえる oboeru		あそこえ行きましょう!
	返す かえす kaesu	Let's go over there
To remember		
	To return (an object)	Eiga o mimashou
覚えませんか (oboemasenka?)	•	映画を見ましょう!
Won't you remember?	返しませんでした	Let's watch a movie
	Kaeshimasen deshita	
	Did not return	ましょうか mashouka ■ Shall we
	45	
Past Negative・ませんでした	貸す かす kasu	飲みましょうか?
	To Love I	nomimashouka
	To lend	Challana deinta
生まれる うまれる umareru	貸しませんでした	Shall we drink?
主よれる りよれる umareru	貝 ひ ま せ ん く し た Kashimasen deshita	
To be born	Rasililiaseli desilita	待つ まつ matsu
TO be born	Did not lend	19 0 & Jillacsu
生まれませんでした	Dia not lena	To wait
Umaremasen deshita		10 wait
omaremusen desima	切る きる kiru	待ちましょうか?
Was not born	,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,	machimashouka
	To cut	
		Shall we wait?
送る おくる okuru	切りませんでした	
	Kirimasen deshita	来ましょうか?
To send		kimashouka
	Did not cut	
送りませんでした		Shall we come?
Okurimasen deshita		
	答える こたえる kotaeru	
Did not send		
	To answer	
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押すおす osu	答えませんでした	
To move to the second	Kotaemasen deshita	All the state of the second state of the
To push/press		歩きたいです arukitai desu
	D:	1 4 11 -
畑しませんでした	Did not answer	I want to walk
押しませんでした Oshimasan dashita	Did not answer	I want to walk
押しませんでした Oshimasen deshita	Did not answer	l want to walk 遊ぶ あそぶ asobu

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はじめまして(Hajimemashite) pleasure to

meet you

To play		wa basuketsuto booru wo shimasu)
* 技术といるすっことはは door	さようなら(Sayounara) good bye "forever"	ちかたたたけせ い も
遊びたいです asobitai desu	またね(Matane) see you later	あなたたちはサッカーをしますか。(anatat achi wa satsukā wo shimasuka)
I want to play	& 7218(Matarie) see you later	aciii wa satsuka wo siiiiilasuka)
	ちょうしはどうですか。(chōshi wa dō	私たちはサッカーをしません。(watashitac
会う あう au	desu ka) How are you?	hi wa satsukā wo shimasen)
To meet	元気ですか。(genki desu ka?)(?) are you	わたしたちはテニスをします。(watashitac
A	ok?	hi wa tenisu wo shimasu)
会いたいです aitai desu	ニケッナ ちりがとう(gonki dogu prigotā)	ちかたけるいごをけかしますか (apata wa
I want to meet	元気です、ありがとう(genki desu, arigatō) I'm ok, thanks for asking.	あなたはえいごをはなしますか。(anata wa ei go wo wana shimasuka)
	Till ok, thanks for asking.	er go wo waria silililasuka)
知る しる shiru	まぁまぁです(Māmā desu) I'm kinda ok	私はえいごをはなします。(watashi wa ei
	,	go wo wana shimasu)
To know	あなたは? (anata wa) And you?	
		かのじょはドイツごをはなしません。(Kano
	私はつかれています(Watashi wa tsukare	jo wa doitsu go wo wana shimasen)
知りたいです shiritai desu	toimasu) I'm tired	####====#!
I want to know	それけオげたし LVSoro wa subarashī) This	私たちはテニスをしますか。(watashi wa tenisu wo shimasuka)
i want to know	それはすばらしい(Sore wa subarashī) This is good	ternsu wo shimasuka)
	13 good	彼らは嬉しいです。(karera wa ureshī
	とてもうれしいです! (totemōreshī desu)	desu)
	I'm so happy	
		あなたのおかあさんはせがたかいですか、ひ
Sentences	彼はとても悲しんでいます。(kare wa	くいですか。(anata no okāsan wa se gata
	totemo kanashin deimasu)he is very sad	kaidesu ka, hikuidesu ka)
Topic は Noun が Adjective です	その小女は芋いです(Sonochāiowowakai	あなたはさがひくいです。(anata wa
	その少女は若いです(So no shōjo wa wakai desu) the girl is young	sagahikui desu)
Full Sentences	desa) the girls young	Sagariikar acsa)
i dii Seriterices	クリスティーヌのめは茶ろです(kurisuteīnu	そのだんせいはおとしよりです。(so no
あなたのなまえはなんですか。(anata no	no me wa chairo desu) Cristina has	dansei wa otoshori desu)
namae wa nan desu ka) What is your	brown eyes	
name?		ありがとうございます (arigatō gozaimasu)
	もちろんです(Mochiron desu)of course	+ 6 + 6 = - 41 + 1 + 1 + 10 - 1-1-
わたしのなまえは(name) (watashi no		ありがとうございました(Arigatō
namae wa) My name is		gozaimashita)
あなたはどこのしゅっしんですか。(anata 004	Not complete	どうも(doumo)
wa doko no shūsshin(?) desu ka) From		_ ,
where are you?	彼はフランスごをはなします。(kare wa	どうもありがとう(Dōmo arigatō)
•	furansu go wo hanashi masu)	
わたしは(contry, estate or city)		どうも有り難う御座います。(dōmo arigatō
からきました(watashi wa	あなたはスペインごをはなします。(anata	gozaimasu)
karakimashita) I'm from	wa supein go wo hanashi masu)	彼女はわたしの母です。(Kanojo wa
ちかたけかくさいですか (20040 000	彼女はドイツごをはなします。(Kanojo wa	watashi no haha desu)
あなたはなんさいですか。(anata wa nansai desu ka) how old are you?	i放文は「「うこをはなしより。(Ranojo wa doitsu go wo hanashi masu)	watasii iio nana aesa,
Halisal desu kaj How old are you:	acitsa go wo nanasii masa,	彼は私の父です。(kare wa watashi no
わたしは(age) さいです(watashi wa sai	彼はとても悲しんでいます。(kare wa	chichi desu)
desu)I'm years old	totemo kanashin deimasu)	
		彼女は私の妹です。(Kanojo wa watashi no
こんにちは(konnichiwa) hello	私とても嬉しいです! (watashi totemo	imōto desu)
	ureshī desu)	彼は私の弟です。(kare wa watashi no
おはようございます(Ohayou gozaimasu)	彼らは(?) (?) です。	仮は私の先です。(kare wa watashi no otōto)
good morning	以とりは(:) (:) く y o	
こんばんは(Konbanwa) good evening	あなたたちはサッカーをしますか。(anatat	日本語を学ぶ(Nihongo wo manabu)
	achi wa satsukā wo shimasuka)	-

achi wa satsukā wo shimasuka)

彼らはバスケットボールをします。(karera

なに? / 何? (Nani)

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と(to) and

その少女はちょうはつです。(so no shōjo 男(Otoko/dan)man それから(Sorekara)so wa chōhatsu desu) その後(Sonogo)and after 女(Onna/jo)woman 後(Ato)after 男女(Danjo)man and woman サラのめは青いです。(Sara no me wa Aoi 主(Omo)sir 子(Ko)child 女性(Josei)madam 子ども(Kodomo)children desu) あのう(Anō)excuse me 人(Hito/nin)person わたしのかみはみじかいです。(watashi no いぬ/犬(inu) dog 人間(Ningen)human being ねこ/猫(neko) cat kami wa mijikai desu) 三人(Sannin)three people ネズミ(nezumi) rat 力(chikara)power わたしのあねはとてもうつくしいです。(wat うま/馬(?)(uma) horse 学(Gaku/mana) みずうみ/湖(mizuumi) lake ashi no ane wa totemo utsukushī desu) 学ぶ(Manabu) to learn, to study 校(kou) 学校(Gakkou)school 日がのぼる(Hi ga no boru) 006 K 1 (Ninben)person 日がの沈む(Hi ga no shizu mu) 信(Shin)trust, faith わたし/私(Watashi) I/me 今日わいい日だです。(kiyō wa ii hi da あなた(Anata)you desu) 007 Places 彼(Kare)he 彼女(Kanojo)she 彼らは同僚てす(kare ra wa douryou desu) わたしたち(Watashitachi)we トイレ (Toire) toilet あなたたち(Anatatachi)you 私はパンを食べる(watashi wa pan o 彼ら(Karera)he/you ぎんこう(Ginkō) bank taberu) 彼女ら(Kanojora)she/you つかれた (tsukareta) tired えき(Eki) station 私はコーヒーを飲む(watashi wa koohii o 嬉しい(Ureshī) happy nomu) 悲しい(Kanashī)sad にほん(Nihon) Japan せがたかい(Segatakai) マリアは水を飲む(maria wa mizu o nomu) せがひくい(Segahikui) くうこう(Kūkō) airport わかい(Wakai) 私は魚とサラダ食べる(watashi wa sakana ちょうはつ(Chōhatsu) としょかん(Toshokan) library to sarada taberu) たんぱつ(Tanpatsu) うつくしい(Utsukushii) ポールは肉を食べる。その後ワインを飲む。 800 Objects はい(Hai)yes (pooru wa niku o taberu. sonogo wain o いいえ(iie)no nomu.) 青いろのめ(Aoi ro no me) blue eyes げんかん(Genkan) entrance 茶ろのめ(Chai ro no me) brown eyes パンをください(pan o kudasai) 多分(Tabun) すうがく(Sūgaku) mathematics すみません(Sumimasen) sorry 自分を発見する(jibun o hakken suru) おやすみなさい(Oyasuminasai)good night おしいれ(Oshīre) closet ども(Domo)you're welcome あなたの才能を発見する(anata no sainou o あのう(Anō)um... まど(mado) Window hakken suru) こんばんわ(konbanwa)good evening 弟(Otōto)brother ドア(Doa) door 母(Haha)mother Words 父(Chichi)father たこ(Tako) kite 妹(Imōto)sister コーヒー(Kōhī) coffee 円(En) yen おかね(Okane) money 玉(Tama/dama) ball, circle, coin ジュース(Jūsu) juice 紅茶(Kōcha) black tea 十円(Jyū en) 10 yen ビール(Bīru) beer 百円(Hyaku en)100 yen **Furniture** 009 千円(Sen en)1000 yen 魚(Sakana) fish チーズ(Chīzu)cheese 十円玉(Jyū en dama)10 yen coin おしいれ(Oshīre) closet サラダ(Sarada)salad 大(Dai/oo)big, large スパゲッティ(Supagetti) spaghetti 大きい(Ookī)big, large 先生(Sensei)teacher 中(Naka/chū/jū)inside Clothes 010 ミルク(Miruku)milk 外(Soto)outside 小さい(Chīsai)little, small 水(Mizu)water ビーニー(bīnī) Beanie ワイン(Wain)wain 大中小(Dai chū shou)large midium small 酒(Sake)liquor 上(Ue/jou)top, upper くつ(Kutsu) shoe 肉(Niku)meat 下(Shita/ge)bottom, under, lower ハム(Hamu)"presunto" 上下(Jouge)top and bottom ベルト(Beruto) belt パン(Pan)bread 左(Hidari/sa)left チーズパン(Chīzu pan)cheese bread 右(Migi/yū)right

左右(Sayū)left and right

011	Special days		火(Hi/ka)fire	
	ははのひ(haha no hi) Mother's day		水(Mizu/sui)water	シベリアンハスキー(Siberian hasukī) Siberian husky
	NA a sadda a		木(Ki/moku) three	タヌキ(Tanuki) raccoon
	Months 一月(Hito tsuki)a month		金(Kin)gold	ライオン(Raion) lion
			土(Tsuchi/do)soil, earth	きんぎよ(Kingyo) goldfish
013	Days of the week		Щ(Yama) mountain	ちょうちょ(Chōcho) butterfly
013	•		JI (Kawa)river	キツネ(kitsune) Fox
	日曜日(Nichi yōbi) Sunday 月曜日(Getsu yōbi) Monday		石(Ishi)stone	オオカミ(Ookane) Wolf
	火曜日(Ka yōbi)Tuesday 水曜日(Sui yōbi)Wednesday		田(Ta)rice field	ハクチョウ(Hakuchō) swan
	木曜日(Moku yōbi) Thursday (お) 金(O kane)money		田んぼ(Tanbo)rice field	リス(risu) Squirrel
	金曜日(Kin yōbi)Friday 土曜日(Do yōbi)Saturday		天(Ten)heaven	ワニ(wani) Crocodile
	Nivershaue		気(ki) chi	ウサギ(Usagi) rabbit
014	Numbers		天気(Tenki)weather	フクロウ(Fukurō) owl
	一(Ichi) one 二(Ni) two		空(Sora/kū)sky	チワワ(chiwawa) Chihuahua
	三(San) three 四(Yon) four		空気(Kūki)air	カキ(kaki) Oyster
	五(Go) five 六(Roku) six		雨(Ame)rain	動物 (どうぶつ) dou butsu - Animal
	七(Nana) seven 八(Hachi) eight		タ(Yū)evening	鼠 (ネズミ) nezumi - Mouse / Rat
	九(Kyū) nive 十(Jū) dez		夕方(Yūgata)evening	猫 (ねこ) neko - Cat
	百(Hyaku) Hundred 千(Sen) thousand		花(Hana) flower	子猫 / 小猫 (こねこ) ko neko - Kitten
	万(Man) den thousand		草(Kusa)grass	犬 (いぬ) inu - Dog
015	Nature		林(Hayashi)small florest, woods, Grove	子犬 / 小犬 (こいぬ) ko inu - Puppy
	ふゆやすみ(Fuyu yasumi) winter break		森(Mori)florest	鶏 (ニワトリ) niwatori - Chicken
	かみなり(Kaminari) thunder		竹(Take)bamboo	家鴨 (アヒル) ahiru - Domestic Duck
	たいよう(Taiyō) sun			鴨 (カモ) kamo - Wild Duck
	にじ(Niji) rainbow	016	Animals	鳥 (とり) tori - Bird
	あらし(Arashi) storm		Although there are kanji characters for most of the Japanese animals, they are not commonly used when writing. Most of the time katakana or hiragana will still be used. Study this "Japanese animals" vocabulary list to know how animals are called in Japanese.	雀 (スズメ) suzume - Sparrow
	ふぶき(Fubuki) Blizzard			12. 燕 (ツバメ) tsubame - Swallow
	朝(Asa)			13. 鳩 (ハト) hato - Dove / Pigeon
	夜(Yoru)			14. 烏 / 鴉 (カラス) karasu - Crow
	日(Hi/nichi) sun/day		ハムスター (hamusutā) hamster	15. 白鳥 (ハクチョウ) hakuchou - Swan
	午後(Gogo) night		すいえい(Suiei) swim	16. 蝙蝠 (コウモリ) koumori - Bat
	月(Tsuki/getsu) moon		カモノハシ(Kamonohashi) platypus	17. 梟 (フクロウ) fukurou - Owl

カモノハシ(Kamonohashi) platypus

- 18. 鷲 (ワシ) washi Eagle
- 19. 鷹 (タカ) taka Falcon / Hawk
- 20. 鶴 (ツル) tsuru Crane
- 21. 兎 (ウサギ) usagi Rabbit / Hare
- 22. 栗鼠 (リス) risu Squirrel
- 23. 猿 (サル) saru Monkey
- 24. 牛 (ウシ) ushi Cow / Cattle
- 25. 馬 (ウマ) uma Horse
- 26. 縞馬 (シマウマ) shimauma Zebra
- 27. 羊 (ヒツジ) hitsuji -Sheep
- 28. 山羊 (ヤギ) yagi -Goat
- 29. 鹿 (シカ) shika Deer
- 30. 豚 (ブタ) buta Pig
- 31. 猪 (イノシシ)inoshishi Wild Boar
- 32. 河馬 (カバ) kaba Hippopotamus
- 33. パンダ panda Panda
- 34. 麒麟 (キリン) kirin Giraffe
- 35. カンガルー kangaru_ Kangaroo
- 36. 駱駝 (ラクダ) rakuda Camel
- 37. 狐 (キツネ) kitsune Fox
- 38. 狸 (タヌキ) tanuki Raccoon Dog
- 39. 狼 (オオカミ) ookami Wolf
- 40. 虎 (トラ) tora Tiger
- 41. ライオン raion Lion
- 42. 獅子 (しし) shishi Lion
- 43. チーター chi_ta_ Cheetah
- 44. 犀 (サイ) sai Rhinoceros
- 45. 熊 (クマ) kuma -Bear
- 46. 象 (ゾウ) zou Elephant
- 47. 蛇 (ヘビ) hebi Snake
- 48. 鰐 (ワニ) wani Crocodile / Alligator
- 49. 亀 (カメ) kame Tortoise / Turtle

- 50. 蛙 (カエル) kaeru Frog
- 51. 魚 (さかな) sakana Fish
- 52. 烏賊 (イカ) ika Cuttlefish / Squid
- 53. 牡蠣 (カキ) kaki Oyster
- 54. 鮑 (アワビ) awabi Abalone
- 55. 蝦 / 海老 (エビ) ebi Shrimp / Prawn
- 56. 蟹 (カニ) kani Crab
- 57. 蛸 / 章魚 (タコ) tako Octopus
- 58. ペンギン pengin Penguin
- 59. 人鳥 (じんちょう) jinchou Penguin (Rarely used)
- 60. 海豚 (イルカ) iruka Dolphin
- 61. 鯨 (クジラ) kujira Whale
- 62. 鮫 (サメ) same Shark
- 63. 虫 (むし) mushi Insect
- 64. 昆虫 (こんちゅう) konchuu Insect / Bug
- 65. 蟻 (アリ) ari Ant
- 66. 蚊 (力) ka Mosquito
- 67. 蝿 (ハエ) hae Fly
- 68. ゴキブリ gokiburi Cockroach
- 69. 蝸牛 (カタツムリ) katatsumuri Snail
- 70. 蜘蛛 (クモ) kumo Spider
- 71. 百足 (ムカデ) mukade Centipede
- 72. 蛍 (ホタル) hotaru Firefly
- 73. 蝉 (セミ) semi Cicada
- 74. 蜻蛉 (トンボ) tonbo Dragonfly
- 75. 蝶蝶 (チョウチョウ) chouchou -Butterfly
- 76. 蜂 (ハチ) hachi Bee
- 77. 毛虫 (けむし) kemushi Caterpillar
- 78. 蚯蚓 (ミミズ) mimizu Earthworm
- 79. 守宮 (ヤモリ) yamori Gecko / House Lizard

- 80. 蜥蜴 (トカゲ) tokage Lizard
- 81. 川獺 (かわうそ) kawauso Otter

017 People(job)

さいばんかん(Saibankan) judge

018 Body Parts

顔/かお (kao) Face 髪/かみ (kami) Hair

髪/の毛 かみのけ (kami no ke) Hair

頭/あたま (atama) Head

耳/みみ (mimi) Ear

耳/たぶ みみたぶ (mimitabu) Earlobe

頬/ほお/ほほ (hoo/hoho) Cheek

頬っぺた/ほっぺた (hoppeta) Cheek

額/ひたい (hitai) Forehead

お凸/おでこ (odeko) Forehead

眉/まゆ (mayu) Eyebrow

目/め (me) Eye

瞼/まぶた (mabuta) Eyelids

睫毛/まつげ (matsuge) Eyelashes

鼻/はな (hana) Nose

鼻孔/びこう (bikou) Nostril

ロ/くち (kuchi) Mouth

唇 /くちびる (kuchibiru) Lips

歯 /は (ha) Teeth

歯茎/はぐき (haguki) Gum / Tooth Ridge

舌 した (shita)Tongue

顎/あご (ago) Chin / Jaw

体/からだ (karada) Body

首/くび (kubi) Neck

喉/のど (nodo) Throat

肩/かた (kata) Shoulder

腕/うで (ude) Arm

脇の下 /わきのした (waki no shita) Armpit

肘/ひじ (hiji) Elbow

手/て (te) Hand

手首/てくび (tekubi) Wrist

拳/こぶし (kobushi) Fist

指/ゆび (yubi) Finger

親指/おやゆび (oya yubi) Thumb

人差し指/ひとさしゆび (hitosashi

yubi) Index Finger

中指/なかゆび (naka yubi) Middle Finger

薬指/くすりゆび (kusuri yubi) Ring Finger

小指/こゆび (ko yubi) Little Finger

爪/つめ (tsume) Fingernail / Toenail

胸/むね (mune) Breast / Chest お腹/おなか (onaka)Stomach

腹/はら (hara) Stomach

臍/へそ (heso) Belly Button

腰/こし (koshi) Waist / Hips

太股/ふともも (futomomo) Thigh

脹脛/ふくらはぎ (fukurahagi) Calf

膝/ひざ (hiza) Knee

膝頭/ひざがしら (hizagashira) Kneecap

足/あし (ashi) Foot / Leg

足首/あしくび (ashikubi) Ankle

	踵 /かかと (kakato) Heel		
	爪先/つまさき (tsumasaki) Toe / Tiptoe 背中/せなか (senaka) Back (of Body)	Nakamura	Endo
	お尻/おしり (oshiri) Buttocks	Kobayashi	Aoki
	肌/はだ (hada) Skin 骨/ほね (hone)Bone	Kato	Fujii
	筋肉/きんにく (kinniku) Muscle 肺/はい (hai) Lung (organ) 心臓/しんぞう (shinzou)Heart (organ)	Yoshida	Nishimura
	胃/い (i) Stomach (organ)	Yamada	Fukuda
		Sasaki	Ota
019	Food	Yamaguchi	Miura
	まんじゅう(Manjū) Manju	Saito	Fujiwara
	にほんしゆ(Nihonshu) sake	Matsumoto	Okamoto
	ヒトカゲ(Hitokage) charmander		
	もも(Momo) peach	Inoue	Matsuda
	もち(Mochi) mochi	Kimura	Nakagawa
	からし(Karashi) karashi	Hayashi	Nakano
		Shimizu	Harada
	なっとう(Nattō) natto	Yamazaki	Ono
	あんこ(Anko) anko	Mori	Tamura
	クランベリー(Kuranberī) cranberry	Abe	Takeuchi
	カレーライス(Karē raisu) Japanese curry	Ikeda	Kaneko
020	11/Top 100)	Hashimoto	Wada
020	11(Top 100)		
	America may have around a million surnames and Finland the most in the	Yamashita	Nakayama
	world in proportion to its population, but with more than 100,000 family names	Ishikawa	Ishida
	now in use in Japan, this country puts China's few thousand and Korea's mere	Nakajima	Ueda
	200 firmly in the name-game shade.	Maeda	Morita
	Here, in descending order, are the top	Fujita	Hara
	100 most common Japanese family names these days — followed by a list of	Ogawa	Shibata
	the five most commonly occurring ones in each of the country's 47 prefectures.	Goto	Sakai
	Sato	Okada	Kudo
	Suzuki	Hasegawa	Yokoyama
	Takahashi	Murakami	Miyazaki
	Tanaka	Kondo	Miyamoto
	Watanabe	Ishii	Uchida
	Ito	Saito (different kanji)	Takagi
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Submitted Surnames

Japanese names are used in Japan and in Japanese communities throughout the world. Note that depending on the Japanese characters used these names can have many other meanings besides those listed here. See also about Japanese names.

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IKESUGIJapanese 池 (Ike) means "Pond, Pool" and 杉 (Sugi) means "Cedar Tree".

IKUTAJapanese Iku means "Genuine, Life, Birth" and Ta means "Feild, Rice Paddy".

IMADAJapanese From the Japanese 今 (ima) "now" and 田 (ta or da) "rice paddy" or 多 (ta or da) "many."

IMAEDA Japanese From the Japanese 今 (ima) "now" and 枝 (eda) "branch."

IMAGAWA Japanese From Japanese 今 (ima) meaning "present" and 川 (gawa) meaning "river".

IMAIJapanese From Japanese 今 (ima) meaning "now, present" combined with 井 (i) meaning "well".

IMAISHIJapanese 今 (Ima) means "Now, Present" and 石 (Ishi) means "Stone". This was within the 1009's of most used Japanese surnames in 2012.

IMAMURAJapanese From the Japanese 今 (ima) "now" and 村, 邑 or 邨 (mura) "village."

IMARIJapanese (Rare)
This surname is used as 今利, 伊万里 or
伊萬里 with 今 (kon, kin, ima) meaning
"now", 利 (ri, ki.ku) meaning "advantage,
benefit, profit", 伊 (i, kare) meaning "Italy,
that one", 万/萬 (ban, man, yorozu, ma)
meaning "ten thousand/10,000" and 里
(ri, sato) meaning "league, parent's
home, ri (unit of distance - equal to 3.927
km), village."... [more]

IMARUOKAJapanese I means "That one, Italy", Maru means "Round, Circle", and Oka means "Hill, Ridge". IMATAJapanese See Konda. Ima = "Now" + Da "Rice Paddy".

INAGAKIJapanese Ina (稲) means rice, Gaki (垣) means fence.

INAMURA Japanese Ina means "Rice" and Mura means "Hamlet, Village".

INAZUMA Japanese (Rare)
This surname is used as 稲妻 which
means "(flash of) lightning" (from 稲 (te,
tou, ina-, ine) meaning "rice plant" and 妻
(sai, tsuma) meaning "spouse,
wife").... [more]

INOSHISHIJapanese (Rare) This surname is used as 猪 (cho, i, inoshishi) meaning "boar."

INUGAMIJapanese (Rare), Japanese

INOUYEJapanese Variant transcription of Inoue.

Mythology
Inu means "Dog" and Gami means "God".
There might be more ways than this, but
the previously stated are the more
standard readings. This is also a Japanese
mythological creature, this might actually
be the origin of the name itself.

INUIJapanese Inu means "Dog" and I means "Well, Mineshaft, Pit", etc.

INUKAIJapanese Inu means "Dog" and Kai means "Keeper". This surname means "Dog Keeper".

INUKAMIJapanese (Rare), Japanese The same as Inugami, it means "Dog God".

IORIJapanese

This surname is used as 庵, 井居, 井折, 井織, 伊折 or 伊織 with 庵 (an, iori, io) meaning "hermitage, retreat", 井 (sei, shou, i) meaning "well, well crib, town, community", 伊 (i, kare) meaning "Italy, that one", 居 (kyo, ko, i.ru, -i, o.ru) meaning "reside, to be, exist, live with", 折 (setsu, o.ru, ori, o.ri, -o.ri, o.reru) meaning "fold, break, fracture, bend, yield, submit" and 織 (o.ri) meaning "fabric, weave."... [more]

ISAGOJapanese From Japanese 沙 (isago) meaning "sand". **ISAMUJapanese**

Isamu means courageous warrior

ISAYAMA Japanese

A Japanese surname meaning "admonish mountain". A bearer of this surname is Hajime Isayama. He is a Japanese manga artist. (1986-)

ISHIDAJapanese

From Japanese 石 (ishi) meaning "stone" and 田 (da) meaning "field, rice paddy".

ISHIDOJapanese

From the Japanese 石 (ishi) "stone" and 堂 (do) "hall."

ISHIGUROJapanese

Ishi means "Stone" and Guro is just a form of Kuro, meaning "Black". Hiroshi Ishiguro was the director of the Intelligent Robotics Laboratory.

ISHIHARA Japanese

From Japanese 石 (ishi) meaning "stone" combined with 原 (hara) meaning "field, plain, meadow".

ISHIIJapanese

From the Japanese 石 (ishi) "stone" and 井 (i) "well."

ISHIKURA Japanese

From the Japanese 石 (ishi) "stone" combined with 倉 (kura) or 蔵 (kura) storehouse."

ISHIMOTOJapanese

Ishi means "Stone" and Moto means "Source,Root, Origin".

ISHIUCHIJapanese

Ishi means "Stone" and Uchi means "Inside".

ISHIWATA Japanese

From the Japanese 石 (ishi) "stone" and 渡 (wata) "ferryboat," "ferry."

ISHIYAMA Japanese

From the Japanese 石 (ishi) "stone" and 山 (yama) "mountain."

ISHIZUKAJapanese

Ishi means "Stone" and Zuka means "Mound".

ISOBEJapanese

From the Japanese 磯 (iso) "beach" and 部 (be) "region," "division," "part."

ISOGAIJapanese

Iso meeans "Beach" and Gai means

"Valley."

ISOZAKIJapanese

From the Japanese 磯 (iso) "beach" and 崎 or 埼 (zaki or saki) "cape," "peninsula."

IWAAKIJapanese

From Japanese 岩 (iwa) meaning "cliff" and 明 (aki) meaning "bright". ... [more]

IWAEJapanese

Iwae means "Stone, Rock" and E means "Bay, Creek, Inlet". It can possibly written other ways as well.

IWAMOTOJapanese

Iwa means "Stone" and Moto means "Origin". A notable bearer is Akiko Iwamoto is a Japanese rower who competed in the 2012 Olympics.

IWANOJapanese

Iwa means "Stone" and No means "Field".

IWAOKA Japanese

Iwa means "Stone" and Oka means "Ridge".

IWASAKIJapanese

Iwa means "Rock, Stone" and Saki means "Peninsula".

IWASHIMIZUJapanese

Iwa means "Stone,Rock", Shi means "Pure, Purify, Excorise, Clean", and Mizu means "Water".

IWATA Japanese

From Japanese 岩 (iwa) meaning "rock" and 田 (ta) meaning "field, rice paddy".

IWATANIJapanese

From Japanese 岩 (iwa) meaning "rock" and 谷 (tani) meaning "valley".

IWAYAMA Japanese

Means "rocky mountain" in Japanese, from 岩 (iwa) "rock" and 山 (yama) "mountain".

IZUHARA Japanese

This surname is used as 出原, 泉原 or 伊豆原 with 出 (shutsu, sui, i.dasu, i.deru, da.su, -da.su, -de, de.ru, izu) meaning "come out, exit, go out, leave, protrude, put out", 泉 (sei, izumi, izu) meaning "fountain, spring", 伊 (i, kare) meaning "Italy, that one", 豆 (zu, tou, mame, mame-) meaning "beans, midget, pea" and 原 (gen, hara) meaning "field, meadow, original, plain, prairie, primitive, tundra, wilderness."

IZUMIJapanese

From Japanese 泉 (izumi) meaning "spring, fountain".

IZUMOJapanese

This surname combines 出 (shutsu, sui, i.dasu, i.deru, da.su, -da.su, -de, de.ru) meaning "come out, exit, go out, leave, protrude, put out" with 雲 (un, kumo, -gumo, zumo) meaning "cloud" or 茂 (mo, shige.ru) meaning "be luxuriant, grow thick, overgrown."... [more]

JASMINEEnglish, Japanese means a fragrant shrub or flower used as perfume

JINNOUCHIJapanese

From the Japanese 陣 (jin) "camp" and 内 (uchi or nai) "inside." The grammatical and phonetic particle ノ or 之 (no) is sometimes written between the other two characters.

JUNKOJapanese

Junko can be written using different kanji characters and can mean any of the following:... [more]

KABEJapanese (Rare)

Ka ("Increase,Step Up"), ... [more]

KABUTOJapanese (Rare)

This surname is used as 甲, 兜, 加太, 甲頭, 加部東 or 鹿伏兎 with 甲 (ka, kan, kou, kinoe, kabuto) meaning "A grade, armour, carapace, first class, former, high (voice), instep", 兜 (to, tou, kabuto) meaning "headpiece, helmet", 加 (ka, kuwa.eru, kuwa.waru) meaning "add(ition), Canada, include, increase, join", 太 (ta, tai, futo.i, futo.ru) meaning "big around, plump, thick", 頭 (zu, to, tou, atama, kashira, kaburi, -gashira) meaning "head", 部 (bu, -be) meaning "bureau, class, copy, department, part, portion, section", 東 (tou, higashi) meaning "east", 鹿 (rou, ka, shika) meaning "deer", 伏 (fuku, fu.su, fu.seru) meaning "bend down, bow, cover, lay (pipes), prostrated" or 兎 (tsu, to, usagi) meaning "hare, rabbit."... [more]

KADOKAWAJapanese (Rare) Kado means "Gate" and Kawa means "River". This surname means "Gated River".

KADOMATSUJapanese (Rare) Kado ("Gate") + Matsu ("Pine Tree").

KADOSHIMA Japanese (Rare)
I don't want to assume it's rare but it's definitely uncommon. Kado means
"Gate" and Shima means "Island".

KADOTA Japanese (Rare)
Kado means "Gate" and ... [more]

KAETSUJapanese

From Japanese 力 (Ka) meaning "power" or "temporary", and 悦 (etsu) meaning "ecstasy, joy, rapture". Together, it can also mean "pleasure"; or... [more]

KAGAJapanese

From the Japanese 加 (ka) "increase," "step up" and 賀 (ka or ga) "congratulation."

KAGAMINEJapanese, Popular Culture From the Japanese 鏡 (kagami) meaning "mirror" and 音 (ne) meaning "sound".

KAIBAJapanese

Kai means "ocean,harbor" while Ba means "leaf" and possibly others. {this might need further research}

KAIYŌJapanese (Rare)

This surname is used as 回 (e, kai, ka.eru, mawa.shi-, -mawa.shi, mawa.su, -mawa.su, -mawa.ru, -mawa.ru, -mawa.ru, motoo.ru) meaning "game, revolve, round" and 陽 (you, hi) meaning "daytime, heaven, male, positive, sunshine, yang principle."... [more]

KAJIJapanese

Japanese surname meaning "wind". This is the last name of famous Japanese voice actor from Tokyo Japan, Yūki Kaji.

KAJITANIJapanese

Rare Japanese surname, roughly meaning "to add to the field; extend field boundaries".

KAJIURA Japanese (Rare)

Kaji means "Wind" and Ura means
"Seacoast, Bay". A notable bearer is Yuki
Kajiura, a musician and producer that
has worked for different anime series. A
similar surname is Chiura.

KAJIWARAJapanese

Written with characters meaning 'oar' and 'plain', this name is found mostly in western Japan.

KAKIJapanese

From Japanese 柿 (kaki) meaning "persimmon".

KAKIHARAJapanese (Rare)
From Japanese 柿 (kaki) meaning
"persimmon" and 原 (hara) meaning
"field, plain". A notable bearer of this
surname is voice actor Tetsuya Kakihara
(柿原 徹也 Kakihara Tetsuya, 1982-).

KAKIMURAJapanese

Kaki means "Persimmon" and Mura means and it could mean "Village" or "Hamlet", which is usually smaller than a village.

KAKINUMAJapanese

Kaki means "Persimmon" and Numa means "Swamp".

KAKITAJapanese (Rare)

From Japanese 柿 (kaki) meaning "persimmon" and 田 (ta) meaning "field, rice paddy".

KAKUJapanese

Kaku must mean "Draw", because the full name "Kaku Michi" means "Draw Path". It got kinda popular due its meaning.

KAKUTANIJapanese

From Japanese 角 (kaku) meaning "corner" and 谷 (tani) meaning "valley".

KAMATA Japanese

From the Japanese 鎌 (kama) "sickle," 蒲 (kama) "reedmace," or 釜 (kama) "cooker" and 田 (ta or da) "rice paddy" or 多 (ta or da) "many."

KAMEIJapanese

Japanese surname meaning "turtle well". It is written as 亀井. A bearer of this surname is Eri Kamei. She is a member of the Japanese pop group Morning Musume. (1988-)

KAMENASHIJapanese

Means "turle pear" in Japanese. From the Japanese words 亀 (turtle) and 梨 (pear).

KAMINAGA Japanese (Rare, ?)
I am a descendant of the Fujiwara clan
and Asano clan and Minamoto clan and
Emperor Seiwa.

KAMINOJapanese

Related to the name UENO.

KAMIYA Japanese

From the Japanese 神 (kami, kan or shin) "god" and 谷 (ya or tani) "valley."

KAMIYAMA Japanese

Kamiyama (written: 神山 lit. "god mountain" or 上山 lit. "upper mountain") is a Japanese surname.

KAMORIJapanese

Ka means "Increase, Step Up" or "Congratulation" and Mori means "Forest".

KAMOTOJapanese

This surname is used as 加本, 嘉本, 家本, 賀本, 下元, 嘉元 or 賀元 with 加 (ka, kuwa.eru, kuwa.waru) meaning "add(ition), Canada, include, increase, join," 嘉 (ka, yoi, yomi.suru) meaning "applaud, esteem, praise," 家 (ka, ke, ie, uchi, ya) meaning "expert, family, home, house, performer, professional," 賀 (ga, ka) meaning "congratulations, joy,"下 (ka, ge, o.riru, kuda.saru, kuda.ri, kuda.ru, sa.garu, sa.geru, shita, shimo, moto) meaning "below, descend, down, give, inferior, low," 本 (hon, moto) meaning "book, main, origin, present, real, true" and 元 (gan, gen, moto) meaning "beginning, former time, origin."

KANBARA Japanese

From Japanese 神 (kan) meaning "god, deity, spirit" and 原 (bara) meaning "field, plain".

KANBAYASHIJapanese

From the Japanese 上 (kan, kami or ue)
"upper," "above," 管 (kan) "tube," "canal,"
官 (kan) "authorities," "government" or 神
(kan, kami or shin) "god" and 林
(bayashi or hayashi) "forest," "woods,"
"grove."

KANBEJapanese

It's written as Kan meaning "God, Deity" and Be meaning "Door".

KANDAJapanese

Means "divine rice paddy", from Japanese 神 (kan) meaning "god, deity, spirit" and 田 (da) meaning "field, rice paddy".

KANEDA Japanese

From Japanese 金 (kane) meaning "gold, metal" and 田 (da) meaning "rice field".

KANEKIJapanese

This surname is used as 金城, 金木, 金気, 金喜, 兼城, 兼木 or 鹿子木 with 金 (kin, kon, gon, kana-, kane, -gane) meaning "gold," 兼 (ken, ka.neru, -ka.neru) meaning "and, concurrently," 城 (jou, shiro, ki) meaning "castle," 木 (boku, moku, ki, ko-) meaning "tree, wood," 気 (ki, ke, iki) meaning "air, atmosphere, mood, mind, spirit," 喜 (ki, yoroko.basu, yoroko.bu) meaning "rejoice, take pleasure in," 鹿 (roku, ka, shika) meaning "deer" and 子 (shi, su, tsu, ko, -ko, -ne) meaning "child, sign of the rat (1st sign of the Chinese zodiac)."

KANEKOJapanese

From the Japanese 金 (kane or kin) "gold," "money" and 子 (ko) "child."

KANEMARUJapanese From Japanese 金 (kane) "gold, metal" and 丸 (maru) "circle".

KANESHIROJapanese

Means "gold castle" in Japanese. From the Japanese words 金 (gold) and 城 (castle). This surname is of Okinawan origin.

KANNOJapanese

From the Japanese 菅 (kan or suga)
"sedge" and 野 (no) "field," "area." This
name can also be read as Sugano.

KANROJIJapanese

Fron Japanese 甘 (kan) meaning "sweet", 露 (ro) meaning "dew" and 寺 (ji) meaning "temple".

KARAMATSUJapanese

Kara means "Larch" (green needles poking from a tree) and Matsu means "Pine/Fur Tree".

KARASUJapanese (Rare)

This surname is used as 烏 (u, o, izukunzo, karazu, nanzo) meaning "crow, raven" or 鴉, which is an outdated variant of 烏.... [more]

KASAIJapanese It means fire in Japanese

KASEIJapanese

From Japanese 火星 (kasei) meaning "Mars".

KASHIWAJapanese

This surname is used as 柏 (haku, hyaku, byaku, kashiwa) meaning "oak."... [more]

KASHIWABARAJapanese Kashiwa ("Oak") + Bara from Hara ,("Plain").

KASHIWADAJapanese (Rare) Kashiwa ("Oak") + Da ("Rice Field/Patty"). Takashi Kashiwada is a retired Professional baseball player.

KASHIWADEJapanese (Rare)

This family name made of two symbols literally means "Chef". It sounds a lot like Kashiwada, but nothing alike kanji wise.

KASHIWADOJapanese (Rare) The kanji used is Kashiwa ("Oak") + Do ("Door"). Kashiwado Tsuyoshi was a Japanese sumo wrestler.

KASHIWAEDAJapanese 柏 (Kashiwa) refers to the Japanese "emperor/ daimyo oak tree" and 枝 (Eda)

means "Bough, Twig, Limb, Knot, Branch, Twig".

KASHIWAGIJapanese

From 柏 (kashiwa), which specifically refers the Japanese Emperor Oak/Daimyo oak (Quercus dentata), and 木 (ki), meaning "tree".

KASHIWAHARAJapanese

The same as Kashiwabara.

KATAGIRIJapanese

From the Japanese 片 (kata) "single-" and 桐 (giri) "foxglove tree."

KATSURA Japanese

This surname is used as 桂, 勝占, 勝羅, 勝良, 曽良 or 葛良 with 桂 (kei, katsura) meaning "cinnamon tree, Japanese Judas-tree", 勝 (shou, ka.tsu, katsu, -ga.chi, sugu.reru, masa.ru) meaning "excel, prevail, victory, win", 曽 (so, sou, zou, katsu, katsute, sunawachi) meaning "before, ever, formerly, never, once", 葛 (kachi, katsu, kuzu, tsudzura, katsura) meaning "arrowroot, kudzu", 占 (sen, urana.u, shi.meru) meaning "divining, forecasting, fortune-telling, get, have, hold, occupy, take", 羅 (ra, usumono) meaning "gauze, Rome, thin silk" and 良 (ryou, i.i, yo.i, ra) meaning "good, pleasing, skilled."... [more]

KAWA Japanese

"River, Stream".

KAWABATA Japanese

'Side or bank of the river'; written two ways, with two different characters for kawa 'river'. One family is descended from the northern Fujiwara through the Saionji family; the other from the Sasaki family... [more]

KAWADA Japanese

From Japanese JII (kawa) meaning "river, stream" and 田 (ta) meaning "field, rice paddy".

KAWAHARA Japanese

Kawa means "River" and Hara means "Plain".

KAWAIJapanese (Rare)

Kawa means "River" and I means "Well,Mine shaft,or pit" or possibly I meaning "Rely on". This is written in more ways than this.

KAWAKITA Japanese

川 (Kawa) means "River" and 北 (Kita) means "North".

KAWAMOTOJapanese

From Japanese 川 (kawa) meaning "river, stream" and 本 (moto) meaning "base, root, origin".

KAWAMURAJapanese

From the Japanese 川 or 河 (kawa) "river" and 村, 邑 or 邨 (mura) "village."

KAWANABEJapanese

KAWANAKA Japanese

Kawa means "Stream, River" and Naka means "Middle".

KAWANISHIJapanese

Nishikawa backwards, Kawa means "River, Stream" and Nishi means "West".

KAWANOJapanese

From the Japanese 川 or 河 (kawa or gawa) and 野 (no) "field," "area."

KAWASAKIJapanese

"River cape"; found mainly in eastern Japan and the Ryukyu Islands.

KAWASHIMAJapanese

From Japanese 川 (kawa) meaning "river, stream, brook" and 島 (shima) or 嶋 (shima) both meaning "island".

KAWASHITA Japanese

Kawa means "River, Stream" and Shita means "Under, Below".

KAWATA Japanese

Variant transcription of Kawada.

KAWAUCHIJapanese

From Japanese 河 (kawa) or 川 (kawa) meaning "river" combined with 内 (uchi) meaning "inside".

KAYANOJapanese (Rare), Brazilian
Kaya means "yew tree",and No means
"field,meadow,wilderness".People with
this last name are Kayano Gonbei (a
samurai),Ai Kayano(a voice actress of
MANY characters /more than 30),and
Shigeru Kayano(an Ainu politician who
lived well up to 2006)... [more]

KAZAMA Japanese

From Japanese 風 (kaza) meaning "wind" and 間 (ma) meaning "space, room".

KAZAMIJapanese

From Japanese 風 (kaza) meaning "wind" and 見 (mi) meaning "to see".

KAZEJapanese

From Japanese 風 (kaze) meaning "wind".

KAZEHAYA Japanese

Kaze means "wind" and haya means "fast".

KAZETANIJapanese

From Japanese 風 (kaze) meaning "wind" and 谷 (tani) meaning "valley".

KAZUYUKIJapanese

KENMAJapanese

Japanese surname meaning "to see enough".

KICHIDA Japanese

It is the same as Yoshida, it means "Lucky, Fortunate Rice Paddy/ Field". This seems to be less common than Yoshida.

KIDA Japanese

From Japanese 木 (ki) meaning "tree, wood" and 田 (da) meaning "field, rice paddy".

KIDAMURA Japanese

This surname could be made up of 木 (Ki) meaning "Tree, Wood", 貴 (Ki) meaning "Valuabele", or 喜 (Ki) meaning "Rejoice", with 田 (Da) meaning "Rice Paddy, Field", and 村 (Mura) means "Hamlet, Village"... [more]

KIDOJapanese

KIHARAJapanese

Ki ("Tree, Wood") + Hara ("Plain").

KIKYOJapanese

This surname is used as 桔梗, 喜京, 木京 or 鬼京 with 桔 (kitsu, ketsu, ki), which is used in plant names, 梗 (kyou, kou, oomune, fusagu, yamanire) meaning "close up, flower stem, for the most part", 喜 (ki, yoroko.basu, yoroko.bu) meaning "rejoice, take pleasure in", 木 (boku, moku, ki, ko-) meaning "tree, wood", 鬼 (ki, oni, oni-) meaning "devil, ghost" and 京 (kyou, kin, kei, miyako) meaning "capital."... [more]

KINJOJapanese

From the Japanese 金 (kin or kane) "gold," "money" and 城 (jo or shiro) "castle."

KINOJapanese

Of unknown meaning. A notable name bearer is a fictional character "Makoto Kino" in the "Sailor Moon" anime.

KINOSHITA Japanese

From Japanese 木 (ki) meaning "tree", 之 (no), an element meaning "of", and 下 (shita) meaning "below, under".

KINUGASA Japanese

Kinu means "cloth" while Gasa means "hat". This "Cloth Hat" surname belongs to Teinosuke Kinugasa, and actor who lived long in the late 1900's, Sachio Kinugasa is a former football player and Tatsuya Kinugasa is a former medley swimmer. There's also a stadium & railway station with this name.

KIRIGAYA Japanese

This surname is used as 桐谷, 桐ケ谷, 桐ヶ谷 or 桐萱 with 桐 (tou, dou, kiri) meaning "paulownia," 谷 (koku, kiwa.maru, tani, ya) meaning "valley" and 萱 (ken, kaya, kanzou) meaning "miscanthus reed."... [more]

KIRIMURAJapanese

Kiri means "Paulownia" and Mura means "Village".

KIRISHIMA Japanese

This surname combines 桐 (tou, dou, kiri) meaning "paulownia," 霧 (bu, bou, mu, kiri) meaning "fog, mist" or 切 (sai, setsu, ki.ri, -ki.ri, ki.ru, -ki.ru, ki.re, -ki.re, ki.reru, -ki.reru, -gi.ri, -gi.re) meaning "be sharp, cut(off)" with 島 (tou, shima) meaning "island" or 嶋, which is an outdated variant of 島.... [more]

KIRIYA Japanese

Kiri means "Paulownia Tree" and Ya means "Valley). There are many ways to pronounce the Japanese word for valley, such as Tani, Gaya, etc. This depends on the region.

KISHIJapanese

From Japanese 岸 (kishi) meaning "shore".

KISHIMOTOJapanese

From Japanese 岸 (kishi) meaning "bank, shore" and 本 (moto) meaning "base, root, origin".

KITABAYASHIJapanese

From the Japanese 北 (kita) "North" and 林 (bayashi or hayashi) "forest," "woods."

KITAGAWA Japanese

A Japanese surname meaning "Northern River". It is written 北川 or 喜多川.

KITAHARAJapanese

Kita means "North" and Hara means "Plain, Field, Wilderness."

KITAMURA Japanese

From the Japanese 北 (kita) "North" and 村, 邑 or 邨 (mura) "village."

KITANIJapanese

From the Japanese 木 (ki or moku) "tree," "wood" and 谷 (tani or ya) "valley."

KITANOJapanese

Kita ("North") + No ("Feild").

KITAOJapanese

Kita means "North" and O means "Tail".

KITAOKA Japanese

Kita means "North" and Oka means "Ridge, Hill".

KIYA Japanese

Means "tree valley" in Japanese, from 木 (ki) "tree" and 谷 (ya) "valley".

KIYOKOJapanese

Surname of American-Japanese singer, songwriter, actress, dancer, and director Hayley Kiyoko.

KIYOMIZUJapanese

A variation of the popular surname "Shimizu". 清 (Kiyo) means "Pure, Clean" and 水 (Mizu) means "Water".

KIYOTA Japanese

From the Japanese 清 (kiyo) "clearly,"
"brightly," "cleanly" and 田 (ta or da) "rice
paddy."

KIYOTAKEJapanese

KOBASHIJapanese

Ko ("Small") + Bashi from Hashi ("Bridge").

KODAIRA Japanese

Ko means "Small" and Daira means "Peace, Level". A notable bearer: Nao Kodaira, who is is a Japanese long track speed skater. It can also be pronounced "Kohira".

KOGANEJapanese (Rare)

This surname is used as 黄金, 小金, 古金, 子金, 故金 or 小賀根 with 黄 (ou, kou, ki, ko-) meaning "yellow", 小 (shou, o-, ko-, sa-, chii.sai) meaning "little, small", 古 (ko, furu-, furu.i, -fu.rusu) meaning "old", 子 (shi, su, tsu, ko, -ko, -ne) meaning "child, sign of the rat (1st sign of Chinese zodiac", 故 (ko, furu.i, moto, yue) meaning "cause, circumstances, consequently, especially, happenstance, intentionally, reason, the late, therefore", 賀 (ga) meaning "congratulations, joy", 根 (kon, ne, -ne) meaning "head (pimple), radical, root" and 金 (kin, kon, gon, kana-, kane, -gane) meaning "gold."... [more]

KOHIRA Japanese

The same as Kodaira. Naonori Kohira is a Japanese photojournalist and media producer.

KOIDEJapanese

From the Japanese 小 (ko) "small" and 出 (ide or de) "rising."

KOIGAKUBOJapanese

Koi means "Love", Ga is a language particle, Ku means "Long Time", and Bo means "Guarantee, Protect". This is possibly a rare surname, although a few (if not less) fictional characters possesses this family name... [more]

KOIKEJapanese

From the Japanese 小 (ko) "small" and 池 (ike) "pond."

KOIWAIJapanese, Pop Culture
Ko means "Small", Iwa means "Stone",
and I means "Well". Fictional characters
with this last name: Yotsuba from the
manga "Yotsuba&!" and Yoshino Koiwai
from "Masamune-kun's Revenge" are
examples of this.

KOJIMA Japanese

'Small island'; mostly found along the coast between Tōkyō and Kyōto and in the Ryūkyū Islands; an alternate reading found farther east is Ojima. Another Kojima with a different first character but similar meaning is found in western Japan.

KOKAWA Japanese

This is the same thing as Ogawa.

KOKIJapanese

This surname combines 古 (ko, furu-, furu.i, -fu.rusu) meaning "old" or 小 (shou, o-, ko-, sa-, chii.sai) meaning "little, small" with 木 (boku, moku, ki, ko-) meaning "tree, wood."

KOMATSUJapanese

Ko usually means "Small", but on the contrary the kanji used for "Ko" in certain surnames can strangely be "Big, Great". See Daisuke or Tai for the kanji sometimes used. Matsu means "Pine Tree".

KOMATSUZAKIJapanese (Rare)
Ko ("Small") + Matsu ("Pine Tree") + Zaki
("Peninsula, Cape"). This is a uncommon
name, but it has kanji that 90% of
Japanese family names have.

KOMIYA Japanese

小(Ko) means "Small" and 宮 (Miya) means "Shrine".

KOMUROJapanese

From the Japanese 小 (ko) "small" and 室 (muro) "room."

KONAKA Japanese

小 (Ko) means "Small" and 中 (Naka) means "Middle".

KONDA Japanese

Written with characters meaning 'now' and 'rice paddy', this version of the name is found mostly in eastern Japan. In western Japan it is pronounced Imata.

KONDOJapanese

From the Japanese 近 (kon or chika)
"close," "near" and 藤 (do, to or fuji)
"wisteria." The second character may
indicate historical or familial links to the
formerly powerful Fujiwara (藤原) clan.

KONDOUJapanese

From Japanese 近 (kon) meaning "near, close" and 藤 (dou) meaning "wisteria".
The latter character could indicate a connection to the Fujiwara clan.

KONISHIJapanese

From Japanese 小 (ko) meaning "small" and 西 (nishi) meaning "west".

KONNOJapanese

Variously written, most usually with characters meaning 'now' or 'near' and 'field'. Found mostly in eastern Japan, farther to the northeast it is pronounced Imano.

KONPARUJapanese

Kon means "Gold" and Paru is a form of Haru, meaning "Spring Season". Sources are in the notes

KOSAKA Japanese

This is last name means small "Small Slope", Ko (small), Saka (slope).

KOSUGIJapanese

Ko ("Small") + Sugi

("Cedar"). Jurota Kosugi is a Japanese voice actor.

KOTAKEJapanese

From the Japanese 小 (ko) "small" and 竹 (take) "bamboo."

KOTANIJapanese

Ko means "Small" and Tani means "Valley".

KOTOBUKIJapanese

This surname is used as 寿 (shuu, ju, su, kotobuki, kotobu.ku) meaning

"congratulations, longevity, one's natural life."... [more]

KOTSUKIJapanese

This is another way to pronounce and spell Kozuki.

KOUUMOTOJapanese

Rainfall origin.

KOYAMAJapanese

From the Japanese 小 (ko) "small" and 山 (yama) "mountain."

KOYASUJapanese

From the Japanese 子 (ko) "child" and 安 (yasu or an) "relax," "inexpensive," "low."

KOZUEJapanese (Rare)

This surname is used as 梢, 小梢 or 梢江 with 梢 (shou, kusunoki, kozue) meaning "treetops, twig", 小 (shou, o-, ko-, sa-, chii.sai) meaning "little, small" and 江 (kou, e) meaning "bay, creek, inlet."... [more]

KÔZUKEJapanese

Related to the name UENO.

KOZUKIJapanese

As far as I know, it doesn't mean "Small Moon". It has this kanji: 上月 (literally "above" and "moon", but it probably implies that the moon is above us in the sky).

KUBAJapanese

Written with characters meaning 'long time' and 'method', this name is found mostly in the Ryūkyū Islands.

KUBOJapanese

Meaning "sunken ground"; variously written, mostly with characters used phonetically. Found mostly in western Japan, apparently taken from several habitational names. Many unrelated families descend from various branches of the Taira, Minamoto, and other great families.

KUBOTAJapanese

From the Japanese 久 (ku or hisa) "long time," 保 (bo or ho) "protect," "guaratee," "keep" and 田 (ta or da) "rice paddy." The first two characters can also be written as 窪 (kubo) "hollow."

KUCHIKIJapanese

This name combines 朽 (kyuu, ku.chiru) meaning "decay, remain in seclusion, rot" or 口 (ku, kou, kuchi) meaning "mouth" with 木 (boku, moku, ki, ko-) meaning "tree, wood."... [more]

KUDOUJapanese

From 久 (ku) "long time" and 遠 (tou/dou) "distant" OR from 工 (ku) "construction" and 藤 (dou) "wisteria."

KUGAJapanese

From the Japanese 久 (ku or hisa) "long time," and 我 (ga) "self."

KUGIMIYA Japanese

This surname is used as 釘宮 with 釘 (chou, tei, kugi) meaning "nail, peg, tack" and 宮 (kyuu, ku, kuu, guu, miya) meaning "constellations, palace, princess, Shinto shrine."... [more]

KUHARAJapanese (Rare) Ku ("Long time") + Hara ("Plain").

KUJIRAJapanese (Rare)
Kujira is an uncommon Japanese
surname and first name that literally
means "whale".

KUMAGAIJapanese

Japanese: 'bear valley'; also pronounced Kumatani, Kumaya, and Kumagaya, a habitational name from the town of Kumagaya, in a part of Musashi now part of Saitama prefecture. The earliest bearers were of Taira descent... [more]

KUMAIJapanese

In Japanese Kuma means "Bear" and I means "Well,Pit,Mineshaft".

KUMAKIJapanese (Rare)

The kanji in Anri Kumaki's name reads, Kuma ("Bear") + Ki ("Tree"). She is a singer and songwriter. There might be other combinations too, probably being, Ku ("Long Time") + Maki ("Shepard").

KUNIDA Japanese

From Japanese 国 (kuni) meaning "a land, a large place" combined with 田 (da) meaning "paddy, field".

KUNIMATSUJapanese

Kuni means "Land, Large Place" and can also refer to a country,but not always. Matsu means "Pine Tree". Okao Kunimatsu was a professional wrestler.

KUNISAKIJapanese (Rare)

KURAHASHIJapanese (Rare), Popular Culture

Kura means "Storehouse" and Hashi means "Bridge". More than a few anime characters have this surname in their own respective shows.

KURAMAJapanese

Kurama is a rare Japanese masculine given name. The surname often means "Owns, Posess, Storehouse, Horse".

KURASAWA Japanese

倉 (Kura) means "Owns, Storehouse, Posesses" and 沢 (Sawa) means "Marsh, Swamp".

KURATA Japanese

Kura has two possible kanji both meaning "Storehouse" and ta is "Rice Patty".

KURIBAYASHIJapanese

Kuri means "Chestnut" and Bayashi is a more easily pronounced variant of Hayashi, which means "Forest, Grove".

KURIHARAJapanese

From the Japanese 栗 (kuri) "Japanese chestnut" and 原 (hara, bara or wara) "field," "plain," "original."

KURIHASHIJapanese

Kuri means "Chestnut" and Hashi means "Bridge" in Japanese.

KURIMOTOJapanese

Kuri means "Chestnut" and Moto means "Origin, Source, Root".

KURISUJapanese

This surname is used as 栗栖, 栗須, 栗洲 with 栗 (ri, ritsu, ononoku, kuri) meaning "chestnut", 栖 (sei, su.mu) meaning "cobweb, den, hive, nest, rookery", 須 (shu, su, subekara.ku, subeshi, hige, matsu, mochi.iru, moto.meru) meaning "by all means, necessarily, ought" and 洲 (shuu, su, shima) meaning "continent, country, island, sandbar."... [more]

KURIYAMA Japanese

Kuri means "Chestnut" and Yama means "Mountain".

KURIZUKAJapanese

Kuri means "Chestnut" and Zuka comes from Tsuka, meaning "Mound". This surname belongs to Asahi Kurizuka, an actor.

KUROBA Japanese

From the Japanese 黒 (kuro) "black" and 羽 (ha or hane) "wing."

KURODA Japanese

From Japanese 黒 (kuro) meaning "black" combined with 田 (da) meaning "paddy, field".

KUROGIJapanese

Variant of Kuroki, Kuro means "Black" and Gi means "Tree, Wood".

KUROHASHIJapanese

Kuro means "Black" and Hashi means "Bridge".

KUROIWA Japanese

From Japanese 黒 (kuro) meaning "black" combined with 岩 (iwa) meaning "rock, stone".

KUROKAWA Japanese

From Japanese 黒 (kuro) meaning "black" combined with 川 (kawa) or 河 (kawa) both meaning "river."

KUROKIJapanese

From Japanese 黒 (kuro) meaning "black" and 木 (ki) meaning "tree, wood".

KUROKOJapanese (Rare)

Kuro means "Black" and Ko means "Child". A notable bearer is Tetsuya Kuroko from Kuroko no Basket. The source is in the notes.

KUROMIYA Japanese

Kuro means "Black" and Miya means "Shrine".

KURONUMAJapanese

Kuro means "black" and numa means "swamp".

KUROSAKAJapanese

Kuro means "Black" and Saka means "Hill, Slope".

KUROSAKIJapanese

This surnames combines 黑 (koku, kuro, kuro.i, kuro.zumu) meaning "black" with 崎, 埼 or 嵜 (ki, sai, saki, misaki), all meaning "promontory" (崎 and 埼 have additional meanings of "cape" and "spit" while 嵜 has an additional meaning of "steep").... [more]

KUROSHIMA Japanese

From Japanese 黒 (kuro) meaning "black" and 島 (shima) meaning "island".

KUROYANAGIJapanese

Kuro means "Black" and Yanagi means "Willow".

KUSAYANAGIJapanese

From Japanese 草 (kusayanagi) meaning "grass" or 日 (kusayanagi) meaning "sun, day". Other kanji combinations are possible.

KUSHIDA Japanese (Rare)

This surname is written multiple ways,

Kushi meaning "Skewer" or "Comb" (these are different kanji),and da is "Rice Paddy".

KUSHIEDAJapanese (Rare) Eda means "Branch", as for Kushi, the kanji in it that I have seen is not "Skewer", so it possibly means "Comb".

KUSUNOKIJapanese "Camphor Tree"

KUWABARA Japanese Kuwa means "Mulberry Tree" and Bara's a variant of Hara, meaning "Plain, Field".

KUWAHARAJapanese Kuwa ("Mulberry") + Hara ("Plain"). Yuki Kuwahara is a voice actress.

KUWAKOJapanese Kuwa means "Mulberry Tree" and Ko means "Child, Sign of the Rat, 1st of the Chinese Zodiac."

KYOGOKUJapanese

KYUGOKUJapanese The Kyu part means "Capital City", the same kanji as Kyou.

MACHIJapanese (Rare)

II (machi) means 'town' or 'street'. Some occurrences in America could be shortened versions of longer names beginning with this element, not common in Japan.

MACHIDAJapanese (Rare) Machi (町) means "Town" and da (田) means "Rice Patty".

MAEBARAJapanese
Maebara is an uncommon Japanese
surname that has more than one
meaning, depending on the characters
used to write it. The first and most
common spelling is with the characters
for "Before" (前) and "Original"
(原)... [more]

MAEJIMA Japanese
Mae means "Front, Forward" and Jima
means "Island". This is a variant of
Maeshima.

MAEKAWAJapanese From Japanese 前 (mae) meaning "front, forward" and 川 (kawa) meaning "river, stream".

MAESHIMAJapanese Mae means "Front, Forward" and Shima means "Island". **MAEYAMADAJapanese**

Mae means "Front, Forward", Yama means "Mountain", and Da means "Feild, Rice Patty. The source is in the notes.

MAJIMAJapanese (Rare)
Ma means "Real,Genuine" (this is used most likely,anyway) and Jima means "Island".

MAKIMURAJapanese

According to Hi!Penal!, this is written in three different ways (different kanji for "maki"), this kanji (牧) meaning "Shepard" and Mura (村) meaning "Village" is an example.

MAKINOJapanese Makino means "Shepard Feild".

MAKITA Japanese

I'm not sure how the surname is usually written, but 真 (Ma) means "Genuine, Real, Sincere" and 北 (Kita) means "North". On the other hand, 牧 (Maki) means "Shepard, Tend cattle" and 田 (Ta) means "Rice Field, Rice Paddy"... [more]

MANABEJapanese
Manabe has 3 different kanji
combinations each consisted of 2 kanji.
One means "Truth Pot/
Saucepan",another "Truth Section/
Part","Truth Multiple Times" are possible meanings.

MANAKA Japanese

This surname combines 真 (shin, ma, ma-, makoto) meaning "Buddhist sect, reality, true" or 間 (kan, ken, ai, aida, ma) meaning "interval, space" with 中 (chuu, ata.ru, uchi, naka) meaning "centre, in(side), mean, middle" or 仲 (chuu, naka) meaning "go-between, relationship."... [more]

MASHIMOJapanese From the Japanese 真 (ma) "real" and 下 (shimo or shita) "down," "bottom."

MASUYAMA Japanese From the Japanese 增 (masu) "increase," 益 (masu) "benefit," 桝 (masu) "box seat,"

益 (masu) "benefit," 桝 (masu) "box seat," "measure" or 升 (masu) "box" and 山 (yama) "mountain."

MATSUJapanese From Japanese 松 (matsu) meaning "pine tree, fir tree".

MATSUBARA Japanese From the Japanese 松 (matsu) "pine tree" and 原 (hara, bara or wara) "field," "plain," "original."

MATSUBAYASHIJapanese

Matsu means "Pine Tree" and "Bayashi" is a variant pronunciation of "Hayashi" meaning "Forest". This surname means "Pine Tree Forest". Matsubayashi-ryu is a kind of martial arts.

MATSUDA Japanese

From Japanese 松 (matsu) meaning "pine tree, fir tree" and 田 (da) meaning "field, rice paddy".

MATSUDAIRA Japanese

From Japanese 松 (matsu) meaning "pine tree" and 平 (daira) meaning "flat, calm".

MATSUHASHIJapanese 松 (Matsu) means "Pine tree" and 橋 (Hashi) means "Bridge".

MATSUIJapanese

This was considered one of the top 100 used family names in Japan. Matsu ("Pine {tree}") + I ("Well, Mineshaft, Pit")

MATSUKATA Japanese

From Japanese 松 (matsu) meaning "pine" and 方 (kata) meaning "direction".

MATSUKIJapanese

From Japanese 松 (matsu) meaning "pine tree, fir tree" and 木 (ki) meaning "tree, wood".

MATSUMAEJapanese 松 (Matsu) means "Pine Tree" and 前 (Mae) means "Front".

MATSUMURAJapanese From the Japanese 松 (matsu) "pine tree" and 村, 邑 or 邨 (mura) "village."

MATSUNAGAJapanese

From Japanese 松 (matsu) meaning "pine" and 永 (naga) meaning "long".

MATSUNAWA Japanese Source in the notes.

MATSUNOJapanese

From Japanese 松 (matsu) meaning "pine tree, fir tree" and 野 (no) meaning "field, wilderness".

MATSUOJapanese 松 (Matsu) means "Pine Tree" and 尾 (O) means "Tail".

MATSUSHIMA Japanese "Pine tree island"

MATSUURA Japanese

Matsu means "Pine Tree" and Ura means "Seacoast, Shore, Inlet".

MATSUYAMA Japanese Japanese surname meaning "pine tree mountain". It is written as 松山.

MATSUYUKIJapanese Matsu (松)"Pine" and Yuki (雪) "Snow". Yasuko Matsuyuki is a Japanese voice actress and singer.

MATSUZAKIJapanese Japanese: 'pine tree cape'. This name is found mostly in both the Tōkyō area and on the island of Kyūshū, where it is pronounced Matsusaki.

MAWATARIJapanese From the Japanese 馬 (ma, uma or ba) "horse" and 渡 (watari or wata) "ferry" or ferryboat."

MICHIZOEJapanese From the Japanese 道 (michi) "road," "way," "path" and 添 (zoe or soe) "addition," "add-on," "improvememnt."

MIDORIKAWAJapanese (Rare)
From Japanese 緑 (midori) meaning
"green" and 川 (kawa) meaning "river,
stream".

MIFUNEJapanese

This surname is used as 三船, 三舟, 美船, 御舟, 御船, 神船 or 見船 with 三 (san, zoo, mi, mi'.tsu, mi.tsu) meaning "three", 美 (bi, mi, utsuku.shii) meaning "beautiful, beauty", 御 (gyo, go, o-, on-, mi-) meaning "govern, honourable, manipulate", 神 (shin, jin, kami, kan-, kou-, mi) meaning "gods, mind, soul", 見 (gen, mi.eru, mi.seru, mi.ru) meaning "chances, hopes, idea, look at, opinion, see, visible", 船 (sen, funa-, fune) meaning "boat, ship" and 舟 (shuu, funa-, fune, -bune) meaning "boat, ship."... [more]

MIHARAJapanese

三 (Mi) means "Three" and 原 (Hara) means "Plain, Wilderness". A notable bearer with this surname would be Yasuhiro Mihara. He is a shoe designer.

MIKAMIJapanese

From the Japanese 三 (mi) "three," 見 (mi) "mindset," "outlook," "mentality," 味 (mi or aji) "taste," 海 (mi or umi) "sea" or 水 (mi or mizu) "water," and 上 (kami, kan or ue) "upper," "above," 神 (kami, kan or shin) "god" or 守 (kami or mori) "guard," "protect," "defend."

MIKANJapanese, Popular Culture Mikan means "Mandarin Orange", this is pretty uncommon. A character from Danganronpa, Tsumiki Mikan, has this surname. The source is in the notes.

MIKAZUKIJapanese (Rare) Mikazuki is a one kanji surname that means " Crescent ".

MIKIJapanese

Possibly Mi ("Three") + Ki ("Tree"). This might've been inspired by the Japanese first name Miki.

MINAMOTOJapanese From Japanese 源 (minamoto) meaning "source, origin".

MINATOJapanese 湊/港 (Minato) means "Assemble, Port, Harbor".

MINATOZAKIJapanese (Rare) From Japanese 湊 (minato) meaning "assemble" combined with 崎 (saki) meaning "peninsula, cape".

MINEJapanese

This surname is used as 岑, 峯, 峰, 嶺, 三根, 美根, 美祢, 美禰 or 見根 with 岑 (gin, shin, mine), an outdated character meaning "mountaintop, peak," 峯/峰 (hou, ne, mine) meaning "peak, summit," 嶺 (ryou, rei, mine) meaning with the same meaning as 峯/峰, 三 (san, zou, mi, mi'.tsu, mi.tsu) meaning "three," 美 (bi, mi, utsuku.shii) meaning "beauty/iful," 見 (ken, mi.eru, mi.seru, mi.ru) meaning "chances, hopes, idea, look at, opinion, see, visible," 根 (kon, ne, -ne) meaning "head (pimple), radical, root" and 祢/禰 (dei, nai, ne) meaning "ancestral shrine."... [more]

MISAKIJapanese

From Japanese 三 (mi) meaning "three" and 崎 (saki) meaning "cape, peninsula".

MISHIMAJapanese

三 (Mi) means "Three" and 島 (Shima) means "Island".

MISOJapanese (Rare)

Miso is made up of two symbols literally referred to "Miso Soup". According to a Japanese site, less than 140 people in Japan possess this last name.

MITA Japanese

Meaning 'three rice paddies', the name is more common in eastern Japan. It is also pronounced Santa or Sanda in western Japan.

MITSUEJapanese

This surname is used as 光永, 光江, 三枝, 満江, 三ツ江 or 三津江 with 光 (kou, hikari, hika.ru, mitsu) meaning "light, ray", 三 (san, zou, mi, mi'.tsu, mi.tsu) meaning "three", 満 (ban, man, mi.tasu, mi.chiru, mi.tsu) meaning "enough, full, fullness, satisfy", 永 (ei, naga.i, e) meaning "eternity, long, lengthy", 江 (kou, e) meaning "bay, creek, inlet", 枝 (shi, eda, e) meaning "bough, branch, twig, limb" and 津 (shin, tsu) meaning "ferry, harbour, haven, port."... [more]

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Submitted Surnames

Japanese names are used in Japan and in Japanese communities throughout the world. Note that depending on the Japanese characters used these names can have many other meanings besides those listed here. See also about Japanese names.

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MITSUGIJapanese

This surname is used as 貢, 三木, 三ツ木, 三津木, 三樹, 三次, 参木, 満木, 見次, 身次 or 巳継 with 貢 (ku, kou, mitsu.gu) meaning "finance, support, tribute", 三 (san, zou, mi, mi'.tsu, mi.tsu) meaning "three", 津 (shin, tsu) meaning "ferry, harbour, haven, port", 木 (boku, moku, ki, ko-) meaning "tree, wood", 樹 (juu, ki) meaning "timber trees, wood", 参 (san, shin, mai-, mai.ru, majiwaru, mitsu) meaning "be defeated, be madly in love, coming, die, going, nonplussed, three, visit, visiting", 満 (ban, man, mi.tasu, mi.chiru, mi.tsu) meaning "enough, full, fullness, satisfy", 見 (ken, mi.eru, mi.seru, mi.ru) meaning "chances, hopes, idea, look at, opinion, see, visible", 身 (shin, mi) meaning "one's station in life, person, somebody", 次 (shi, ji, tsugi, tsu.gu) meaning "next, order, sequence", 已 (shi, mi) meaning "sign of the snake/serpent (6th sign of Chinese zodiac)" and 継 (kei, tsu.gi, mama-) meaning "graft (tree), inherit, patch, succeed."... [more]

MITSUGUJapanese (Rare)

This surname is used as 貢, 三次, 三続 or 已継 with 貢 (ku, kou, mitsu.gu) meaning "finance, support, tribute", 三 (san, zou, mi, mi'.tsu, mi.tsu) meaning "three", 次 (shi, ji, tsugi, tsu.gu) meaning "next, order, sequence", 続 (kyou, kou, shoku, zou, tsugu.nai, tsudzu.ku, tsudzu.keru) meaning "continue, sequel, series", 已 (shi, mi) meaning "sign of the snake/serpent (6th sign of Chinese zodiac)" and 継 (kei, tsu.gi, mama-) meaning "graft (tree), inherit, patch, succeed."... [more]

MITSUIJapanese

From the Japanese 三 (mi or san) and 井 (i) "well." The grammatical and phonetic add-on ツ (tsu) is not always included in this name's spelling.

MIURA Japanese

From the Japanese 三 (mi) "three" and 浦 (ura) "bay."

MIWA Japanese

From Japanese 三 (mi) meaning "three" and 輪 (wa) meaning "wheel, ring, circle".

MIYA Japanese

The name could mean 'three arrows', 'three valleys' or 'shrine', the latter being the most common. Some occurrences in America are the result of shortening longer names.

MIYABEJapanese

From the Japanese 宮 (miya) "{Shinto} shrine" and 部 (be) "region," "division," "part."

MIYAGUCHIJapanese

From the Japanese 宮 (miya) "{Shinto} shrine" and 口 (guchi or kuchi) "mouth," "opening."

MIYAHARAJapanese

From Japanese 宮 (miya) meaning "temple, shrine, palace" and 原 (hara) meaning "field, plain".

MIYAICHIJapanese

From Japanese 宮 (miya) meaning "a shrine; a palace" and — (ichi) meaning "one".... [more]

MIYAKEJapanese

Variously written, usually with characters meaning 'three houses'. In the 5th and 6th centuries, Japanese rulers based in the Yamato region (present-day Nara prefecture) established royal rice-growing estates (miyake) throughout their realm in order to increase their income and consolidate their power... [more]

MIYAKOJapanese (Rare) Miyako means "Capital", but as a last name, it usually has the same characters as Kyoto.

MIYAMA Japanese

Mi (美) means beautiful, and Yama (山) means mountain.

MIYANOJapanese

From Japanese 宮 (miya) meaning "temple, shrine, palace" and 野 (no) meaning "field, wilderness".

MIYARA Japanese

From the Japanese 宮 (miya) "{Shinto} shrine" and 良 (ra) "good."

MIYASHITA Japanese

Japanese surname meaning "below the shrine". It is written as 宮下.

MIYATA Japanese

From Japanese 宮 (miya) meaning "temple, shrine, palace" and 田 (ta) meaning "field, rice paddy".

MIYAUCHIJapanese

Miya means "Shrine" and Uchi means "Inside".

MIYAZAKIJapanese

From Japanese 宮 (miya) meaning "temple, shrine, palace" and 崎 (saki) meaning "cape, peninsula".

MIYAZATOJapanese

From Japanese 宮 (miya) meaning "shrine" and 里 (zato) meaning "village".

MIYAZAWAJapanese

Miyazawa is written using the characters for "shrine" (宮) and "creek" (沢).
Together, these characters spell "The creek by the shrine." The second letter (沢) can also be read as "stream" or even "swamp".

MIZUFUKAJapanese

I believe it is written like this: 水付加. In that case, it probably means "Increasing with water".

MIZUHARAJapanese (Rare)

Mizu ("Water") + Hara ("Plain"). Possibly pronounced "bara" or "wara" in different regions

MIZUKAWA Japanese

From Japanese 水 (mizu) meaning "water" and 川 (kawa) meaning "river, stream".

MIZUNOJapanese

From Japanese 水 (mizu) meaning "water" and 野 (no) meaning "field,

wilderness". A notable fictional bearer of this name is Ami Mizuno, whose alternate identity is Sailor Mercury, from the 'Sailor Moon' manga series.

MIZUSAWA Japanese

From the Japanese 水 (mizu) "water" and 澤 or 沢 (sawa or zawa) "swamp."

MIZUTA Japanese

From Japanese 水 (mizu) meaning "water" and 田 (ta) meaning "field, rice paddy".

MIZUTAMA Japanese

From Japanese 水 (mizu) meaning "water" combined with 玉 (tama) meaning "jewel, ball". Other kanji combinations are possible. ... [more]

MIZUTANIJapanese

From Japanese 水 (mizu) meaning "water" and 谷 (tani) meaning "valley".

MOCHIZUKIJapanese

From the Chinese compound 望月 (wàngyuè) literally meaning "to view the moon from a distance" (figuratively, "full moon").

MOEGIJapanese (Rare)

MOMOIJapanese

From Japanese 桃 (momo) meaning "peach" and 井 (i) meaning "well, mine shaft, pit".

MOMOSEJapanese

百 (Momo) means "A Hundred" and 瀬 (Se) means "Riffle". A notable bearer is Shinroku Momose, who was an aircraft engineer during the 1940's.

MORIAIJapanese

From the Japanese 盛 (mori) "assortment" or 森 (mori) "forest" and 合 (ai) "fit," "suit," "join."

MORIFUJIJapanese

Mori means "Forest" and Fuji means "Wisteria".

MORIHARAJapanese

森 (Mori) means "Forest" and 原 (Hara) means "Plain".

MORIHEIJapanese

This surname combines 森 (shin, mori) meaning "forest, woods" with 平 (hyou, byou, hei, tai.ra, -daira, hira, hira-) meaning "even, flat, peace."... [more]

MORIKAWA Japanese

From Japanese 森 (mori) meaning "forest"

and JII (kawa) meaning "river, stream".

MORIKITAJapanese (Rare) 森 (Mori) means "Forest" and 北 (Kita) means "North". Hiroshi Morikita is the president and foreign rights man of Morikita Publishing.

MORIMOTOJapanese

From Japanese 森 (mori) meaning "forest" and 本 (moto) meaning "base, root, origin".

MORINAKAJapanese 森 means forest. 中 means medium.... [more]

MORISHITAJapanese Mori means "Forest" ans Shita means "Under, Below".

MORITAJapanese

From Japanese 森 (mori) meaning "forest" and 田 (ta) meaning "field, rice paddy".

MORIUCHIJapanese

森 (Mori) means "Forest" and 内 (Uchi) means "Inside".

MORIYA Japanese

From the Japanese 守 (mori or kami)
"guard," "protect," "defend" or 森 (mori)
"forest" and 屋 (ya) "dwelling" or 谷
(ya or tani) "valley."

MORIYAMAJapanese

From Japanese 森 (mori) meaning "forest" and 山 (yama) meaning "mountain, hill".

MOTEKIJapanese From the Japanese 茂 (mote) "overgrown," "to grow thick" and 木 (ki, moku or boku) "tree."

MOTOHASHIJapanese

This is literally Hashimoto backwards, although this is less common in Japan. This means "Origin Bridge" in Japanese. A notable bearer with the surname is Akiyasu Motohashi. He is a former motorcycle road rider in the Grand Prix.

MOTOMEJapanese (Rare)

This surname is used as 求, 元目 or 求馬with 求 (kyuu, gu, moto.meru) meaning "demand, request, require, want, wish for", 元 (gan, gen, moto) meaning "beginning, former time, origin", 目 (boku, moku, ma, me, -me) meaning "care, class, experience, eye, favour, insight, look" and 馬 (ba, uma, uma-, ma, me) meaning "horse."... [more]

MOTOZAWA Japanese

From the Japanese 本 (moto) "base" or 元 (moto) "original" and 沢 or 澤 (zawa or sawa) "swamp."

MUKAIJapanese

The "Mu(Ka)" part means "Facing",the I means "Well,Pit,Mine Shaft":"Facing Well/Facing Mine Shaft/Facing Pit". Chiaki Mukai was a doctor as well as the first Japanese female astronaut,and the first Japanese citizen to take two spaceflights... [more]

MUNEKAWA Japanese

宗 (Mune) means "Origin, Religion, Sect" and 川 (Kawa) means "Stream, River".

MURAJapanese

"Village, Hamlet", an element usually accompanied with other elements such as Yukimura, Nishimura, etc.

MURAHAMAJapanese

Mura means "Hamlet, Village" and Hama means "Seashore, Beach".

MURAHASHIJapanese

Mura means "Village, Hamlet" and Hashi means "Bridge".

MURAKAMIJapanese

From the Japanese 村, 邑 or 邨 (mura)
"village" and 上 (kami, kan or ue) "upper,"
"above," 神 (kami, kan or shin) "god" or 守
(kami or mori) "guard," "protect,"
"defend."

MURAKAWA Japanese

Mura ("Village") + Kawa ("River"). This means "Village River", it is basically Kawamura backwards.

MURAKITA Japanese

村 (Mura) means "Village, Hamlet", and 北 (Kita) means "North". This is Kitamura backwards, and is also less popular than it's counterpart.

MURAMATSUJapanese (Rare) Mura ("Village") + Matsu ("Pine Tree").

MURANAKAJapanese

From Japanese 村 (mura) meaning "village" combined with 中 (naka) meaning "inside, middle".

MURAOKA Japanese

村 (Mura) means "Village, Hamlet" and 岡 (Oka) means "Hill, Ridge".

MURASHIMAJapanese

This is Shimamura backwards, it means "Island Hamlet/ Village".

MURATA Japanese

From the Japanese 村,邑 or 邨 (mura)
"village" and 田 (ta or da) "rice paddy" or
多 (ta or da) "many."

MURATAGIJapanese

From Japanese "村" (mura) meaning village, "田" (ta) rice field and "義" (gi) meaning righteousness

MURATAYA Japanese (Rare, ?)

MUSHAKOJIJapanese

Variant transcription of Mushakouji.

MUSHAKOUJIJapanese

From Japanese 武 (mu) meaning "military", 者 (sha) meaning "person", 小 (kou) meaning "small" and 路 (ji) meaning "street".

MUSHANOKOJIJapanese

Variant transcription of Mushanokouji.

MUSHANOKOUJIJapanese

From Japanese 武 (mu) meaning "military", 者 (sha) meaning "person", an unwritten possessive marker の (no), 小 (kou) meaning "small" and 路 (ji) meaning "street".

MUTOJapanese

Means "warrior wisteria" in Japanese. The "to" syllable indicates a connection to the Fujiwara ("wisteria field") clan.

MUTSUJapanese (Rare)

It is the same as Mutsumi, it means "Order".

MUTSUMIJapanese (Rare)

Mutsumi means "Order", but you can also simply say "Mutsu". Goro Mutsumi is referred to both ways. He was an actor who was credited for more than 25 films and als did voice acting and stage acting.

MYOUIJapanese

NAEGIJapanese (Rare)

This surname is used as 苗木 with 苗 (byou, myou, nae, nawa-) meaning "sapling, seedling, shoot" and 木 (boku, moku, ki, ko-) meaning "tree, wood."... [more]

NAGAIJapanese

From Japanese 永 (nagai) meaning "eternity" or 長 (nagai) meaning "chief, head, leader" combined with 井 (i) meaning "well".

NAGAMATSUJapanese

This surname is used as 永松, 長松 or 永末

with 永 (ei, naga.i) meaning "eternity, lengthy, long," 長 (chou, osa, naga.i) meaning "leader, long," 松 (shou, matsu) meaning "pine tree" and 末 (batsu, matsu, sue) meaning "close, end, posterity, powder, tip."

NAGANOJapanese

Japanese: 'long field'; from a very common place name. The name, which is listed in the Shinsen shōjiroku, is written in two ways, in roughly equal numbers, one being found mostly in eastern Japan and the other in western Japan; both are also found in Okinawa Island... [more]

NAGAOJapanese

Naga means "Chief, Head, Leader" and O means "Tail".

NAGAOKA Japanese From the Japanese 長 (naga) "long," "chief" and 岡 (oka) "hill."

NAGASHIMA Japanese

This is a Japanese surname, Famous bearers of this surname are Shinji Nagashima (Born as Shin'ichi Nagashima, Is Japanese a manga artist).

NAGASUJapanese

From Japanese 長 (naga) meaning "long" and 洲 (su) meaning "continent".

NAGATOJapanese (Rare)

There might be different readings, but one is Naga ("Cheif") + To ("Gate"). This is the case for Yuki Nagato, from "The Melancholy of Haruhi Suzumiya".

NAGATSUKA Japanese

NAGAYAMA Japanese

From Japanese 永 (nagai) meaning "eternity, long, lengthy" or 長 (nagai) meaning "chief, head, leader" combined with 山 (yama) meaning "mountain".

NAITOJapanese

内 (Nai) means "Inside" and 藤 (To) means "Wisteria". This surname means "Inside Wisteria". This might have variations in different regions.

NAKADAJapanese

Means "middle of the rice paddy" in Japanese. From the Japanese words 中 (middle) and 田 (rice paddy).

NAKAFUJIJapanese

Naka means "Middle" and Fuji means "Wisteria".

NAKAGAMEJapanese

仲 (Naka) means "Relation" and Game is a variation of 亀 (Kame), which means "Turtle, Tortoise".

NAKAGAWA Japanese

From Japanese 中 (naka) meaning "middle" and 川 (gawa) meaning "river, stream".

NAKAIJapanese

Japanese: 'central well'; it originated in Mikawa (now part of Aichi prefecture), and is also found in the island of Okinawa.

NAKAMATSUJapanese

This surname combines 中 (chuu, ata.ru, uchi, naka) meaning "centre, in(side), mean (not as in the way a person acts), middle" or 仲 (chuu, naka) meaning "go-between, relationship" with 松 (shou, matsu) meaning "pine tree." One bearer of this surname is inventor Yoshirō Nakamatsu (中松 義郎), also known as Dr... [more]

NAKAMINEJapanese

Naka means "Middle" and Mine means "Peak" in Japanese.

NAKAMOTOJapanese

From Japanese 中 (naka) meaning "middle" and 本 (moto) meaning "base, root, origin".

NAKANISHIJapanese

Naka means "Middle" and Nishi means "West".

NAKAOJapanese

Naka means "Middle" and O means "Tail."

NAKATA Japanese

Means "middle of the rice paddy" in Japanese. From the Japanese words 中 (middle) and 田 (rice paddy).

NAKAUCHIJapanese

From the Japanese 中 (naka) "middle,"
"in" or 仲 (naka) "relationship," "relation"
and 内 (uchi or nai) "inside."

NAKAURA Japanese

Naka means "Middle" and Ura means "Gulf, Bay, Inlet, Beach, Seacoast, Creek."

NAKAYAMA Japanese

From the Japanese 中 (naka) "middle,"
"in" or 仲 (naka) "relationship," "relation"
and 山 (yama) "mountain."

NANAMIJapanese

From Japanese 七海 (nanami) meaning

"seven seas".

NANASHIMA Japanese (Rare)
Japanese surname meaning "seven island".

NANATSUKIJapanese

七 (Nana) means "Seven" and 月 (Tsuki) means "Moon, Month".

NARAJapanese

This surname is used as 楢, 奈良 or 那良with 楢 (shuu, yuu, nara) meaning "oak", 奈 (dai, na, nai, ikan, karanashi) meaning "Nara, what?", 那 (na, da, nani, nanzo, ikan) meaning "what?" and 良 (ryou, i.i, -i.i, yo.i, -yo.i, ra) meaning "good, pleasing, skilled."... [more]

NARISAWA Japanese

From the Japanese 成 (nari) "turn into," "become" and 澤 or 沢 (sawa or zawa) "swamp."

NARITA Japanese

From 成 (nari) meaning "become", and 田 (ta) meaning "rice paddy".

NARUJapanese

The meaning of the name Naru is "become"

NATSUKAWA Japanese

This name means Summer River.
From natsu "summer" and kawa "river".

NATSUMIJapanese (Rare)

This is occasionally, but rarely used as a last name. Natsu means "Summer", and Mi in this surname means "Look". So the literal meaning of this could be "Look at Summer", or "The Look of Summer". A notable person with the surname is Madoka Natsumi, who is a cross country skier. Natsumi is a place name as well, and the name of Temple Complex for archeological sites.

NEHOJapanese

Japanese surname meaning "raised foundation".

NEJIJapanese (Rare)

This surname is used as 子師, combining子 (shi, su, tsu, ko, -ko, ne) meaning "child, sign of the rat (1st sign of Chinese zodiac)" with 師 (shi, su, nara.u, moromoro) meaning "army, exemplar, expert, master, model, teacher, war."

NIIKURA Japanese

From the Japanese 新 (nii) "new" and 倉 or 蔵 (kura) "storehouse" or 鞍 (kura) "saddle."

NIKAIDOJapanese

NINOMIYA Japanese

二 (Nino) means "Two, Second" and 宫 (Miya) means "Shrine". Notable Bearers: Kazunari Ninomiya, is songwriter, radio host, and much more. Sontoku (born Kinjiro) Ninomiya, was a moralist, agricultural leader, and more.

NISHIJapanese

It means "West", it's more commonly added to other name elements such as mura, hara, etc.

NISHIDA Japanese

Means "western rice paddy" in Japanese. From the Japanese words 西 (west) and 田 (rice paddy).

NISHINOJapanese Nishi ("West") + No ("Feild").

NISHIOJapanese Nishi means "West" and O means "Tail".

NISHIYAMA Japanese a Japanese surname meaning "western mountain".

NITTA Japanese

NOBIRA Japanese

From the Japanese 野 (no) "field," "area" and 平 (hira) "peace."

NOBUNAGA Japanese

Nobu means "Trust, Believe" and Naga means "Long, Chief". Takatomi Nobunaga is a Japanese composer, with his surname written as such.

NOJIMA Japanese

No means "Field" and Jima means "Island". Hirofumi Nojima is an actor, voice actor, and narrator.

NOJIRIJapanese

No means "Field" and Jiri means "Behind, End, Rear", similar to Tajiri.

NOMIJapanese

From the Japanese possessive particle 乃 (no) and 美 (mi) "beauty."

NOMURAJapanese

From the Japanese 野 (no) "field," "area" and 村, 邑 or 邨 (mura) "village."

NONAKA Japanese

From Japanese 野 (no) meaning "field, wilderness" and 中 (naka) meaning "middle".

NOTOJapanese

The kanji I viewed personally is unknown. But if it were to be made simply, it would be: No ("Feild") + To ("Wisteria").

NOTOUJapanese

A variant transcription of "Noto" and vice versa.

NUMAJapanese

Numa means "Swamp".

OBARA Japanese

It's written like: 小 (O meaning small) and Bara meaning "Plain". Masakazu Obara's last name is pronounced like this. He is an anime director, he worked on Accel World.

ODA Japanese

From the Japanese 小 (o) "small," 尾 (o) "tail" or 織 (o) "fabric," "material," "cloth" and 田 (ta or da) "rice paddy" or 多 (ta or da) "many."... [more]

ŌGAJapanese (Rare)

This surname is used as 淡河, 王賀 or 相賀 with 淡 (tan, awa.i) meaning "faint, fleeting, pale, thin," 河 (ka, kawa) meaning "river," 王 (ou, -nou) meaning "king, magnate, rule," 相 (shou, sou, ai-, ou) meaning "aspect, councillor, each other, inter-, minister of state, mutual, phase, physiognomy, together" and 賀 (ga) meaning "congratulations, joy."... [more]

OGAMIJapanese

This surname is used as 拝, 小上, 小神, 尾上, 尾神, 男神 with 拝 (hai, oga.mu, oroga.mu) meaning "adore, pray to, worship," 小 (shou, o-, ko-, sa-, chii.sai) meaning "little, small," 尾 (bi, o) meaning "end, tail," 男 (dan, nan, o, otoko) meaning "male," 上 (shan, shou, jou, a.gari, a.garu, a.geru, ue, -ue, uwa-, kami, nobo.su, nobo.seru, nobo.ri, nobo.ru, yo.su) meaning "above, up" and 神 (shin, jin, kami, kan-, kou-) meaning "gods, mind, soul."

OGASAWARAJapanese

Japanese surname meaning "plain of the small bamboo hat".

OGAWA Japanese

Means "little river" in Japanese.

OGITA Japanese

OGURAJapanese

The kanji used is O ("Small") + Gura from Kura ("Storehouse"). Rie Ogura is an

anime producer, she worked on KonoSuba.

OGURIJapanese

The kanji in Shun Oguri's family name is made up of 小 (O) "Little" and Guri, a variation of 栗 (Kuri) meaning "Chestnut". He is an actor and film director.

OHAMA Japanese

O means "Small" and Hama means "Beach, Seashore".

OHARA Japanese

From Japanese 小 (o) meaning "small" and 原 (hara) meaning "field, plain".

OHASHIJapanese

From a common habitational name meaning 'large bridge'. Many bearers may be unrelated; some have Taira or Fujiwara connections. This surname is mostly found in central Japan.

OHAYASHIJapanese

This is the less common variant of "Kobayashi" . Check Notes for the source.

OHKAJapanese

A transcription of Oka meaning "Ridge, Hill". It's likely an americanized spelling.

OHORIJapanese

From the Japanese 大 (o) "big" and 堀 (hori) "moat."

OHTANIJapanese

Variant transcription of Ootani.

OKA Japanese

From Japanese 岡 (oka) meaning "ridge, hill".

OKADA Japanese

Meaning "rice paddy on the hill"; variously written. This is a common place name throughout Japan, but the surname is mostly found in western Japan. ... [more]

OKAMOTOJapanese

From Japanese 圙 (oka) meaning "ridge, hill" and 本 (moto) meaning "base, root, origin".

OKAMURA Japanese

From Japanese 岡 (oka) meaning "ridge, hill" and 村 (mura) meaning "town, village".

OKANOJapanese

From the Japanese 岡 (oka) "hill" and 野 (no) "field," "area."

OKASHIMAJapanese

岡 (Oka) means "Ridge, Hill" and 島 (Shima) means "Island".

OKAWA Japanese

From the Japanese 大 (o) "big" and 川 or 河 (kawa) "river."

OKAZAKIJapanese

From Japanese 岡 (oka) meaning "hill, mound" combined with 崎 (saki) meaning "peninsula, cape".

OKOCHIJapanese

Variant transcription of Ookouchi.

OKOTA Japanese (Rare)

This name is used to combine 興 (kou, kyou, oko.ru, oko.su) meaning "interest, pleasure," or 小 (shou, o-, ko-, sa-, chii.sai) meaning "little, small" with 古 (ko, furu.i, furu-, -furu.su) meaning "old" and 田 (den, ta) meaning "rice field, rice paddy."

OKUJapanese

Oku means "secluded", "further out". Manami Oku is a J-pop singer.

OKUBOJapanese

From a place name meaning 'large hollow', which is common in Japan and the Ryūkyū Islands. This is a frequent surname in Japan and was taken by several samurai families, most notably the Ōkubo clan between 16th and 19th century Japan, and bearers today.

OKUDAIRA Japanese (Rare)

Oku ("Secluded,Further Out") + Daira ("Peace"). Daira has the same kanji as Hira, also meaning peace.

OKUGAWA Japanese

The same as Okukawa.

OKUKAWAJapanese (Rare)

Oku means "interior, secluded, further out" and kawa means "river". Minako Okukawa is a fictional character from Yuri!!! On Ice and it's also the name of a company.

OKUMURAJapanese

From Japanese 奥 (oku) meaning "inside" or "back, rear" combined with 村 (mura) meaning "village".

OKUNOJapanese

Oku means "Secluded, Further out" and No means "Field". A notable bearer is Kaya Okuno, who is a Japanese voice actress.

OKUYAMA Japanese

From the Japanese 奥 (oku) "interior" and 山 (yama) "mountain."

OMORIJapanese

From the Japanese 大 (o) "big" and 森 (mori) "forest," "woods."

OMOTOJapanese

OMURA Japanese

O means "Big, Huge, Great" and Mura means "Hamlet, Village". A notable bearer would be Masujiro Omura. He was a theorist and leader in the military.

ONISHIJapanese

O means "Big, Great" and Nishi means "West".

ŌNOJapanese

From the Japanese 大 (oo) "big" and 野 (no) "field," "area."

ONOJapanese

From Japanese 小 (o) meaning "small" and 野 (no) meaning "field, wilderness".

ONOUEJapanese

From the Japanese 尾 (o) "tail" and 上 (ue) "above" (the possessive particle ノ (no) is not always written down but is always included when the name is spoken aloud).

OOGAMIJapanese

From Japanese 大 (tai, dai, oo-, -oo.ini, oo.kii) meaning "large, great", 神 (shin, jin, kami, kan-, kou-) meaning "god, deity", 上 (shan, shou, jou, a.gari, a.garu, a.geru, ue, -ue, uwa-, kami, nobo.su, nobo.seru, nobo.ri, nobo.ru, yo.su) meaning "above, up", 賀 (ga) meaning "congratulations, joy" and 美 (bi, mi, utsuku.shii) meaning "beauty, beautiful".

OOKOUCHIJapanese

From Japanese 大 (oo) meaning "big", 河 (kou) meaning "river" and 内 (chi) meaning "inside".

OOTANIJapanese

From Japanese 大 (oo) meaning "big" and 谷 (tani) meaning "valley".

OOTONOJapanese (Rare)

Oo means "Big, Great, Large, Huge",etc. and tono is a very respectful honorific that is outdated and literally means "Lord" in Japanese. Regardless of how archaic it sounds, this last name is still used by families in Japan, even though it rarely ever occurs.

OSAKA Japanese

O means "Big" and Saka means "Hill, Slope".

OSAKIJapanese

From the Japanese 大 (o) "big" and 崎, 埼, 崎 or 岬 (saki) "peninsula," "cape" or 嵜 (saki) "steep," "promontory."

OSAKOJapanese

From Japanese 大 (o) meaning "big, large" combined with 迫 (sako) meaning "imperative".... [more]

OSATOJapanese

O means "Big" and Sato means "Hamlet, Village, Town".

OSAWAJapanese

O means "Large, Great" and Sawa means "Swamp, Marsh".

OSHIMA Japanese

From 大 (oo) meaning "large", and 島/嶋 (shima) meaning "island". It is also used in many place names, rendered as 大島.

OTAJapanese

From the Japanese 太 (o) "fat," "thick," 大 (o) "big" or 多 (o) "many" and 田 (ta or da) "rice paddy" or 多 (ta, da or o) "many."

Note that 多多 would be read "Tada."

ŌTAKAJapanese

This surname combines 大 (tai, dai, oo-, -oo.ini, oo.kii) meaning "big, large" with 高 (kou, taka, taka.i, taka.maru, taka.meru, -daka) meaning "expensive, high, tall," 鷹 (ou, you, taka) meaning "hawk," 孝 (kyou, kou, taka) meaning "child's respect, filial piety," 嵩 (shuu, suu, kasa, kasa.mu, taka.i) meaning "be aggravated, grow bulky, grow worse, swell" or 貴 (ki, tatto.i, tatto.bu, touto.i, touto.bu, taka) meaning "esteem, honour, precious, prize, value."... [more]

OTAKIJapanese

From the Japanese 大 (o) "big" and 瀧 or 滝 (taki) "waterfall."

ŌTANIJapanese

Variant transcription of Ootani.

OTANIJapanese

Variant transcription of Ootani.

OTONARIJapanese

This surname combines 乙 (itsu, otsu, oto-, kinoto) meaning "duplicate, strange, the latter, witty" or 音 (in, on, -non, oto, ne) meaning "noise, sound" with 成 (jou, sei, na.su, -na.su, na.ru, nari) meaning "become, elapse, get, grow, reach, turn

into."

OTSUKAJapanese

From the Japanese 大 (o) "big" or 太 (o) "fat," "thick" and 塚 (tsuka) "mound."

ŌTSUKIJapanese

This surname combines 大 (tai, dai, oo-, -oo.ini, oo.kii) "large, big" with 月 (gatsu, getsu, tsuki) meaning "moon, month," 槻 (ki, tsuki) meaning "Zelkova tree," 築 (chiku, kizu.ku, tsuki) meaning "build, construct, fabricate," 附 (fu, tsu.ku, tsu.keru) meaning "affixed, append, attach" or 即 (soku, sunawa.chi, tsu.ku, tsu.keru) meaning "adapt, agree, as is, conform, instant, namely." It can also be used to combine 王 (ou, -nou) meaning "king, magnate, rule" and 月.... [more]

OWARIJapanese

From Japanese 終 (owa) meaning "last, to finish" and 里 (ri) meaning "village, the home of one's parents, hometown". The latter character is also an archaic Japanese unit of area.

OYAKAWA Japanese

From the Japanese 親 (oya) "parent" and 川 (kawa) "river."

OYAMAJapanese

From the Japanese 大 (o) "big" and 山 (yama) "mountain."

OYAMADA Japanese

O means "Small", Yama means "Mountain", Da means "Field, Rice Paddy".

OZAKIJapanese

A variant of Osaki. O means "Big" and Zaki means "Peninsula, Cape, Promontory".

OZAWA Japanese

A variant of Osawa, meaning the same: O means "Gerat, Large and Sawa means "Marsh, Swamp".

OZUJapanese (Rare)

In this surname can mean "Small" and Zu means "Harbor". This is how Yasujiro Ozu's surname is written. He was a director of films.

RIKIMARUJapanese

This surname is used as 力丸 with 力 (rii, riki, ryoku, chikara) meaning "bear up, exert, power, strain, strength, strong" and 丸 (gan, maru, maru.i, maru.meru) meaning "curl up, explain away, full, make round, month, perfection, pills, roll up, round, seduce."... [more]

RINJapanese

From Japanese 林 (rin) meaning "forest".

RINBAYASHIJapanese (Rare)
It's written like this: 林林,literally
"Hayashi Hayashi", Hayashi means
"Forest". This is because "Hayashi" is
"Rin" in the Chinese reading called
onyomi,and Hayashi is the Japanese,or
kunyomi reading for "Forest".

RITSUSHIMAJapanese

ROKAJapanese

Japanese name meaning "White crest of the wave".

ROYAMA Japanese

蝋 means wax. 山 means mountain.

RYUENJapanese (Rare), Popular Culture 龍 (Ryuu) means "Dragon" and 円 (En) means "Circle, Round". En also can also mean "Garden" in this surname. ... [more]

RYŪJINJapanese

It means "Dragon God" or "Dragon King". Using the kanjis 龍 (ryuu, ryou, tatsu) meaning "dragon", and 神 (kami, jin or shin) meaning "god". It can be read as Tatsugami as well.

RYUKOJapanese

See the Ryuko first name.

RYUMINEJapanese

竜/龍 (Ryu) means "Dragon, Imperial" and 嶺,峰,峯 (Mine) means "Peak, Summit, Mountaintop".

RYUUENJapanese

Most common transcription of Ryuen, actually.

RYŪZAKIJapanese

This surname is used as 竜崎, 龍崎, 竜嵜 or 劉崎 with 竜 (ryuu, ryou, rou, ise, tatsu) or 龍 (ryuu, ryou, rou, tatsu), both meaning "dragon, imperial," 劉 (ryuu, ru, koro.su) meaning "faded, kill en masse, logging axe, peeling (paint off a wall, etc), sparse, weapon of war," 崎 and 嵜 (ki, sai, saki, misaki), the first meaning "cape, promontory, spit" and the second meaning "promontory, steep."... [more]

SAEKIJapanese

This surname is used as 佐伯, 三枝木 or 佐柄木 with 佐 (sa) meaning "assistant, help", 伯 (haku, eki) meaning "chief, count, earl, uncle, Brazil", 三 (san, zou, mi, mi'.tsu, mi.tsu) meaning "three", 枝 (shi, eda, e) meaning "bough, branch, twig,

limb", 柄 (hei, gara, e, tsuka) meaning "design, pattern, build, nature, character, handle, crank, grip, knob, shaft" and 木 (boku, moku, ki, ko-) meaning "tree, wood."... [more]

SAGAMIJapanese

SAIHARA Japanese Prime field, Conspicuous wilderness... [more]

SAIONJIJapanese

Japanese surname derived from the kanji for "west", "park, garden" and "Buddhist temple".

SAITAMAJapanese

Japanese surname meaning "precious stone peninsula".

SAKAJapanese

Saka means "Slope, Hill", often in other surnames and place names such as Osaka.

SAKABAYASHIJapanese (Rare)

Saka means "Slope, Hill", "Promontory", "Steep", or in rarer cases "Alcohol, Liquor" (similar to the word sake).

SAKAGUCHIJapanese

Japanese surname meaning "at the mouth of the slope". It is written as 坂口.

SAKAHARA Japanese

Saka means "Hill, Slope" and Hara means "Plain, Field". A notable bearer with this surname is Atsushi Sakahara. He is a film director, entrepreneur, and producer.

SAKAIJapanese

From the Japanese 酒 (saka or sake) "alcohol," 坂 or 阪 (saka) "slope" and 井 (i) "well."

SAKAKIJapanese

SAKAMOTOJapanese

From the Japanese 坂 or 阪(saka) "slope" or 酒 (saka) "alcohol" and 本 or 元 (moto) "base," "origin."

SAKANEJapanese

From the Japanese 坂 or 阪 (saka) "slope" or 酒 (saka or sake) "alcohol" and 根 (ne) "root."

SAKATANIJapanese

阪 (Saka) means "Hill, Slope" and 谷 (Tani) means "Valley".

SAKAYANAGIJapanese (Rare), Popular Culture

阪 (Saka) means "Slope, Hill" and 柳 (Yanagi) means "Willow". There is Arisu Sakayanagi from The Classroom of the Elite, a popular series with a manga and anime adaption. If this surname is used by other people, it is not common.

SAKIJapanese

Meaning "Peninsula, Cape, Promontory", it's often an element of longer surnames, like Kawasaki, Osaki, etc.

SAKIMOTOJapanese

From Japanese 崎 (saki) meaning "cape, peninsula" and 本 (moto) meaning "base, root, origin".

SAKIYAMAJapanese

From Japanese 崎 (saki) "small peninsula, cape" and 山 (yama) "mountain".

SAKUMAJapanese

Habitational name from a village so named in Awa (now part of Chiba prefecture). Bearers are descended from the Miura branch of the Taira clan.

SAKURAJapanese

It is usually only thought of as a given name, but it's also a last name too. A variation of it (if not itself) was considered one of the most popular surnames in 2012, ranking within the top one hundreds... [more]

SAKURAIJapanese

From the Japanese 桜 or 櫻 (sakura) "cherry blossom" or 桃 (sakura or momo) "peach" and 井 (i) "well."

SAKURAMIJapanese

Sakura means "Cherry Blossom (tree)" and Mi means "View, See, Mindset."

SAKURANOJapanese

Means "cherry blossom field" in Japanese, from 桜 (sakura) "cherry blossom" and 野 (no) "field".

SAKURAZAKA Japanese (Rare)
Sakura means "Cherry Blossom" and
Zaka means "Peninsula, Cape". Hiroshi
Sakurazaka is a Japanese author.

SAMEJIMAJapanese

"鮫" (sa me) is meaning "shark"(in ancient use, "alligator") and "島"(or "嶋") (shima in west Japan, jima in east Japan) is meaning "island" in Japan.... [more]

SAMONJapanese (Rare)

This surname combines 左 (sa, sha, hidari) meaning "left" or 佐 (sa) meaning "assistant, help" with 門 (mon, kado, to)

meaning "gate."... [more]

SANADA Japanese

From Japanese 真 (sana) meaning "real, genuine" and 田 (da) meaning "field, rice paddy".

SANJOJapanese

Variant transcription of Sanjou.

SANJOUJapanese

From Japanese 三 (san) meaning "three" and 條 or 条 (jou) meaning "paragraph".

SANOJapanese (Rare)

Sa means "small" and No means "meadow,wilderness,field". This is the last name of Yo Sano (a writer),Sano Tsuneha (an admiral in World War 1)who participated in a Japanese scouting movement with Sano Tsunetami (his father). This is also (but uncommonly) a first name for boys too.

SASANOJapanese

From 笹 (sasa) meaning "bamboo grass" and 野 (no) meaning "field, plains". Other characters are also possible.

SASAYAMA Japanese

笹 (Sasa) means "Bamboo" and 山 (Yama) means "Mountain".

SASORIJapanese (Rare)

This surname is used as 佐曽利 with 佐 (sa) meaning "assistant, help," 曽 (so, sou, zou, katsu, katsute, sunawachi) meaning "before, ever, formerly, never, once" and 利 (ri, ki.ku) meaning "advantage, benefit, profit."

SATOMIJapanese

Sato means "Village " and Mi means " Mindset, Outlook" in this surname. Satomi is also a Japanese first name.

SATOYA Japanese

Sato and Ya together, means "Village Valley".

SAWA Japanese

From Japanese 澤 (sawa) meaning "marsh".

SAWADA Japanese

SAWAMURA Japanese, Popular Culture Sawa means "Marsh, Swamp" and Mura means "Village, Hamlet". This surname belongs to multiple fictional characters. Eijun Sawamura from Diamond no Ace, Daichi Sawamura from Haikyuu!!, and Eriri Spencer Sawamura from Saekano all live in pop culture.

SAWASHIROJapanese

Sawa means "Marsh" and Shiro means in surnames means "Castle" (at least commonly), this may get mixed up with given name Shiro.

SAZA Japanese

From the Japanese 佐 (sa) "assistant" and 座 (za) "seat."

SEKIJapanese

From Japanese 関 (seki) meaning "barrier".

SEKIGUCHIJapanese

From the Japanese 関 (seki) "barrier," "gate" and 口 (guchi or kuchi) "mouth."

SENJUJapanese (Rare)

Sen means "One thousand" and Ju means "Congratulations".

SENRIJapanese (Rare)

This surname is used as 千里 with 千 (sen, chi) meaning "thousand" and 里 (ri, sato) meaning "league, parent's home, ri (type of measurement), village."... [more]

SERIZAWA Japanese

Last name of Dr.Serizawa, inventor of the Oxogen Destroyer from Godzilla 1954.

SETOJapanese

This name is used as Se "Riffle" and To "Door". Asami Seto is a voice actress with this surname.

SETOUJapanese

Variant transcription of Seto.

SETSUSHIJapanese

From Japanese 節 (setsu) meaning "section, period, verse, melody" and 死 (shi) meaning "death". Other kanji combinations are possible.

SHIBASAKIJapanese

Shiba (柴) means firewood, Saki (崎) means small peninsula.

SHIBATA Japanese

From the Japanese 柴 (shiba)
"brushwood," "firewood" or 芝 (shiba)
"turf grass" and 田 (ta or da) "rice paddy"
or 多 (ta or da) "many."

SHIBAYAMA Japanese

From Japanese 柴 (shiba) meaning "brushwood, firewood" and 山 (yama) meaning "mountain, hill".

SHIBUTANIJapanese

From Japanese 澁 or 渋 (shibu) meaning "rough" and 谷 (tani) meaning "valley".

SHIBUYA Japanese

From the Japanese 渋 (shibu) "unripe persimmon juice" and 谷 (ya or tani) "valley." This is also the name of an area in South-Western Central Tokyo, famous for its road crossing.

SHIMAJapanese

From Japanese 島 (shima) meaning "island".

SHIMADAJapanese

From Japanese 島 (shima) meaning "island" combined with 田 (da) meaning "rice paddy, cultivated field".

SHIMADZUJapanese

Variant transcription of Shimazu.

SHIMAMOTOJapanese

From Japanese 島 (shima) meaning "island" and 本 (moto) meaning "base, root, origin".

SHIMAMURAJapanese

From the Japanese 島, 嶋 or 嶌 (shima) "island" and 村, 邑 or 邨 (mura) "village."

SHIMAOKA Japanese

島 (Shima) means "Island", 岡 (Oka) means "Ridge, Hill".

SHIMAZAKIJapanese

Shima means "Island" and Zaki means "Peninsula, Cape, Promontory".

SHIMAZUJapanese

From Japanese 島 (shima) meaning "island" and 津 (zu) meaning "harbor".

SHIMEJapanese

This surname is used as 七五三, 志免 or 志馬 with 七 (shichi, nana, nana.tsu, nano, shi) meaning "seven", 五 (go, itsu, itsu.tsu, me) meaning "five", 三 (san, zou, mi, mi'.tsu, mi.tsu) meaning "three", 志 (shi, kokorozashi, kokoroza.su, shiringu) meaning "aspire, hopes, intention, motive, plan, resolve, shilling", 免 (men, manuka.reru, manuga.reru, me) meaning "dismissal, excuse" and 馬 (ba, uma, -uma, ma, me) meaning "horse."... [more]

SHIMONOJapanese

From Japanese 下 (shimo) meaning "under, below" and 野 (no) meaning "field, wilderness".

SHIMOOKAJapanese

Shimo means "Under, Below" and Oka means "Ridge, Hill". A notable bearer is

Renjo Shimooka, who was a professional photographer.

SHIMOTSUKIJapanese (Rare)

霜 (Shimo) means " (Hoar)frost" and 月 (Tsuki) means "Month, Moon". This is the traditional name for November in the Japanese language. It is also beared by Haruka Shimotsuki, a singer.

SHIMOYAMA Japanese

Shimo means "Under, Below" and Yama means "Mountain". So in that case, it is Yamashita backwards, except for a different pronunciation. A notable bearer is Kento Shimoyama, who is screenwriter.

SHIMURA Japanese

From Japanese 志 (shi) meaning "purpose" or 紫 (shi) meaning "purple" combined with 村 (mura) meaning "village".

SHINDENJapanese

See Arata, this is simply the formal pronunciation.

SHINKAIJapanese

From Japanese 深 (shin) "deep" or 新 (shin) "new" combined with 海 (kai) "sea".

SHINOBUJapanese

Shinobu is a Japanese name meaning "recall" or "endurance."

SHINODA Japanese

From Japanese 篠 (shino) meaning "bamboo grass" and 田 (da) meaning "field, rice paddy".

SHINOHARAJapanese (Rare)

Shino means "Bamboo Stem", but it's most likely the kanji meaning "Rope", while Hara means "Plain).

SHINYAMA Japanese

Means "New Mountain".... [more]

SHIOJapanese (Rare)

Shio means "Salt", this one of the most rarest Japanese surnames databases have compiled, I have two sources.

SHIOKAWA Japanese

Shio means "Salt, Tide" and Kawa means "River, Stream."

SHIRAIJapanese

From the Japanese 白 (shira or shiro) "white" and 井 (i) "well."

SHIRAISHIJapanese

From Japanese 白 (shira) meaning "white"

and 石 (ishi) meaning "stone".

SHIRAKAWA Japanese

Shira means "White" and Kawa means "River".

SHIROMORIJapanese

From Japanese 白 (shiro) combined with 森 (mori) meaning forest. Other kanji combinations are possible.

SHISHIDOJapanese

Japanese: habitational name taken from a district in Hitachi (now Ibaraki prefecture), written with a variant character for 'flesh' and 'door'. It is found mostly in northeastern Japan.

SHISHIGAMIJapanese

A Japanese surname meaning "deer god".

SHOJapanese

Japanese name meaning "to fly/soar" or "wind instrument".

SHOJIJapanese

From the Japanese 庄 (sho) "level" and 司 (shi or ji) "director," "official."

SHOUYUJapanese (Rare)

Variant transcription of Shoyu.

SHOYUJapanese (Rare)

Shoyu is made up of two kanji and literally means "Soy Sauce". There are other Japanese last names related to food too, but if it's directly related to food, it is rare.

SHŌZŌJapanese (Rare)

This surname is used as 宗 (shuu, sou, mune) meaning "origin, religion, sect" and 像 (zou) meaning "figure, image, picture, portrait, statue."... [more]

SONODA Japanese

From the Japanese 園 or 薗(sono) "garden," "orchard," "yard" and 田 (ta or da) "rice paddy."

SUENOJapanese

This surname is used as either 末延 or 末野 with 末 (batsu, matsu, sue) meaning "close, end, posterity, powder, tip", 延 (en, no.basu, no.biru, no.be, no.beru) meaning "prolong, stretching" and 野 (sho, ya, no, no-) meaning "civilian life, field, plains, rustic."... [more]

SUEOKA Japanese

From the Japanese 末 (sue) "end" and 岡 (oka) "hill."

SUGAJapanese

From the Japanese 須 (su) "necessarily" and 賀 (ga or ka) "congratulation."

SUGANOJapanese

From the Japanese 菅 (suga or kan)
"sedge" and 野 (no) "field," "area." This
name can also be read as Kanno.

SUGAWARA Japanese

Sugawara was #83. of most used Japanese family names in 2009, but it's usage has dropped seemingly drastically since than. Suga means "Sedge", Wara means "Plain".

SUGIEDA Japanese

杉 (Sugi) means "Cedar Tree" and 枝 (Eda) means "Branch, Bough, Twig". A notable bearer is Mayu Sugieda, who is mainly known as a musical artist.

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Submitted Surnames

Japanese names are used in Japan and in Japanese communities throughout the world. Note that depending on the Japanese characters used these names can have many other meanings besides those listed here. See also about Japanese names.

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SUGIHARA Japanese

Sugi means "Cedar Tree" and Hara means "Plain".

SUGIMORIJapanese

杉 (Sugi) means "Cedar Tree" and 森 (Mori) means "Forest".

SUGIMOTOJapanese

From the Japanese 杉 (sugi) "cedar {tree}" and 本 or 元 (moto) "base," "root," "origin."

SUGIMURA Japanese

Sugi means "Cedar Tree" and Mura means "Village".

SUGINOJapanese

Sugi means "Cedar Tree" and No means "Field, Wilderness, Plain".

SUGITAJapanese

杉 (Sugi) means "Cedar Tree" and 田 (Ta) means "Rice Patty, Field".

SUGITANIJapanese

Sugi means "Cedar Tree" and Tani means "Valley". Taizo Sugitani is a notable bearer. He's a Japanese equestrian.

SUGIURA Japanese

From Japanese 杉 (sugi) meaning
"Japanese cedar" combined with
浦 (ura) meaning "riverbank, shore" or
"inlet, bay, gulf".

SUGIYAMA Japanese

From the Japanese 杉 (sugi) meaning "Japanese cedar" combined with 山 (yama) meaning "mountain".

SUMISUJapanese

This is the Japanese variation of Smith

SUMITOMOJapanese

From Japanese 住 (sumi) meaning "living" and 友 (tomo) meaning "friend".

SUNADORIJapanese (Rare) 漁 (Sunadori) means "Fishing".

SUZUKAZEJapanese

From Japanese 涼 (suzu) meaning "cool, refreshing" and 風 (kaze) meaning "wind".

SUZUMIYAJapanese (Rare), Popular Culture

Suzu means "Bell" and Miya means "Shrine". Haruhi Suzumiya was the female protagonist of The Melancholy of Haruhi Suzumiya, a popular Japanese light novel series.

SUZUMURAJapanese

From Japanese 錫 (suzu) meaning
"copper, tin" or 鈴 (suzu) meaning "bell"
combined with 村 (mura) meaning
"village, town". Other kanji combinations
are possible. ... [more]

SUZUTANIJapanese (Rare) Suzu means "Bell, Chime" and Tani is western Japanese for "Valley".

SUZUYA Japanese (Rare)

This is the more commonly heard variation of Suzutani.

TADAJapanese

From the Japanese 多 (ta) "many" and 田 (ta or da) "rice paddy."

TADOKOROJapanese

It literally means "Farmland, Country" in Japanese. It's made up of 田 (Ta) meaning "Rice Field, Rice Patty", plus 所 (Dokoro).

TAHARAJapanese

From Japanese 田 (ta) meaning "paddy, field" combined with 原 (hara) meaning "meadow, plain, field".

TAIRAJapanese

Meaning "peace". Together with the Fujiwara and Minamoto, this is one of the most prominent clans in Japanese history. It is listed in the Shinsen shojiroku. The name appears to have been taken from Taira no Miyako ("Capital of Peace"), an ancient name for the city of Kyoto, and was created in 825 by the ex-Emperor Kanmu when his son Takamune (804–867) became a commoner... [more]

TAJIRIJapanese

From Japanese 田 (ta) meaning "paddy, field" combined with 尻 (shiri) "behind, end, rear".

TAKADAJapanese

This surname is written as 高田, 高多, 貴田, 鷹田 or 飛田 with 高 (kou, taka, taka.i, taka.maru, taka.meru, -daka) meaning "expensive, high, tall," 貴 (ki, tatto.i, tatto.bu, touto.i, touto.bu, taka) meaning "esteem, honour, precious, prize, value," 鷹 (ou, you, taka) meaning "hawk," 飛 (hi, to.basu, -to.basu, to.bu) meaning "fly, scatter," 田 (den, ta) meaning "rice field/paddy" and 多 (ta, oo.i, masa.ni, masa.ru) meaning "frequent, many, much."

TAKAGIJapanese

From the Japanese 高 (taka) "high," "tall," "expensive" and 木 (ki or gi) "tree."

TAKAGIRIJapanese

高 (Taka) means "High, Tall, Expensive" and Giri is a variant of 桐 (Kiri) meaning "Foxglove/Paulownia Tree". A notable bearer is Makoto Takagiri, an actor.

TAKAHARAJapanese

From the Japanese 高 (taka) "high," "tall," "expensive" and 原 (hara, bara or wara) "field," "plain," "original."

TAKAHATA Japanese

高 (Taka) means "Expensive, Tall, High" and 畑 (Hata) means "Feild, Farmland". A notable bearer is Isao Takahata, who is famous for multiple things. But, he's well known internationally for directing anime films.

TAKAHIDEJapanese (Rare)

Taka means "eagle" such as in surname
"Takasu" but more commonly means
"tall,high" instead. Hide means
"fine,excellence". This must be one of the

very few Japanese surnames that has "Hide" in it. It is mostly just a first name element... [more]

TAKAIJapanese

From the Japanese 高 (taka) "high," "expensive" and 井 (i) "well."

TAKAISHIJapanese

From Japanese 高 (taka) meaning "tall, high" and 石 (ishi) meaning "stone".

TAKAKIJapanese

This is actually just a variant of Takagi.

TAKAKUWA Japanese

From the Japanese 高 (taka) "high," "tall," "expensive" and 桑 (kuwa) "mulberry tree."

TAKAMARUJapanese

This surname is used as 高丸 with 高 (kou, taka.i, taka, -daka, taka.maru, taka.meru) meaning "expensive, high, tall" and 丸 (gan, maru, maru.i, maru.meru) meaning "curl up, explain away, full, make round, month, perfection, pills, roll up, round, seduce."... [more]

TAKAMATSUJapanese

Taka means "High,Tall, Expensive" +and Matsu means "Pine" (most often refers to the "Tree").

TAKAMIJapanese

Taka means "High, Tall, Expensive" and Mi means "Viewing, See, Outlook".

TAKAMITSUJapanese

"Taka" is high or tall, "Mitsu" is light (as in sunlight, lightbulb). This is a rare family name in Japan. It was created by a family within that last century, but strangely enough a couple other families with no blood relation have showed up with that surname within the last 20 years in the Japanese phonebook.

TAKAMORIJapanese

From Japanese 高 (taka) meaning "tall, high" and 森 (mori) meaning "forest".

TAKAMURAJapanese

Taka means "High, Expensive, Tall" and Mura means "Hamlet, Village".

TAKANASHIJapanese (Rare)

Takanashi is written in two ways: Taka ("High") + Nashi ("Pear"), this kanji is common for the last name, but this isn't: Ko, Chiisai,etc. ("Small") + Tori,dori,,etc.("Bird")?? ("Play"). Regardless of the kanji of the rare

variation, it's still pronounced the same way... [more]

TAKANOJapanese

From Japanese 高 (taka) meaning "tall, high" combined with 野 (no) "area, field".

TAKAOJapanese

高 (Taka) means "High, Tall, Expensive" and 尾 (O) means "Tail". A fictional bearer of this last name is Kazunari Takao from Kuroko No Basket.

TAKASEJapanese

Taka means "High,tall" and Se means "Riffle".

TAKASUJapanese

Takasu is a surname that means "Hawk's nest". Taka alone means "hawk"(and others not used for this)and Su is the "nest".

TAKATA Japanese

Variant of Takada.

TAKAYAMA Japanese

From Japanese 高 (taka) meaning "tall, high" and 山 (yama) meaning "mountain, hill".

TAKAYANAGIJapanese

Taka "High, Tall" and Yanagi "Willow".

TAKAZATOJapanese

高 (Taka) means "High, Expensive, Tall" and Zato is a variant of 里 (Sato) meaning "Type of Measurement, Village, League, Parent's Home". A notable bearer is Suzuyo Takazato, a politician.

TAKEDA Japanese

From Japanese 武 (take) meaning "martial" and 田 (da) meaning "field, rice paddy".

TAKEHARAJapanese (Rare)

Take means "Bamboo" while Hara means "Plain". This surname means " Plain of the Bamboo". Takehara is also a city in Hiroshima and a railway station.

TAKEIJapanese

Take means "Bambo" and I means "Mineshaft, Well, Pit".

TAKEMIYA Japanese

Take means "bamboo" and miya in this last name means "shrine, temple". A notable bearer is Japanese writer Yuyuko Takemiya.

TAKEMIZUJapanese

From Japanese 竹 (take) meaning

"bamboo" combined with 水 (mizu) meaning "water".

TAKEMURAJapanese

Take means "Bamboo" and "Martial" and Mura means "Hamlet, Village".

TAKENOJapanese

Take means "Bamboo" and No means "Field, Wilderness".

TAKESHITAJapanese

Meaning '(one who lives) beneath the bamboo'; it was originally pronounced Takenoshita and taken from a village of that name in Suruga (now part of Shizuoka prefecture). The original bearers were descended from the northern Fujiwara through the Kuzuyama family... [more]

TAKETATSUJapanese

竹 (Take) means "Bamboo", 達 (Tatsu) means "Reach". This surname belongs to Ayana Taketatsu, a Japanese voice actress. Check the notes if needed.

TAKEUCHIJapanese

It's most likely written as Take meaning "Bamboo" and Uchi meaning "Inside".
But, Take also means "Martial" in some surnames.

TAKIJapanese (Rare)

Tami means "Waterfall". This is occasionally a first name too, as a matter of a fact, neither of them are common.

TAKINOUEJapanese

Taki means "Waterfall", no is a possessive particle meaning "Therefore, Of", and Ue means "Top, Above, Upper".

TAMAGAWA Japanese

Tama means "Jewel, Square" and Gawa comes Kawa, meaning "River".

TAMAIJapanese

From the Japanese 玉 (tama) "ball," "bundle" and 井 (i) "well."

TAMARA Japanese (Rare)

Probably Tama ("Jewel") + Ra ("Good").

TAMARUJapanese

From Japanese 田 (ta) meaning "paddy, field" combined with 丸 (maru) meaning "whole, complete".

TAMASHIROJapanese

Means "jewel castle" or "ball castle" in Japanese. From the Japanese words 玉 (jewel, ball) and 城 (castle). This surname is of Okinawan origin.

TAMATSUKIJapanese (Rare)

This surname is used as 玉槻 with 玉 (gyoku, tama, tama-, -dama) meaning "ball, jewel" and 槻 (ki, tsuki) meaning "Zelkova tree."

TAMAYAMA Japanese

玉 (Tama) means "Jewel, Gem" and 山 (Yama) means "Mountain".

TAMONJapanese (Rare)

This surname is used as 多門, 多聞 or 田門 with 多 (ta, oo.i, masa.ni, masa.ru) meaning "frequent, many, much", 田 (den, ta) meaning "rice field/paddy", 門 (mon, kado, to) meaning "gate" and 聞 (bun, mon, ki.ku, ki.koeru) meaning "ask, hear, listen."... [more]

TAMURA Japanese

Ta means "Rice Paddy/ Patty, Field" and Mura means "Village, Hamlet, Town".

TANABATA Japanese (Rare)

This refers to the Japanese Star Festival on July 7th. ... [more]

TANIJapanese

From Japanese 谷 (tani) meaning "valley".

TANIGAWA Japanese

Tani ("Valley") + Gawa ("River"). Nagaru Tanigawa is a beloved and much talked about light novel author. This will be pronounced differently at first sight, depending on what region the surname is possessed in.

TANIGUCHIJapanese

This is a common Japanese last name.

Tani ("Valley") + Guchi ("Mouth, Opening").

TANIHARAJapanese

Tani means "Valley" and Hara means "Plain". Hideto Tanihara is a notable bearer, he is a professional golf player.

TANIKAWA Japanese

From the Japanese 谷 (tani or ya) "valley" and 川 or 河 (kawa or gawa) "river."

TANIMOTOJapanese

Tani (谷) means valley, and Moto (本) means origin or base or root.

TANIYAMA Japanese

Tani means "Valley" and Yama means "Mountains". Yutaka Taniyama was a Japanese mathematician.

TANJIJapanese (Rare)

Rare in Japan, the name is written with

characters meaning 'red' and 'govern'. The actual meaning is unclear.

TANOSEJapanese (Rare)

TANUMA Japanese

Ta means "Reic Field, Paddy/Patty" and Numa means "Swamp".

TATEWAKIJapanese

From the Japanese 舘 (tate) "mansion," "large building," "palace" and 脇 (waki) "side."

TATSUDA Japanese

Means "dragon rice paddy" in Japanese. From the Japanese words 竜 (dragon) and 田 (rice paddy).

TATSUMIJapanese

This surname is used as the combinations shown above + others that aren't on this entry.... [more]

TATSUOKA Japanese

Tatsu means "Stand" or "Dragon, Imperial, and Oka means "Ridge, Hill."

TATSUSHIMAJapanese

A notable bearer is Yuko Tatsushima, an actress. Her last name translates to:
"Standing Island", written like this: 立島.

TAZAWA Japanese

From the Japanese 田 (ta or da) "rice paddy" or 多 (ta or da) "many" and 澤 or 沢 (zawa or sawa) "swamp."

TEKAZEWA Japanese

TENKUBASHIJapanese (Rare), Popular Culture

Written with kanji meaning "Heaven Sky Bridge", possibly rare. This surname is possessed by two characters in popular culture, Aika Tenkubashi from "Shomin Sample", and Tomoka Tenkubashi from the "Idolm@sters: Million Live" game.

TERADA Japanese

Tera means "Buddhist Temple" and Da means "Rice Paddy, Field".

TERASAKIJapanese

Tera means "Temple" and Saki means "Cape, Peninsula."

TERAUCHIJapanese

From the Japanese 寺 (tera) "{Buddhist} temple" and 内 (uchi or nai) "inside."

TEZUKA Japanese

From Japanese 手 (te) meaning "hand" and 塚 (tsuka) meaning "mound, hillock,

grave".

TOBEJapanese

To ("Door") + Be ("Section, Part"). It's similar to Abe, kanji wise. Sunaho Tobe is a freelance illustrator and character designer.

TODAJapanese

Japanese: there are multiple meanings with this surname depending on the kanji used. ... [more]

TOGAMIJapanese

From Japanese 十神 (togami) meaning "ten gods".

TOJOJapanese

Variant transcription of Toujou.

TOKUFUJIJapanese

Toku means "Virtue" and Fuji means "Wisteria".

TOKUGAWA Japanese (Rare)

The kanji in this surname: Toku ("Virtue") + Gawa ("River"). Ieyasu Tokugawa was the first shogun of the Tokugawa shogunate.

TOKUIJapanese

Meaning: Toku "Virtue" and I "Well, Mineshaft, Pit".

TOMATSUJapanese

From the Japanese 戸 (to or do) "door," "shutter" and 松 (matsu) "pine tree."

TOMIIEJapanese

Tomi means "Wealth, Abundance, Fortune" and Ie means "House, Home, Building, Family, Dwelling, Residence, Habitation".

TOMITA Japanese

Tomi means "Abundance, Wealth" and Ta means "Rice Patty, Field."

TOMIYASUJapanese

Tomi means "Wealthy" and Yasu means "Cheap, Inexpensive, Relax".

TOMOEDA Japanese

Tomo means "Friend", Eda means "Branch".

TOMOSAKA Japanese

友 (Tomo) means "Friend" and 坂 (Saka) means "Slope, Hill".

TOMURA Japanese

TORIGOEJapanese

TOUJOUJapanese

From Japanese 東 (tou) meaning "east" and 條 or 条 (jou) meaning "paragraph".

TOYA Japanese

From Japanese 斗 (to) "constellation" and 矢 (ya) "arrow"

TOYODAJapanese

Means "Abundant rice field"

TOYOGUCHIJapanese (Rare)
Toyo means "Abundant" and Guchi
means "Mouth,Opening). Megumi
Toyoguchi is a well-known radio
personality and voice actress.

TOYOTA Japanese

TSUBOJapanese

See similar surname Tsuboi, for definition.

TSUBOIJapanese

Tsubo means "pot,vase" and "a Japanese unit of areal measurement". I means "well,pit,mine shaft". Bearers of this name are Tomohiro Tsuboi,a voice actor, and Ryoutaro Tsuboi from Sword Art Online, they each have different "tsubo" kanji from the other.

TSUCHIDAJapanese

From the Japanese 土 (tsuchi) "earth,"
"soil," 槌 (tsuchi) "mallet" or 津 (tsu)
"harbour" and 知 (chi) "wisdom,"
"intellect" and 田 (da or ta) "rice paddy" or
多 (da or ta) "many."

TSUCHIIJapanese

This is the same as Doi, it's just a different pronunciation.

TSUCHIYA Japanese

Tsuchi means "Earth, Ground" and Ya means "Valley".

TSUDAJapanese

Tsu means "Harbor, Seaport" and Da "Rice Patty, Field". Kentaro Tsuda is a voice actor and live actor.

TSUDZUMIJapanese (Rare)

This surname is used as either 鼓 or 都積 with 鼓 (ko, tsudzumi) meaning "beat, drum, muster, rouse", 都 (tsu, to, miyako) meaning "capital, metropolis" and 積 (seki, tsu.mu, tsu.mori, tsu.moru, -dzu.mi) meaning "acreage, amass, contents, load, pile, up, stack, volume."... [more]

TSUDZURIJapanese (Rare)

This surname is be used as 綴 (getsu, tei, techi, tetsu, sumi.yaka, tsudzuri,

tsudzu.ru, to.jiru) meaning "bind (books), compose, spell, write."... [more]

TSUGEJapanese

From the Japanese 告 (tsuge) "tell."

TSUJIHARA Japanese

From the Japanese 辻 (tsuji) "{road} crossing" and 原 (hara, bara or wara) "field," "plain," "original."

TSUJIIJapanese

From the Japanese 辻 (tsuji) "{road} crossing" and 井 (i) "well."

TSUJIMURAJapanese

Tsuji ("Crossroad") + Mura ("Village").

TSUJITA Japanese

From the Japanese 辻 (tsuji) "{road} crossing" and 田 (ta or da) "rice paddy."

TSUJIURA Japanese (Rare)

Tsuji ("Crossroad") + ("Bay, Coast"). Other than the athlete Steve Tsujiura (who wasn't even born in Japan,but in Canada) this commonly refers to a Japanese fortune telling cracker made of rice.

TSUKAHARAJapanese

Tsuka ("Mound") + Hara ("Plain"). Mitsuo Tsukahara is a Japanese gymnastics artist.

TSUKAMOTOJapanese

Tsuka ("Mound") + Moto ("Origin,Root").

TSUKIGATA Japanese

月 (Tsuki) means "Month, Moon" and 形 (Gata) means "Shape, Form, Type".

TSUKIMIJapanese

月 (Tsuki) means "Moon, Month" and 見 (Mi) means "Outlook, View, Mindest".
Souhei Tsukimi is a light novel author who has written more than four different series.

TSUKIMOTOJapanese, Popular Culture 月 (Tsuki) means "Moon, Month" and 本 (Moto) meets "Origin, Root, Source". If you search for Tsukimoto', you'll quickly find fictional characters.

TSUKINOJapanese

Means "of the moon" in Japanese. A famous bearer of this surname would be Usagi Tsukino in the show Sailor Moon.

TSUKIYAMA Japanese

Means "Moon mountain"... [more]

TSUKIYOMIJapanese

Means 'moon god' or something like that.

TSUKUSHIJapanese

Like the first name Tsukushi.

TSUNEMATSUJapanese

From the Japanese 恒 (tsune) "constant" or 常 (tsune) "always" and 松 (matsu) "pine tree."

TSUNODA Japanese

Tsuno means "Horn" and Da "Rice Patty, Field". A notable bearer is Kazuo Tsunoda. He was an officer & ace fighter pilot in the Japanese Imperial Navy.

TSUNOIJapanese

From the Japanese 角 (tsuno) "horn" and 井 (i) "well."

TSURUOKA Japanese

From the Japanese 鶴 (tsuru) "crane" and 岡 (oka) "hill."

TSURUTAJapanese

Tsuru means "Crane, Stork" and Tameans "Rice Patty, Field".

TSUTENA Japanese

TSUTSUMIJapanese

From the Japanese 堤 (tsutsumi) "{river}bank."

TSUZUKIJapanese

From the Japanese 都 (tsu) "metropolis," "capital" and 築 (zuki) "since construction."

TSUZUNOJapanese

Tsuzu means "Twenty" and No means "Feild, Wilderness".

UCHIDA Japanese

From Japanese 内 (uchi) meaning "inside, within" and 田 (da) meaning "paddy, field". ... [more]

UCHIHA Japanese

This is the last name of the anime character, Uchiha Sasuke.

UCHIYAMAJapanese

From 内 (uchi) meaning "inside" and 山 (yama) meaning "mountain, hill".

UEHARAJapanese

上 (Ue) means "Upper, Above" and 原 (Hara) means "Plain".

UEKIJapanese

Means "planted tree".

UEMATSUJapanese

上 (Ue) means "Above, Upper" and 松

(Matsu) means "Pine Tree".

UEMURAJapanese 上 (Ue) means "Above, Upper" and 村

(Mura) means "Village, Hamlet".

UESHITA Japanese

Ue means "Upper, Top, Above" and Shita means "Below, Under".

UESUGIJapanese

上 (Ue) means "Upper, Above" and 杉 (Sugi) means "Cedar Tree".

UETAJapanese

This is how Ueda is sometimes said.

UMAJIRIJapanese (Rare) Uma ("Horse") + Jiri from Shiri ("Behind,Rear").

UMEDAJapanese

From the Japanese 梅 (ume) "plum" and 田 (da or ta) "rice paddy" or 多 (da or ta) "many."

UMEHARAJapanese

梅原 - "Umehara" meaning field of plums /原 - "hara" meaning "field" / 梅 - "ume" meaning "plum"

UMEZAWA Japanese

From the Japanese 梅 (ume) "plum" and 澤 or 沢 (zawa or sawa) "swamp."

UMONJapanese (Rare)

This surname combines 右 (u, yuu, migi) meaning "right" or 宇 (u) meaning "eaves, heaven, house, roof" with 門 (mon, kado, to) meaning "gate."... [more]

UNOJapanese

From Japanese 宇 (u) meaning "eaves" and 野 (no) meaning "field".

URAMOTOJapanese (Rare)

浦 (Ura) means "Seacoast,Bay" and 本 (Moto) means "Source, Origin, Root". Kentaro Uramoto is a notable bearer of this surname, he is a former Japanese football player.

URAOKAJapanese (Rare)

Ura means "Bay,Seacoast" and Oka means "Hill, Ridge".

URUSHIHARAJapanese (Rare) 漆 (Urushi) means "Lacquer/Lacker,

Varnish" and 原 (Hara) means "Plain".

UTADA Japanese

UTSUNOMIYA Japanese

This surname is used as either 宇都宮 or

宇津宮 with 宇 (u) meaning "eaves, heaven, house, roof", 都 (tsu, to, miyako) meaning "capital, metropolis", 津 (shin, tsu) meaning "ferry, harbour, haven, port" and 宮 (kyuu, ku, kuu, guu, miya) meaning "constellations, palace, princess, Shinto shrine."... [more]

UZUMAKIJapanese (Rare)

This name combines 渦 (ka, uzu) meaning "eddy, vortex, whirlpool" or 太 (ta, tai, futo.i, futo.ru) meaning "big around, plump, thick" with 巻 (kan, ken, maki, ma.ki, ma.ku) meaning "book, coil, part, roll up, scroll, tie, volume, wind up."... [more]

WADAJapanese

Wa means "Harmony, Peace, Japan" and Da means "Rice Field, Patty/ Paddy".

WAGAHARA Japanese

Waga possibly from Waka meaning "Young" + Hara ("Plain").

WAKABAYASHIJapanese

Japanese surname meaning "young forest".

WAKAKIJapanese

若 (Waka) means "Young" and 木 (Ki) means "Tree". Tamiki Wakaki is a manga illustrator and author, one notable series is, "Kaminomi".

WAKAMATSUJapanese

Comes from waka 若 (Young) and matsu 松 (pine tree)

WAKATA Japanese

From the Japanese 若 (waka) "young" and 田 (ta or da) "rice paddy" or 多 (ta or da) "many."

WAKATSUCHIJapanese

From the Japanese 若 (waka) "young" and 土 (tsuchi) "earth," "soil."

WAKUNIJapanese (Rare)

This surname is used as 和国 with 和 (o, ka, wa, nago.mu, nago.yaka, yawa.ragu, yawa.rageru) meaning "harmony, Japan, Japanese style, peace, soften" and 国 (koku, kuni) meaning "country."... [more]

WAKURIJapanese (Rare)

This surname is used as 和久利, 和久理, 和久里 or 和栗 with 和 (o, ka, wa, nago.mu, nago.yaka, yawa.ragu, yawa.rageru) meaning "harmony, Japan, Japanese style, peace, soften", 久 (kyuu, ku, hisa.shii) meaning "long time, old story", 利 (ri, ki.ku) meaning "advantage, benefit, profit", 理 (ri, kotowari) meaning "arrangement, justice, logic, reason, truth", 里 (ri, sato) meaning "league, parent's home, ri (unit of distance - equal to 3.927 km), village" and 栗 (ritsu, ri, kuri, ononoku) meaning "chestnut."... [more]

WATABEJapanese

This is how some Japanese people pronounce Watanabe. Source: Wikipedia

WATANUKIJapanese

This surname is used as 渡抜, 渡樌, 渡貫, 綿抜, 綿貫, 四月一日 or 四月朔日 with 渡 (to, wata.su, wata.ru) meaning "cross, deliver, diameter, ferry, ford, import, migrate, transit," 綿 (men, wata) meaning "cotton," 抜 (hai, hatsu, batsu, nu.kasu, nu.karu, nu.ki, nu.ku, -nu.ku, nu.keru) meaning "extract, omit, pilfer, pull out, quote, remove, slip out," 樌 (kan, nuki), an outdated kanji meaning "grove," 貫 (kan, tsuranu.ku, nuki, nu.ku) meaning "brace, penetrate, pierce, kan (obsolete unit of measuring weight - equal to 3.75 kg./8.33 lbs... [more]

WATARIJapanese (Rare)

This word has two possible kanji that both mean "Ferry, Import, Deliver, etc." This word in general is more commonly pronounced "Wataru", so this must've come from the given name "Watari" meaning the same thing... [more]

YABEJapanese

From the Japanese 矢 (ya) "arrow" and 部 (be) "region," "division," "part."

YADAJapanese

From the Japanese 矢 (ya) "arrow" and 田 (da or ta) "rice paddy."

YAGAMIJapanese

From Japanese 八 (ya) meaning "eight" and 神 (gami) meaning "god, spirit".

YAGIJapanese

This can also be read as Yanagi meaning "Willow".

YAGIRAJapanese

From Japanese 柳 (yagi) meaning "willow" combined with 楽 (ra) meaning "music, comfort, ease".

YAKUMOJapanese (Rare)

This surname combines 八 (hachi, ya, ya'.tsu, ya.tsu, you) meaning "eight", 耶 (ja, ya, ka) meaning "question mark" or 家 (ka, ke, ie, uchi, ya) meaning "expert, family, home, house, performer, professional" with 雲 (un, kumo, -gumo) meaning "cloud."... [more]

YAMAJapanese Yama means "Mountain".

YAMAGATAJapanese

From Japanese 山 (yama) meaning "mountain" and 縣 or 県 (gata) meaning "prefecture".

YAMAHAJapanese (Rare)

This Japanese surname is more found in Brazil than Japan, because of Japanese immigrants who immigrated from Japan to Brazil. Notable bearer of this surname: Torakusu Yamaha (Japanese entrepreneur who was the founder of the Yamaha Corporation).

YAMAHASHIJapanese In basic words, this is Hashiyama backwards. A notable bearer is Masaomi Yamahashi ,he's a voice actor.

YAMAKAWA Japanese From Japanese 山 (yama) meaning "mountain" and 川 (kawa) meaning "river".

YAMAMIZUJapanese 山 (Yama) means "Mountain" and 水 (Mizu) means "Water". Check the notes if necessary.

YAMAMURAJapanese From Japanese 山 (yama) meaning "mountain" combined with 村 (mura) "village".

YAMANAKAJapanese From the Japanese 山 (yama) "mountain" and 中 (naka) "middle," "in" or 仲 (naka) "relationship," "relation."

YAMANEJapanese Derived from Japanese 山 (yama) meaning "mountain" combined with 根 (ne) meaning "root, source".

YAMASATOJapanese

This surname combines 山 (san, sen, yama) meaning "mountain" and 里 (ri, sato) meaning "league, parent's home, ri (unit of distance - equal to 3.927 km), village," 県 or 縣 - outdated variant of 県 - (ken, ka.keru) meaning "county, district, subdivision, prefecture," the last meaning reserved for 県.... [more]

YAMATANIJapanese

Yama means "Mountain" and Tani means "Valley". Testuo Yamatani was film director.

YANAGIJapanese

From the Japanese 柳 (yanagi) meaning "willow".

YANAGIMOTOJapanese

Yanagi means "Willow" and Moto means "Source, Root, Origin."

YANAGISAWA Japanese

From Japanese 柳 (yanagi) meaning "willow (tree)" combined with 沢 (sawa) meaning "swamp, marsh, wetlands".

YANAIJapanese

From the Japanese 矢 (ya) "arrow" and 内 (nai or uchi) "inside."

YASUIJapanese

Yasu (安) "Relaxed, Cheap" and I (井) "Well, Mineshaft ".

YASUKIJapanese

Yasu means "Relax, Cheap" and Ki mean "Tree". Yasuki is also a first name.

YASUNISHIJapanese Yasu means "Peace,Quiet" and Nishi means "West". See Anzai for alternative,but similar meaning.

YASURAOKA Japanese (Rare) 安 (Yasu) means "Cheap, Low, Inexpensive, Rested, Peaceful, Relax".良 (Ra) means "Good, Excellent", and 岡 (Oka) means "Ridge, Hill". A notable bearer is Akio Yasuraoka, he was a composer in his earlier days.

YASUYAMAJapanese

安 (Yasu) means "Peaceful, Rested, Relax, Cheap, Low" and 山 (Yama) means "Mountain". Check notes if necessary.

YASUZATOJapanese See Asato.

YAZAKIJapanese

Ya means "Arrow" and Zaki means "Peninsula, Promontory, Cape". A notable bearer is Tomonori Yazaki, a film actor.

YOICHIJapanese (Rare)

This surname is used as 与市 with 与 (yo, ata.eru, azuka.ru, kumi.suru, tomoni) meaning "bestow, participate in, give, award, impart, provide, cause, gift, godsend" and 市 (shi, ichi) meaning "city, market, town."... [more]

YOICHIENJapanese (Rare)

Made up of 与 (Yo) "Give, Award, Participate", etc. 市 (Ichi) "In City, Market" or "Town". Anything along those lines. 園 (En) means "Garden". The source is in the notes.

YOICHIMAEJapanese (Rare)

与 (Yo) "Provide, Give, Award, Participate", 市 (Ichi) " Town, Market, City", etc. and 前 (Mae) "Front, Forward". The source is in the notes.

YOKOHAMAJapanese Yoko ("Beside") + Hama ("Beach, Seashore").

YOKOMIZOJapanese

Check notes if needed. 横 (Yoko) means "Beside" and 溝 (Mizo) means "Groove, Trench, Gutter, Gully, Drain, Ditch, Gap". A notable bearer is Seishi Yokomizo, a Japanese novelist in the Showa Period.

YOKOMURAJapanese

横 (Yoko) means "Beside" and 村 (Mura) means "Village, Hamlet". Check the source if needed.

YOKOTANIJapanese (Rare) From Japanese 横 (yoko) meaning "next to, beside" combined with 谷 (tani) "valley".

YOKOTEJapanese

Yoko ("Beside") + Te, this is the Japanese word for hand. This surname means "Beside a Hand". Michiko Yokote is an example. She wrote the Pichi Pichi Pitch manga and did screenwriting for Masamune-kun's Revenge.

YOKOYAMAJapanese

From the Japanese 横 (yoko) "side," "next to" and 山 (yama) "mountain."

YOMOHIROJapanese (Rare)

This is a very rare surname with the kanji of all four directions: (東西北南) "East, West, North, and South", in that order. Yomo literally means "Four directions" and Hiro means "Extension".

YONAGA Japanese

From Japanese 夜長 (yonaga) meaning "a long night".

YONAMINEJapanese

From the Japanese 與 or 与(yo) "together with," 那 (na) "what" and 嶺 (mine) "peak," "summit."

YONEJapanese

Yo (与) means together.... [more]

YONEDAJapanese

From the Japanese 米 (yone or kome) "rice" and 田 (ta or da) "rice paddy" or 多 (ta or da) "many." YONEICHIJapanese Yone (米) means rice.... [more]

YONEZAWA Japanese From the Japanese 米 (yone or kome) "rice" and 澤 or 沢 (zawa or sawa) "swamp."

YOSHIHAMA Japanese From the Japanese 吉 (yoshi) "good luck" and 浜 or 濱 (hama) "beach."

YOSHIHARAJapanese From Japanese 吉 (yoshi) meaning "lucky, good" and 原 (hara) meaning "field, plain".

YOSHIIJapanese From Japanese 吉 (yoshi) meaning "lucky, good" and 井 (i) meaning "well, mine shaft, pit".

YOSHIKAWA Japanese From Japanese 吉 (yoshi) meaning "lucky, good" and JII (kawa) meaning "river, stream".

YOSHIMOTOJapanese Yoshi ("Lucky, Good") + Moto ("Origin").

YOSHIMURAJapanese Japanese surname meaning "Lucky Village".

YOSHINOJapanese From Japanese 吉 (yoshi) meaning "lucky, 024 10(1° A-Y) good" and 野 (no) meaning "field, wilderness".

YOSHINUMAJapanese Yoshi means "Lucky, Fortunate" and Numa means "Swamp". A notable bearer is Shinobu Yoshinuma, an anime producer.

YOSHIOKAJapanese From the Japanese 吉 (yoshi) meaning "lucky, good" combined with 岡 (oka) meaning "hill".

YOSHISAWA Japanese Yoshi means "Lucky, Fortunate" and Sawa means "Marsh, Swamp".

YUIJapanese It is written three ways: ... [more]

YUKIMITSUJapanese, Popular Culture 雪 (Yuki) means "Snow" and 光 (Mitsu) means "Light, Radiance". Although, mitsu also can mean "Three" too.

YUKIMORIJapanese Means 'snow forest' from 'yuki' meaning 'snow' and 'mori' meaning 'forest'.

YUKITOMOJapanese The kanji I posted reads "Snow" and "Friend".

YUKIYAMAJapanese

This surname combines 幸 (kou, saiwa.i, sachi, shiawa.se, yuki) meaning "blessing, fortune, happiness," 雪 (setsu, yuki) meaning "snow" or 行 (an, gyou, kou, -i.ki, -iki, i.ku, okona.u, oko.nau, -yu.ki, -yuki, yu.ku) meaning "going, journey" with 山 (san, sen, yama) meaning "mountain."... [more]

YUKIZOMEJapanese From Japanese 雪染 (yukizome) meaning "snow prints, dyed snow".

YUMIJapanese

This must've been inspired by the first name Yumi, because it uses the same kanji that means "Cause Beauty". Kaoru Yumi was an actress in the late 1900's that has her name written this way.

YUUMAJapanese From the Japanese 遊 (yu) "recreation," "fun" and 馬 (uma, ma or ba) "horse."

ZABATSUJapanese This probably means "Wealthy Clique".

Surnames

Japanese names are used in Japan and in Japanese communities throughout the world. Note that depending on the Japanese characters used these names can have many other meanings besides those listed here. See also about Japanese names.

ABE (1)安倍Japanese From Japanese 安 (a) meaning "peace" and 倍 (be) meaning "multiple times".

ABE (2)安部Japanese From Japanese 安 (a) meaning "peace" and 部 (be) meaning "part, section".

AKIYAMA秋山Japanese From Japanese 秋 (aki) meaning "autumn" and 山 (yama) meaning "mountain, hill".

FUJIMOTO藤本Japanese From Japanese 藤 (fuji) meaning "wisteria" and 本 (moto) meaning "base, root, origin".

FUJIOKA藤岡Japanese From Japanese 藤 (fuji) meaning "wisteria" and 圙 (oka) meaning "ridge, hill".

FUJITA藤田Japanese From Japanese 藤 (fuji) meaning "wisteria" and 田 (ta) meaning "field".

FUKUI福井Japanese Denoted a person who was from Fukui prefecture in Japan.

HAMASAKI浜崎Japanese From Japanese 浜 (hama) meaning "beach, seashore" and 崎 (saki) meaning "cape, peninsula".

HASHIMOTO橋本Japanese From Japanese 橋 (hashi) meaning "bridge" and 本 (moto) meaning "base, root, origin".

HAYASHI林Japanese From Japanese 林 (hayashi) meaning "forest".

HIMURA緋村Japanese From Japanese 緋 (hi) meaning "scarlet, dark red" and 村 (mura) meaning "town, village".

HISAKAWA久川Japanese From Japanese 久 (hisa) meaning "long time ago" and JII (kawa) meaning "river, stream".

HONDA本田Japanese From Japanese 本 (hon) meaning "root, origin, source" and 田 (ta) meaning "field".

IKEDA池田Japanese From Japanese 池 (ike) meaning "pool, pond" and 田 (ta) meaning "field".

INOUE井上Japanese Means "above the well", from Japanese 井 (i) meaning "well, mine shaft, pit", an unwritten possessive marker の (no), and 上 (ue) meaning "above, top, upper".

ISHIKAWA石川Japanese From Japanese 石 (ishi) meaning "stone" and JII (kawa) meaning "river, stream".

ITO伊藤Japanese Variant transcription of ITOU.

ITOU伊藤Japanese From Japanese 伊 (i) meaning "this" and 藤 (tou) meaning "wisteria". The final character may indicate a connection to the Fujiwara clan.

KATO加藤Japanese Variant transcription of KATOU.

KATOU加藤Japanese From Japanese 加 (ka) meaning "add, increase" and 藤 (tou) meaning "wisteria" The latter character may

"wisteria". The latter character may indicate a connection to the Fujiwara clan.

KAWAGUCHI川口Japanese Means "mouth of the river", from Japanese 川 (kawa) meaning "river, stream" and 口 (kuchi) meaning "mouth, entrance".

KIMURA木村Japanese From Japanese 木 (ki) meaning "tree, wood" and 村 (mura) meaning "town, village".

KITA北Japanese From Japanese 北 (kita) meaning "north".

KOBAYASHI小林Japanese From Japanese 小 (ko) meaning "small" and 林 (hayashi) meaning "forest".

KOIZUMI小泉Japanese From Japanese 小 (ko) meaning "small" and 泉 (izumi) meaning "spring, fountain". A notable bearer of this name is Junichiro Koizumi (1942-), who was Prime Minister of Japan.

KUROSAWA黒澤Japanese From Japanese 黒 (kuro) meaning "black" and 澤 (sawa) meaning "marsh". A notable bearer was Akira Kurosawa (1910-1998), a Japanese film director.

MAEDA前田Japanese From Japanese 前 (mae) meaning "front, forward" and 田 (ta) meaning "field".

MAKI (1)牧Japanese From Japanese 牧 (maki) meaning "shepherd, tend cattle".

MAKI (2)真木Japanese From Japanese 真 (ma) meaning "real, genuine" and 木 (ki) meaning "tree".

MATSUMOTO松本Japanese From one of the many places with this name in Japan, derived from Japanese 松 (matsu) meaning "pine tree, fir tree" and 本 (moto) meaning "base, root, origin". MATSUOKA松岡Japanese

From Japanese 松 (matsu) meaning "pine tree, fir tree" and 岡 (oka) meaning "ridge, hill".

MATSUSHITA松下Japanese From Japanese 松 (matsu) meaning "pine tree, fir tree" and 下 (shita) meaning "under, below".

MINAMI南Japanese From Japanese 南 (minami) meaning "south".

MIYAMOTO宮本Japanese From Japanese 宮 (miya) meaning "temple, shrine, palace" and 本 (moto) meaning "base, root, origin". A notable bearer is video game pioneer Shigeru Miyamoto (1952-).

MIZUSHIMA水島Japanese From Japanese 水 (mizu) meaning "water" and 島 (shima) meaning "island".

MORI森Japanese From Japanese 森 (mori) meaning "forest".

MOTO本Japanese From Japanese 本 (moto) meaning "base, root, origin". More commonly it is the final character in Japanese surnames.

NAKAHARA中原Japanese From Japanese 中 (naka) meaning "middle" and 原 (hara) meaning "field, plain".

NAKAJIMA中島Japanese From Japanese 中 (naka) meaning "middle" and 島 (shima) meaning "island".

NAKAMURA中村Japanese From Japanese 中 (naka) meaning "middle" and 村 (mura) meaning "town, village".

NAKANO中野Japanese From Japanese 中 (naka) meaning "middle" and 野 (no) meaning "field, wilderness".

NAKASHIMA中島Japanese Variant transcription of NAKAJIMA.

NISHIMURA西村Japanese From Japanese 西 (nishi) meaning "west" and 村 (mura) meaning "town, village".

OSHIRO大城Japanese From Japanese 大 (o) meaning "big, great" and 城 (shiro) meaning "castle". SAITO斎藤Japanese Variant transcription of SAITOU.

SAITOU斎藤Japanese From Japanese 斎 (sai) meaning "purification, worship" and 藤 (tou) meaning "wisteria". The latter character could indicate a connection to the Fujiwara clan.

SASAKI佐々木Japanese From Japanese 佐 (sa) meaning "help, aid" (repeated, indicated by the iteration mark 々) and 木 (ki) meaning "tree, wood".

SATO佐藤Japanese Variant transcription of SATOU.

SATOU佐藤Japanese

From Japanese 佐 (sa) meaning "help, aid" and 藤 (tou) meaning "wisteria". The final character might indicate a connection to the Fujiwara clan. This is the most common surname in Japan.

SHIMIZU清水Japanese From Japanese 清 (shi) meaning "clear, pure, clean" and 水 (mizu) meaning "water".

SUZUKI鈴木Japanese From Japanese 鈴 (suzu) meaning "bell" and 木 (ki) meaning "tree, wood". This is the second most common surname in Japan.

TACHIBANA橘Japanese From Japanese 橘 (tachibana) meaning "orange, tangerine".

TAKAHASHI高橋Japanese From Japanese 高 (taka) meaning "tall, high" and 橋 (hashi) meaning "bridge".

TAKENAKA竹中Japanese Means "dweller amongst bamboo", from Japanese 竹 (take) meaning "bamboo" and 中 (naka) meaning "middle".

TANAKA田中Japanese Means "dweller in the rice fields", from Japanese 田 (ta) meaning "field, rice paddy" and 中 (naka) meaning "middle".

TSUKUDA佃Japanese From Japanese 佃 (tsukuda) meaning "cultivated rice field".

UEDA上田Japanese From Japanese 上 (ue) meaning "above, top, upper" and 田 (ta) meaning "field, rice paddy".

UENO上野Japanese

From Japanese 上 (ue) meaning "above, top, upper" and 野 (no) meaning "field, wilderness".

WATANABE渡辺Japanese

From Japanese 渡 (wataru) meaning "cross, ferry" and 辺 (be) meaning "edge, side".

YAMADA山田Japanese

From Japanese 山 (yama) meaning "mountain" and 田 (ta) meaning "field, rice paddy".

YAMAGUCHIЩ口Japanese

From Japanese 山 (yama) meaning "mountain" and 口 (kuchi) meaning "mouth, entrance". Olympic figure-skating champion Kristi Yamaguchi (1971-) bears this name.

YAMAMOTO山本Japanese

From Japanese 山 (yama) meaning "mountain" and 本 (moto) meaning "base, root, origin".

YAMASAKI山崎Japanese

Variant transcription of YAMAZAKI.

YAMASHITA山下Japanese

From Japanese 山 (yama) meaning "mountain" and 下 (shita) meaning "under, below".

YAMAUCHI山内Japanese

From Japanese 山 (yama) meaning "mountain" and 内 (uchi) meaning "inside".

YAMAZAKI山崎Japanese

From Japanese 山 (yama) meaning "mountain" and 崎 (saki) meaning "cape, peninsula".

YOSHIDA吉田Japanese

From Japanese 吉 (yoshi) meaning "lucky, good" and 田 (ta) meaning "field, rice paddy".

YUKIMURA雪村Japanese

From Japanese 雪 (yuki) meaning "snow" and 村 (mura) meaning "town, village".

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ABIKOJapanese

This surname is made with 安 (A)
"Peaceful, Cheap, Rested, Low" ... [more]

ABOJapanese (Rare)

阿 A ("Nook") and Bo for "Protect".

ABURAYA Japanese (Rare)

Made with (Abura) 油 "Oil", and 谷 (Ya) "Valley". Shigeru Aburaya is a notable bearer; he specializes in marathon running, and long-distance running in general.

ACHIKITA Japanese (Rare)

遥 (Achi) means "Distant, Remote" and 北 (Kita) means "North".

ADACHIJapanese

Adachi is variously written, but the kanji commonly used literally means "Foot" and/ or "Stand".

ADACHIHARA Japanese

A means "Leg, Limb, Step", Dachi comes from Tachi, meaning "Stand", Hara means "Plain". A notable bearer is Kenji Adachihara, a football player. I have posted kanji in the 'native spelling' spot.

AGANOJapanese

Related to the name UENO.

AGATA Japanese (Rare)

I'm not sure how the surname is written, but in general, the word (Agata) written as this: 県, can rather mean "Prefecture", or "County, Countryside, Subdivision, District". The source is in the notes.

AGATSUMA Japanese (Rare)

上 (Aga) "Upper, Above" and 妻 (Tsuma) "Wife, Spouse". A notable bearer with this surname is Hiromitsu Agatsuma, a musician. The source is in the notes.

AGAWA Japanese

阿 (A) means "Nook, Flatter, Corner" and 川 (Kawa) meaning "Stream, River". One notable bearer is Sawako Agawa, who is a celebrity and a writer.

AGUNIJapanese

From the Japanese 粟 (a or awa) "foxtail millet" and 國 or 国 (kuni, guni or koku)

"country."

AHANEJapanese

亜 (A) means "Second, Asia", 波 (Ha) means "Wave", 根 (Ne) means "Root". This may not be an actual surname. Ayano Ahane is a singer and works on her own songs. The source is in the notes.

AIDA Japanese

Ai could mean "Fit, Suit, Join", "Indigo", "Together, Mutual". Da means "Rice Paddy/ Field".

AIHARA Japanese

From the Japanese 藍 (ai) "indigo," "indigo plant" and 原 (hara, bara or wara) "field," "plain," "original."

AIKAWA Japanese

This surname combines 相 (sou, shou, ai-) meaning "inter-, mutual, together, each other, minister of state, councillor, aspect, phase, physiognomy", 鮎 (den, nen, ayu, namazu, ai) meaning "freshwater trout, smelt", 愛 (ai, ito.shii, o.shimu, kana.shii, mana, me.deru) meaning "affection, favourite, love", 会 (kai, e, a.u, a.waseru, atsu.maru, ai) meaning "meeting, meet, party, association, interview, join", 合 (gou, ga', ka', a.u, -a.u, a.i, ai-, -a.i, ai, a.wasu, a.waseru, -a.waseru) meaning "fit, suit, join, gō (unit of area & volume - equal to 0.3306 m² in area & 0.1809 liters in volume)", 哀 (ai, awa.re, awa.remu, kana.shii) meaning "pathetic, grief, sorrow, pathos, pity, sympathize" or 藍 (ran, ai) meaning "indigo" with JI (sen, kawa) meaning "river, stream."... [more]

AIKUCHIJapanese

合 (Ai) means "Suit, Jion" and 口 (Kuchi) means "Mouth, Opening".

AIKYOJapanese (Rare)

愛 (Ai) means "Love, Affection", and 敬 (Kyo) means "Respect" in this surname.
Notable bearers are Hisashi Aikyo and
Shigeyuki Aikyo. Hisashi is a former
baseball runner, while Shigeyuki is a
steeplechase runner.

AIMOTOJapanese

Often written as 愛 (Ai) meaning "Love, Reverence, Affection" or 相... [more]

AINARA Japanese

From Japanese 相 (ai) meaning "mutual, reciprocal, with one another", 奈 (na) meaning "apple tree" and 良 (ra) meaning "good".

AINOJapanese (Rare)

Means "of love" or "of the love" in japanese. A notable name bearer is a fictional character "Minako Aino" in the "Sailor Moon" anime... [more]

AISAKAJapanese (Rare)

Ai means "Indigo (blueish)", and Saka means "Hill,Slope".In 2014 Aisaka was ranked #9,579 for most used surnames in Japan and had only 5 occurrences that year. It's more popular in the U.S. than in the country it originated from... [more]

AISHIJapanese (Anglicized, Rare)

AIUCHIJapanese

Ai (愛) means 'love', and Uchi (内) means 'inside'.

AKAGAWA Japanese

From Japanese 赤 (aka) meaning "red" and 川 (gawa) meaning "river, stream".

AKAGIJapanese

Means "red tree" in Japanese. From the Japanese words 赤 (red) and 木 (tree).

AKAHOSHIJapanese

From Japanese 赤 (aka) meaning "red" and 星 (hoshi) meaning "star".

AKAIJapanese

From Japanese 赤 (aka) meaning "red" and 井 (i) meaning "well, mine shaft, pit".

AKAIKEJapanese (Rare)

丹 (Aka) means "Red" and 池 (Ike) means "Pond".

AKAMATSUJapanese

Akamatsu is the surname used for Kaede Akamatsu, the main protagonist of New Danganronpa V3.

AKAMINEJapanese

Japanese surname meaning "Red Peak". It is written as 赤嶺.

AKANISHIJapanese

Means "red west" in Japanese. From the Japanese words 赤 (red) and 西 (west).

AKANOJapanese

赤野 (Akano) means "Red Field" in Japanese. Akano is also on the first name site.

AKASAKIJapanese (Rare)

From Japanese 赤 (aka) meaning "red" and 崎 (saki) meaning "cape, peninsula".

AKASHIJapanese

From Japanese 明 (aka) meaning "bright"

and 石 (shi) meaning "stone".

AKASHIROJapanese

赤 (Aka) means "Red" and 城 (Shiro) means "Castle". Aoi Akashiro is an anime television series writer.

AKASHITA Japanese

From Japanese 赤 (aka) or 丹 (aka) both meaning "red" combined with 下 (shita) meaning "below, down, descend, give, low, inferior". Other kanji combinations are possible.

AKATSUKIJapanese

丹 (Aka) means "Red" and 月 (Tsuki) means "Moon". This surname is a reference to what the moon looks like during a lunar eclipse, I suppose. An example of someone with this surname, is Natsumi Akatsuki, the light novel author behind "KonoSuba".

AKATSUTSUMIJapanese (Rare) 赤 (Aka) means "Red" and 堤 (Tsustumi) means "River Bank" This is the surname of the Japanese adapted version of Blossom from Power Puff Girls, as an example. The source is in the notes

AKEMIJapanese

This most likely comes from Ake means "Bright" and Mi means "Mindset". Akemi is also a Japanese first name.

AKIJapanese

Aki commonly means "Autumn" and "Bright,Luminous" as a first name and surname,but there's also "Rising Sun", "Crystal (Ball)", "Brightness,Luster" or "Obvious,Clear". First name Aki has far more kanji possibilities.

AKIBA Japanese

From the Japanese 秋 (aki) "autumn" and 葉 (ha or ba) "leaf."

AKIBARA Japanese

This surname combines 昭 (shou, aki) meaning "shining, bright", 秋 (shuu, aki, toki) meaning "autumn" or 穐 with the same sounds and meaning with 原 (gen, hara) meaning "field, meadow, original, plain, prairie, primitive, tundra, wilderness."

AKIMOTOJapanese

Akimoto is a surname that means
Aki:"Bright,Luminous" "Autumn","Crystal
(Ball)","Brightness,Luster",or "Rising
Sun" and Moto:"Origin/Source/Root".
Here are only some~ of the notable
people with this surname: Nami Akimoto:

manga artist, and Yasushi Akimoto: record producer & lyricist, there is also a lake called Akimoto.

AKINOJapanese

Aki means

(1):"bright",(2):"crystal,clear",/and (3):"Autumn". No shows ownership,or means "field,wilderness".So it can mean "Of Brightness","Of Autumn","Autumn Feild",",Bright Shining Feild" etc.

AKISATOJapanese

秋 (Aki) means "Autumn" and 里 (Sato) means "Village,ri,unit of measurement, league, parent's home". A notable bearer is Wakuni Akisato, who is a manga artist.

AKISHIMAJapanese

First name Aki and surname Aki have multiple meanings depending on kanji,but the notable Akishima in Tokyo,Japan goes by the meaning of "Bright Island". This is possibly the most common kanji for it,if its not the only one used.

AKISHINOJapanese

秋 (Aki) means "Autumn" and 篠 (Shino) means "Rope".

AKITA Japanese

This surname can be used as 秋田, 明田, 穐田, 飽田 or 阿北 with 秋/穐 (shuu, aki, toki) meaning "autumn," 明 (mei, myou, min, a.kari, aka.rui, aka.rumu, aki.raka, a.keru, -a.ke, a.ku(ru), a.kasu) meaning "clear," 飽 (hou, a.kiru, a.kasu, a.ku, aki) meaning "boredom," 阿 (a, o, omone.ru, kuma) meaning "corner, nook," 田 (den, ta) meaning "rice field" and 北 (hou, kita) meaning "north."... [more]

AKIYA Japanese (Rare)

A bearer of this surname is Tomoko Akiya (秋谷 智子, born May 14, 1976) is a Japanese voice actress. Her best-known role is voicing Hazuki Fujiwara in the Ojamajo Doremi series, and Suzume Mizuno in Zatch Bell.

AMACHIJapanese

This surname is used as 天知, 天地, 天池, 天内, 雨知 or 雨地 with 天 (ten, ama-, amatsu, ame) meaning "heavens, imperial, sky", 雨 (u, ama-, ame, -same) meaning "rain", 知 (chi, shi.raseru, shi.ru) meaning "know, wisdom", 地 (ji, chi) meaning "earth, ground", 池 (chi, ike) meaning "cistern, pond, pool, reservoir" and 内 (dai, nai, uchi, chi) meaning "among, between, home, house, inside, within."... [more]

AMAGAIJapanese

This is a variation of Japanese surname Amaya. Ama means "Heaven(ly)" and Gai means "Valley".

AMAGAWA Japanese

From the Japanese 天 (ama or ten)
"heaven," 塰 (ama) the title of a Noh play
or 余 (ama) "complimentary" and 川 or 河
(gawa or kawa) "river."

AMAIJapanese

This surname is used as 天井 or 甘井 with 天 (ten, ama-, amatsu, ame) meaning "heavens, imperial, sky", 甘 (kan, ama.i, ama.eru, ama.yakasu, uma.i) meaning "be content, coax, pamper, sugary, sweet" and 井 (shou, sei, i) meaning "community, town, well, well crib."

AMAMIYA Japanese

Ama means "Rain" and Miya means "Shrine". A notable bearer is Sora Amamiya, a voice actress.

AMANOJapanese

From Japanese 天 (ama) meaning "heaven, sky" and 野 (no) meaning "field, wilderness".

AMARIJapanese (Rare)

From Japanese 甘 (ama) meaning "sweet" combined with 利 (ri) meaning "profit, benefit".

AMATANIJapanese

It's the same as the below surname 天谷 (Amaya), meaning "Heavenly Valley". This is simply the western Japanese pronunciation of it.

AMAYA Japanese

Ama means "Heaven(ly)" and "Ya" or "Gai" means "Valley",this pronunciation is used in eastern Japan,while the "Valley" part is pronounced "Tani" in western Japan.

AMEMORIJapanese

"Ame" - rain. "mori" - forest.

AMETSUCHIJapanese

Means "Heaven & Earth" in Japanese

AMUROJapanese

Written with kanji meaning "Relax, Cheap, Inexpensive, Low, Rested, peaceful" and "Room".

AMUSANJapanese (Rare)

The Amusan Clan (秋道一族, Amusan Ichizoku) is a prominent clan in Kanazawa. Since its disbandment, most of its known members reside in

Neuilly-sur-Seine, Britain and Washington D.C.

ANABUKIJapanese

It is written like this : 穴 (Ana) "Whole, pit" and 吹 (Buki) "Blow into".

ANDOJapanese

From the Japanese 安 (an or yasu) "relax," "inexpensive," "low," and 藤 (to or fuji) "wisteria." The second character may indicate historical or familial links to the formerly powerful Fujiwara (藤原) clan.

ANNOJapanese

Means "of hermitage" in Japanese. A famous bearer is famous Japanese illustrator and children's educational book author Mitsumasa Anno (1926-present).

ANZAIJapanese

From Japanese 安 (an) meaning "calm, peaceful" combined with 西 (sai) meaning "west", 斎 (sai) meaning "worship, religious meals", or 済 (sai) meaning "settle, finish".

AOBAJapanese

青 (Ao) means "Green,blue" and 葉 (Ba) means "Leaf". This surname refers to a fresh leaf. Aoba is also a Japanese first name on top of that. A notable bearer is Yukihiro Aoba, who is a professional football player... [more]

AOIJapanese

From Japanese 葵 "hollyhock, althea" or 碧 "blue". This name is a given name as well as a surname.

AOIKEJapanese

青 (Ao) means 'blue, green', in this case "Blue", and 池 (Ike) ... [more]

AOKIJapanese

Means "green tree" in Japanese. From the Japanese words 青 (green) and 木 (tree).... [more]

AOMINEJapanese

Written 青嶺 (青 ao, meaning "blue") (嶺 mine, meaning "peak"). It is the surname of a character in the anime/manga Kuroko no Basket.

AONUMA Japanese

From Japanese 青 (ao) meaning "blue" and 沼 (numa) meaning "swamp".

AOTA Japanese

Ao (青) means 'Blue, and Ta (田) means 'paddy, field'.

AOYAGIJapanese

Ao means "Blue, Green" and Yagi means "Willow".

AOYAMA Japanese

Means "blue mountain" or "green mountain" in Japanese. From the Japanese words 青 (blue, green) and 山 (mountain).

AOZAKIJapanese (Rare)

Ao means "blue,somewhat green" & zaki means "blossom". So, Nobutaka "Blue Blossom",is an artist who was born in Japan,but now lives in New York as an artist who has been featured in magazines.

AOZORAJapanese (Rare)

From Japanese 青 (ao) meaning "blue" and 空 (sora) meaning "sky".

ARAJapanese

From the Japanese 荒 (ara) "primitive," "rude," "crude."

ARAGAKIJapanese

This is the same as Arakaki.

ARAIJapanese

From Japanese 新 (ara) meaning "new" or 荒 (ara) meaning "rough, wild" combined with 井 (i) meaning "well".

ARAKAKIJapanese

It means "Wild Enclosure" Ara (Wild) + Kaki (Enclosure), ... [more]

ARAKAWA Japanese

Ara means "Wild" while Kawa means "River". There are multiple rivers in Japan with this name, but one river leads to Tokyo Bay. This is where the name comes from (so it's topographic), and it's mostly used in the east of this country.

ARAKIJapanese (Rare)

Ara means "Wild" or "New" in surnames while Ki means "Tree",but the "Wild Tree" kanji/definition is more common. This name was listed in the Shinsen shojiroku.

ARANAMIJapanese

Ara (荒) means rough, wild. Nami (波) means wave(s).

ARASHIJapanese

This surname is used as 嵐 (ran, arashi) meaning "storm, tempest."... [more]

ARASHIROJapanese (Rare)

A Japanese surname. A bearer of this surname is Yukiya Arashiro (Born 1984-) He is a Japanese cyclist.

ARATA Japanese (Rare)

Arata is a rare masculine given name and surname. Ara: "Wild" or "New" and Ta: "Rice Patty". The general reading is from the Ryukyu Islands ,but in Proper Japanese it is pronounced "Shinden" or "Nitta" often.

ARATANIJapanese (Rare)

From Japanese 荒 (ara) meaning "rough, wild" combined with 谷 (tani) meaning "valley".

ARAYA Japanese (Rare)

"Wild{ara}" or "New{ara}" and "Ya{valley}". It is pronounced this way in Eastern Japan,in the west it's "Aratani".

ARIMA Japanese (Rare)

This is a surname and first name that means "Owns A Horse". In the west and in the Ryukyu Islands is where this name is mostly possessed. This is taken from the Aroma hot spring near the city of Kobe.

ARIOKA Japanese

Ari means "Exist" and Oka means "Ridge, Hill."

ARISAWA Japanese

有 (Ari) means "Exist" and 沢/澤 (Sawa) means "Swamp, Marsh". Mamizu Arisawa is a light novel author, it is likely that this isn't her real last name though, since Mamizu isn't her real first name.

ARITA Japanese (Rare)

Ari means "Has" or "Owns" and Ta means "Rice Patty". This is most is most common in west-central Japan.

ARIYOSHIJapanese

有 (Ari) means "Exist" and 吉 (Yoshi) means "Fortunate, Lucky". This surname means "Fortune Exists".

ASAJapanese

Variously written, sometimes with characters used phonetically. It can mean 'morning', but the most likely meaning is 'hemp', making it a topographic or occupational name. Both forms are found mostly in Amami, one of the Ryūkyū Islands.

ASAHINA Japanese

Asa means "Morning". Hi in this surname means "Ratio, Proportion". Na means "Nara, what?". It's also a first name.

ASAIJapanese

Japanese surname meaning "shallow

well".

ASAKA Japanese

From the Japanese 淺 or 浅 (asa)
"superficial" and 香 (ka) "odour,"
"smell," 加 (ka) "increase," "step-up" or
賀 (ka) "congratulation."

ASAKAWA Japanese

Asa ("Morning"), ("Superficial"), or ("Shallow") + Kawa ("River").

ASAKURAJapanese, Popular Culture
This surname is made with 浅 (Asa)
means "Superficial, Shallow", or 朝 (Asa)
meaning "Morning", and 倉/蔵 (Kura)
means "Storehouse, Owns, Posesses".
Azumi Asakura is a voice actress. There
are a lot of fictional characters with this
surname as well, such as Ryouko
Asakura from The Melancholy of Haruhi
Suzumiya.

ASANOJapanese

Meaning 'shallow plain'; probably derived from two places of that name, one in Mino (now southern Gifu prefecture), the other in Owari (now Nagoya prefecture). Both families descend from the Minamoto clan through the Toki family.

ASATOJapanese (Rare)

There are several readings for the name but 2 are Asa:"Morning",and To:"Door,Asa:"Safe" and To:"Village". There are multiple places in the Ryukyu's (where the name originates and mostly stays) that have that name;that could've been the influence... [more]

ASHIKAGA Japanese

Ashikaga is a surname that originated with samurai families. Kaga means "Flower Bud,Reed" and Ashi means "Place",but it is most commonly, (if not always) written with characters meaning ,"foot" and "advantage".

ATARIJapanese

中 (Atari) means "The Middle". Anotable bearer with this surname is Kousuke Atari, he is a self trained musician and pop singer.

ATSUDA Japanese

From Japanese 渥 (atsu) meaning "moist" combined with 田 (da) meaning "paddy, field".

AYANOJapanese

綾 (Aya) means "Design" and 野 (No) means "Feild". Keiko Ayano from Sword Art Online is a simple example of this surname existing, and also a notable bearer.

AYANOKOJIJapanese

A variant transcription of Ayanokouji that means "Design small road".

AYANOKOUJIJapanese

綾 (Ayano) means "Design", 小 (Kou) means "Small, Little", and 路 (Ji) means "Road."

AZAHARA Japanese

From Japanese 字 (aza) meaning "a section of a village" and 原 (hara) meaning "field, plain".

AZUMA Japanese

Means 'East' in Japanese

BABA Japanese

Means "riding ground" in Japanese from 馬 (ba) "horse" combined with 場 (ba) "place, ground, field".

BANDOJapanese

This may be inaccurate, but Family Education says it means " East of The Slope", referring to eastern provinces of Osaka (lit. "Great Slope"). It's most popular in eastern Japan, where it originates from.

BUDOUJapanese

From Japanese 武 (bu) meaning "military, martial" combined with 堂 (dou) meaning "temple, shrine" or from 武道 (budou) meaning "Japanese martial arts".

BUSHIDAJapanese

Bushi means "Warrior, Samurai" and Da means "Rice Paddy, Field".

CHABASHIRA Japanese (Rare)

This is a food related surname. 茶 (Cha) literally means "{Green} Tea" and 柱 (Hashira) means "Pillar", turning into 'Bashira'. A tea pillar is a tea stalk pointing vertically, in Japan this is considered "good luck"... [more]

CHAGEJapanese

From Japanese 茶下 (chage) meaning "giver of tea". A notable bearer is Japanese musician Shūji Shibata (1958-), whose stage name is Chage.

CHIAKIJapanese (Rare)

Depending on the kanji used can mean different things. Chi means "thousand" or "wisdom" and aki means "bright", "autumn", "sparkle", "crystal ball" or "shining". This is the last name of Naomi Chiaki, a Japanese singer... [more]

CHIBAJapanese

Meaning "a thousand leaves", from 千 (chi) meaning "thousand", and 葉 (ha) meaning "leaf". Also the name of a Japanese prefecture (and its capital city).

CHIBANA Japanese

千 (Chi) means "A Thousand, One Thousand" and 花 (Bana) is a variation of Hana, meaning "Blossom, Flower". A male notable bearer, is Choshin Chibana. He was a martial artist who created his own form of karate... [more]

CHIGUSAJapanese

This surname is used as 千種, 千草 or 千艸 with 千 (sen, chi) meaning "thousand", 種 (shu, -gusa, tane) meaning "class, kind, seed, species, variety", 草 (sou, kusa, kusa-, -gusa) meaning "draft, grass, herbs, pasture, weeds, write" and 艸 (sou, kusa) meaning "grass, plants."... [more]

CHIKAFUJIJapanese

Chika means "Near" and Fuji means "Wisteria".

CHINOJapanese (Rare)

Written with characters Chi ("Micanthus Reed") and No ("Feild").

CHISAKA Japanese

Chi means "One Thousand" and Saka means "Slope,Hill".

CHIURAJapanese (Rare)

This surname is used as 千浦, 地浦 or 知浦 with 千 (sen, chi) meaning "thousand," 地 (ji, chi) meaning "earth, ground", 知 (chi, shi.raseru, shi.ru) meaning "know, wisdom" and 浦 (ho, ura) meaning "bay, beach, creek, gulf, inlet, seacoast."... [more]

CHOSOKABEJapanese

Variant transcription of Chousokabe.

CHOUSOKABEJapanese

From Japanese 長 (chou) meaning "chief, head, leader", 宗 (so) meaning "religion", 我 (ka) meaning "ego" and 部 (be) meaning "section".

DATEJapanese

From Japanese 伊 (da) meaning "this" and 達 (te) meaning "achieve, arrive at, intelligent".

DEGUCHIJapanese

This surname is used as 出口 or 出久地 with 出 (shuu, sui, i.dasu, i.deru, da.su, -da.su, -de, de.ru) meaning "come out, exit, go out, leave, protrude, put out", 口 (ku, kou, kuchi) meaning "mouth", 久

(kyuu, ku, hisa.shii) meaning "long time, old story" and 地 (ji, chi) meaning "earth, ground."

DOIJapanese

Do ("Earth") + I ("Habitation") or ("Well, Mineshaft") in a different region. "Earth Well" is used mainly in the west and in Shikoku, the "Earth Habitation" kanji is used in eastern Japan. This name isn't rare and considered out of the ordinary, but it's uncommon to the ears.

DOTANIJapanese (Rare)

戸 (Do) meaning "Door" or 藤 (Do) meaning "Wisteria". 谷 (Tani) means "Valley".

EGUCHIJapanese

Japanese surname meaning "mouth of the river". This surname is mostly found on the island of Kyūshū.

EJIRIJapanese

江 (E) "Inlet,River" and 尻 (Jiri) "Behind ,Rear".

ENATSUJapanese

江 (E) means "River,Inlet" and 夏 (natsu) means "Summer". A notable bearer is Yutaka Enatsu who used to be a pitcher for the Hanshin Tigers. Enatsu is also on the first name sight. They both don't occur much.

ENDOJapanese

From the Japanese 遠 (en) "distant" and 藤 (to, do or fuji) "wisteria." The second character may indicate historical or familial links to the formerly powerful Fujiwara (藤原) clan.

ENOKIDA Japanese

榎 (Enoki) means "Hackle/Chinese Nettle Berry Tree", and 田 (Da) means Rice Paddy, Field". A notable bearer with this family name is Daiki Enokida, who is a professional baseball player.

ENOMOTOJapanese

From the Japanese 榎 (eno) "hackberry," "nettle tree" and 本 (moto) "base."

ETOJapanese

江 (E) means "River, Inlet" and 藤 (To) means "Wisteria".

ETOUJapanese

The same as Eto.

FUJIJapanese

This is a common surname, but is even more commonly attached to other to other name elements,

like Fujimoto, Fujiyama, etc. It means "Wisteria" (藤).

FUJIHARA Japanese

It is a variation of Fujiwara, Fuji "Wisteria" and Hara "Plain". These different sounds are used depending on the family who possesses it.

FUJIHASHIJapanese

Fuji means "Wisteria" and Hashi means "Bridge".

FUJIIJapanese

From Japanese 藤 (fuji) meaning "wisteria" and 井 (i) meaning "well".

FUJIKAWA Japanese

From Japanese 藤 (fuji) meaning "wisteria" and 川 (kawa) meaning "river, stream, brook".

FUJIKIJapanese, Popular Culture 藤 (Fuji) means "Wisteria" and 木 (Ki) means "Tree". A notable bearer is Yusaku Fujiki, the protagonist of 'Yu-Gi-Oh!'.

FUJIMORIJapanese

From Japanese 藤 (fuji) meaning "wisteria" and 森 (mori) meaning "forest".

FUJIMURA Japanese

Japanese surname meaning "wisteria village".

FUJINAKA Japanese

From Japanese 藤 (fuji) meaning "wisteria" and 中 (naka) meaning "middle".

FUJINOJapanese

A Japanese surname meaning "wisteria field". It is written as 藤野 or 藤乃.

FUJINOMIYA Japanese

Fuji means "Wisteria", No means "of", and Miya means "Shrine".

FUJISAKIJapanese

From Japanese 不二咲 (fujisaki) meaning "two unblooming (flowers)".

FUJISATOJapanese

藤 (Fuji) means "Wisteria" and 里 (Sato) means "Hamlet, Village".

FUJISAWA Japanese

From Japanese 藤 (fuji) meaning "wisteria" combined with 沢 (sawa) meaning "swamp, marsh, wetlands".

FUJIURA Japanese (Rare)

Fuji means "Wisteria" and Ura means

"Bay,Beach".

FUJIWARA Japanese

Means "wisteria field" in Japanese. From the Japanese words 藤 (wisteria) and 原 (field).

FUJIYAMAJapanese

Means "wisteria mountain" in Japanese. From the Japanese words 藤 (wisteria) and 山 (mountain)

FUJIYOSHIJapanese

Fuji means "Wisteria" and Yoshi means "Lucky, Fortunate".

FUKAGAIJapanese

This might've originated in eastern Japan, because in the west, it will be pronounced "Fukatani" instead. ... [more]

FUKAMIJapanese

深 (Fuka) means "Deep" and 見 (Mi) means "View, Mindset, See".

FUKASEJapanese

From the Japanese 深 (fuka) "deep" and 瀬 (se) "riffle."

FUKUDA Japanese

From the Japanese 福 (fuku) "fortune" or 副 (fuku) "accessory" and 田 (da or ta) or 多 (da or ta) "many."

FUKUHARAJapanese

From Japanese 福 (fuku) meaning "fortune" and 原 (hara) meaning "plain, field".

FUKUIZUMIJapanese

From the Japanese 福 (fuku) "fortune" and 泉 (izumi) "spring," "fountain."

FUKUMOTOJapanese

Japanese: 'blessed origin'; found in western Japan and the Ryūkyū Islands.

FUKUNAGA Japanese

Fuku ("Fortunate") + Naga ("Eternity") or possiby ("Long, Cheif"). An especially notable bearer of this surnme is Gen Fukunaga an American-Japanese founder and president of Funimation. He was born in Hyogo, Japan but resides in Texas to help interpret anime for Americans and Canadians to this day.

FUKUSHIMAJapanese

From the Japanese 福 (fuku) "fortune" and 島, 嶋 or 嶌 (shima) "island."

FUKUYAMA Japanese

From Japanese 福 (fuku) meaning "happiness, good fortune" and

山 (yama) meaning "mountain, hill".

FUKUYOJapanese

From the Japanese 福 (fuku) "fortune" or 副 (fuku) "accessory" and 與 or 与(yo) "together with."

FURUKAWA Japanese

Furukawa is written with the characters for "Old, ancient" (古) and "River" (川).
Together, this name is read as "Old River".

FURUSAWA Japanese

From the Japanese 古 (furu) "old" and 澤 or 沢 (#sawa") "swamp."

FURUSEJapanese

From the Japanese 古 (furu) "old" and 瀬 (se) "riffle."

FURUYA Japanese

This possibly means "Old, Ancient Valley".

FUTABA Japanese

Futa can mean "A Pair" or "Two" with different kanji, and Ba meaning "Leaf". Futaba is also a feminine first name.

FUTAMURA Japanese

From Japanese 二 or 双 (futa) "A Pair, Two" and 村 (mura) "Village, Hamlet".

FUYUKIJapanese

Fuyuki is also a first name, it most likely means "Winter Tree", written like this: 冬木.

GATOJapanese

See Goto.

GODA Japanese (Rare)

Go ("Connected to") + Da ("Rice Paddy"). This is mostly on Shikoku Island.

GOTOJapanese

It is written three ways: Go meaning "Behind", To meaning "Wisteria", or Go meaning "Five" and To meaning "Island". This is considered a common Japanese surname. The Wisteria part is thought to be linked to the Fujiwara clan... [more]

GOTOHJapanese

The same as Goto.

GOYAJapanese (Rare)

This may be wrong---- This is variously written. It is usually written with characters meaning "Barbarian Room" or "Give Room". This is mostly in the Ryukyu Islands. ... [more]

GUSHIKENJapanese

Means "strong willed" in Japanese. From the Japanese words 具 (means), 志 (will), and 堅 (resolute). This surname is of Okinawan origin.

HACHIMITSUJapanese

Means "honey"

HACHIMURA Japanese

Hachi (蜂) means bee, Mura (村) means village.

HADAJapanese

This is another reading of Haneda/Hata. Ha means "Plume, Feather, Wing" and Da means "Rice Paddy/Patty".

HAGA Japanese

Ha means "Fragrance, Aroma" and Ga means "Congratulations". It's mostly in the northeastern Japan, and most likely comes from the place name in Tochigi Prefecture.

HAGINOJapanese

Hagi means "Bush Clover" and No means "Field, Plain, Wilderness". A notable bearer is Kosuke Hagino, a competitive swimmer.

HAGIWARA Japanese

Meaning "field of bush clovers", from 萩 (hagi) meaning "bush clover", and 原 (hara) meaning "field" or "meadow".

HAJIMEJapanese (Rare)

From the given name HAJIME meaning "beginning". A notable bearer is Japanese singer Chitose Hajime.

HAKURYŪJapanese (Rare)

This surname combines 白 (haku, byaku, shira-, shiro, shiro.i) meaning "white" with 竜 (ryuu, ryou, rou, ise, tatsu) meaning "dragon, imperial" or 柳 (ryuu, yanagi) meaning "willow."... [more]

HAMAJapanese

Hama means "Beach, Seashore".

HAMADAJapanese

From Japanese 浜 (hama) meaning "beach, seashore" combined with 田 (da) meaning "paddy, field".

HAMADATEJapanese

From the Japanese 浜 or 濱 (hama) "beach" and 舘 or 館(date or tate) "mansion," "large building," "palace"

HAMAGUCHIJapanese

From Japanese 浜 (hama) meaning "beach, seashore" and

☐ (kuchi) meaning "mouth, entrance".

HAMAKAWA Japanese From the Japanese 浜 or 濱 (hama) "beach" and 川 or 河 (kawa) "river."

HAMAMURA Japanese

Hama means "Seashore, Beach" and Mura means "Village, Hamlet". A notable bearer of the surname is Jun Hamamura, he was an actor.

HAMANOJapanese

From the Japanese 浜 or 濱 (hama) "beach" and 野 (no) "field," "area."

HAMAZAKIJapanese

It's the same as Hamasaki, it's just a different transcription and pronunciation. Tatsuya Hamzazaki wrote the light novel adaptation of the anime Absolute Boy.

HANABUSAJapanese

From Japanese 花 (hana) meaning "flower" and 房 (busa) meaning "room*.

HANADAJapanese (Rare, ?)
From Japanese 花 (hana) meaning
"flower" and 田 (da) meaning "field".

HANAIJapanese

Hana means "Blossom, Flower" and I means "Well, Pit, Mine shaft, Ditch".

HANAMURA Japanese

Hana means "Flower" and Mura means "Hamlet, Village." A notable bearer is Norikatsu Hanamura, an actor. Other bearers are in the notes.

HANAZAWA Japanese

Means "flower swamp" in Japanese. From the Japanese words 花 (flower) and 沢 / 澤 (swamp).

HANDAJapanese

This surname means "Half of a Rice Paddy", with Ψ (Han) and Ξ (Da).

HANEDAJapanese

Hane means "Wing, Feather, Plume" and Da means "Feild, Rice Patty/Paddy". This is predominantly in Eastern Japan.

HANEYAMAJapanese

From Japanese 羽 (hane) meaning "feather" and 山 (yama) meaning "mountain".

HANYUJapanese

Variant transcription of Hanyuu.

HANYUUJapanese

From Japanese 羽 (ha) meaning "feather" and 生 (nyuu) meaning "raw".

HARAJapanese

From Japanese 原 (hara) meaning "field, plain". More commonly it is the final character in Japanese surnames.

HARADA Japanese

From the Japanese 原 (hara) "field," "plain," "original" and 田 (da or ta) "rice paddy" or 多 (da or ta) "many."

HARAGUCHIJapanese

Hara means "Plain" or "Field", while Guchi literally means "Mouth".

HARAMOTOJapanese

Hara means "Plain (wilderness, field)" and Moto means "Origin".

HARIGAEJapanese

From the Japanese 張 (hari) "Extended Net constellation" and 替 (kae or gae) "exchange," "spare," "substitute."

HARUKIJapanese

Haruki is a first name on the other site. For the surname Haruki (春木), it means "Spring Season Tree". A notable bearer is Hiroshi Haruki, who was a Japanese mathematician.

HARUNA Japanese

The surname 春名 (Haruna) means
"Spring {season} Name". Notable bearers
are Masaki Haruna, and Mika Haruna.
Mika is swimmer, and Masaki went with
the stage name 'Klaha', when he was a
vocalist for Malice Mizer... [more]

HARUNOJapanese

Means "spring field", from Japanese 春 (haru) "spring" and 野 (no) "field".

HARUTA Japanese

From the Japanese 春 (haru) "spring" or 治 (haru) "peace," "public security" and 田 (ta or da) "rice paddy."

HARUYAMA Japanese

From Japanese 春 (haru) meaning "spring" and 山 (yama) meaning "mountain, hill".

HASEGAWA Japanese

From the Japanese 長 (ha or naga) "long," "chief," 谷 (se, tani or ya) "valley" and 川 (kawa or gawa) "river."

HASHIJapanese

Hashi means "Bridge".

HASHIGUCHIJapanese

Hashi means "Bridge" and Guchi means "Mouth". This is the surname of Chiyomi Hashiguchi, who was a mangaka.

 ${\sf HASHIKURAJapanese}$

Bluntly speaking, this is Kurahashi backwards.

HASHIOKA Japanese

橋 (Hashi) means "Bridge" and 岡 (Oka) means "Hill, Ridge".

HASHIRA Japanese

Hashira is a Japanese last name that means "Pillar" or "Support". ... [more]

HASHITANIJapanese

Hashi means "Bridge" and Tani means "Valley".

HASHIYAMA Japanese

橋 (Hashi) means "Bridge" and 山 (Yama) means "Mountain".

HATA Japanese

This is an ancient surname that is another form of Hada/Haneda. Ha means "Feather, Plume, Wing" and Ta means "Feild, Rice Patty/Paddy".

HATAKEJapanese

Means "Field" in Japanese

HATANOJapanese

From the Japanese 渡 (ha or wata)
"ferryboat," "ferry" or 羽 (ha or hane)
"wing," "feather;" 田 (ta or da) "rice
paddy" or 多 (ta or da) "many;" and 野 (no)
"field," "area."

HATAYA Japanese

幡 (Hata) means "Field" and 谷 (Ya) means "Valley". ... [more]

HATSUJapanese

Hatsu is both a Japanese surname and a unisex name meaning "Beginning."
Notable bearers of this surname is Akiko Hatsu (Japanese manga artist) and a bearer of the first name form is Hatsu Hioki (Japanese wrestler).

HATTORIJapanese

From the Japanese 服 "clothes" and 部 "region," "division," "part." This was the surname of Hanzo Hattori (服部半蔵), a famous 16th century samurai and ninja.

HAYABUSAJapanese

This name means "falcon" in Japanese.

HAYAGAWA Japanese

It is written as Ha ("Long,Cheif"), the same as "Naga", + Ya ("Valley") + Gawa

("River"). It's possibly written the same way Hayakawa was submitted, because these are just variations of one another... [more]

HAYAKAWA Japanese Japanese surname meaning "fast river".

HAYAMA Japanese

It is written as 早川.

I have no idea how its most commonly written, but according to Hi!penpal, the surname can be written in 7 different ways...with some meaning "Leaf Mountain", "Wing Mountain", "Fast Horse", and "Fast Pause".

HAYASAKA Japanese

早 (Haya) means "Fast, Early" and 坂 (Saka) means "Slope, Hill". Only one of the notables bearers, is Fumio Hayasaka. He was a composer before the mid 1900's.

HAYASHIBARAJapanese Hayashi (林) means "Forest", and Bara means "Plain".

HAYASHIDA Japanese From Japanese 林 (hayashi) meaning "forest" and 田 (ta) meaning "field".

HIDAKA Japanese

From Japanese 日 (hi) meaning "day, sun" combined with 高 (taka) meaning "tall, high".

HIGAJapanese

Phonetically means "praise" or "compassion" in Japanese. It is most frequently used on the island of Okinawa in Japan. A bearer is Ryan Higa, an American YouTuber.

HIGASHIJapanese

From the Japanese 東 (higashi) "east," originally derived from a combination of 日 (hi) meaning "sun," 向か (muka) meaning "facing" and 風 (shi, nowadays kaze) meaning "wind." This combination had undergone some sound shifts which results in 'higashi,' namely the shift from 'mu' in 'muka' to 'n' (turning into hingashi) and the dropping of 'n' in 'hingashi' (see Kagura on the first name website as another example of this process).

HIGASHIDA Japanese

Written as: 東田 meaning 'eastern rice paddy', is usually found in western Japan.... [more]

HIGASHIYAMA Japanese Higashi means "East" and Yama means "Mountain".

HIMIJapanese

From the Japanese 氷 (hi) "ice" and 見 (mi) "mindset," "outlook."

HINOJapanese

From Japanese 日 (hi) meaning "sun, day" combined with 野 (no) meaning "area, field".

HINODEJapanese

日 (Hi) means "Sun, Day", ノ (No) is a particle, 出 (De) means "Come Out". This surname means "Sunrise" in Japanese. It is uncommon, as a last name and a first name as well.

HIRAIJapanese

Hira means "Peace" and I means "Well,mine shaft,or pit". So this surname means "Peaceful Well/Mine Shaft/Pit". Here are notable people: Hirai Kawato is a professional wrestler,Momo Hirai is a musical artist,and Ken Hirai is an R&B and Pop singer.

HIRAKAWA Japanese Hira means "Peace, Flat" and Kawa means "Stream, River".

HIRAMATSUJapanese

Hira means "Peace, Levelness, Flat" and Matsu means "Pine (tree)". Akiko Hiramatsu is a voice actress.

HIRANOJapanese

Hira means "Peace" and No means
"Field,Area,Meadow,etc." This is
considered a generally common Japanese
last name,it is ranked within the top
1000's at least,if not always in the 100's.
A notable person with this surname is
Aya Hirano,a singer and voice actress,for
"The Melancholy of Haruhi Suzumiya",for
example.

HIRASAKA Japanese

Hira means "Peace" and Saka means "Hill, Slope".

HIRASAWA Japanese

Hira means "Flat, Even, Peace, Level" and Sawa means "Swamp, Marsh".

HIRASHIMAJapanese

From the Japanese 平 (hira) "peace" and 島, 嶋 or 嶌 (shima) "island."

HIRATA Japanese

From the Japanese 平 (hira) "peace" and 田 (ta or da) "rice paddy" or 多 (ta or da) "many."

HIRATANIJapanese

Hira meaning "Peace" and Tani meaning "Valley". In other regions of Japan, this name could be pronounced "Hiragai, Hiragaya, or Hiraya" by accident, depending on the region it's taken to. I think this originates from the south.

HIROIJapanese

From the Japanese 廣 or 広 (hiro) "wide" and 井 (i) "well."

HIROMIJapanese

Means "wide sea" in Japanese, from 広 (hiro) "wide" and 海 (mi) "sea".

HIRONOJapanese

From Japanese 廣 or 広 (hiro) meaning "wide" and 野 (no) meaning "field".

HIROSAWA Japanese

Hiro means "Wide" and Sawa means "Swamp, Marsh".

HIROSEJapanese

From the Japanese 廣 or 広 (hiro) "wide" and 瀬 (se) "riffle," "shallows."

HIROSHIMA Japanese (Rare)

Hiro means

"widespread,broad", "generous", "prospero us" depending on kanji used. Shima means "Island" the same as "jima" does. So this surname rather mean "Prosperous Island"or "Broad Island". "Generous Island" might be possible, but it's not likely used for the last name the same as it is for the given name, Hiro.

HIROTAJapanese

It probably means "Wide Rice Paddy, Broad Field".

HIRUMAJapanese

From the Japanese 蛭 (hiru) "leech" and 間 (ma) "pause."

HISAMATSUJapanese

Hisa (久) "Long ago, Long lasting" and Matsu (松) "Pine".

HITARASHIJapanese

From Japanese "浸" (hita) meaning immersion and "らし" (rashi) meaning likelihood

HITOTOSEJapanese (Rare)

Regardless of Hitotose's pronunciation, it literally consists of the kanji for "all 4 seasons: Spring, Summer, Autumn, and Winter" in that order.

HITOTSUYANAGIJapanese

— (Hitotsu) means "One" and 柳 (Yanagi) means "Willow".

HOJOJapanese

Variant transcription of Houjou.

HOKINOUEJapanese (Rare)
Hoki means "Cave, Grotto, Den", No
means "of, therefore", and Ue means
"Upper, Top, Above". A notable bearer is
Kota Hokinoue, he is a wheelchair
athlete. If you want the sources, they're
in the notes for you.

HOMURAJapanese

This surname is used as 保村, 甫村 or 穂村 with 保 (ho, hou, tamo.tsu) meaning "guarantee, keep, preserve, protect, support, sustain", 甫 (fu, ho, haji.mete, suke) meaning "for the first time, not until", 穂 (sui, ho) meaning "crest (of wave), ear, ear (of grain), head" and 村 (son, mura) meaning "town, village."... [more]

HORIJapanese

"Moat" or Ho ("Protect") + Ri ("Benefit,Profit,Gain") are both used for this surname.

HORIEJapanese (Rare)

For notable bearers Yui Horie and Mitsuko Horie, the Hori means "Moat" and E means "Inlet, River". Mitsuko Horie and Yui Horie are voice actresses and singers.

HORIGOMEJapanese

掘 (Hori) means "Moat" and 米 (Gome) means "Rice, America". A notable bearer with this surname is Yuki Horigome, a footballer.

HORIKITA Japanese (Rare)
Hori ("Moat"),this can also be used: Ho

Hori ("Moat"),this can also be used: Ho ("Protect") + Ri ("Benefit,Profit,Gain") + Kita ("North").

HORINOJapanese

Hori means "Moat" and No means "Field, Wilderness."

HOSHIJapanese

From Japanese 星 (hoshi) meaning "star".

HOSHIMIYA Japanese

Hoshi means "Star" and Miya means "Shrine".

HOSHINOJapanese

From Japanese 星 (hoshi) meaning "star" combined with 野 (no) meaning "area, field".

HOSHIZAKIJapanese (Rare)

Hoshi means "Star" and Zaki comes from Saki meaning "Cape, Peninsula, Promontory". There used to be a Hoshizaki Castle in Nagoya, owned by the Okada family. If this last name actually still lingers Japan, it rarely ever does.

HOSODA Japanese

This surname is made up of 細 (Hoso) meaning "Fine, Thin, Narrow" and 田 (Da) means "Rice Paddy, Rice Field".

HOSOKAWAJapanese

From Japanese 細 (hoso) meaning "thin, fine" and 川 (kawa) meaning "river".

HOSOOJapanese

From the Japanese 細 (hoso) "narrow" and 尾 (o) "tail."

HOUJOUJapanese

From Japanese 北 (hou) meaning "north" and 條 or 条 (jou) meaning "article".

IBUKIJapanese

It is written like this: 伊 I meaning "that one" + 吹 Buki meaning "blow into". Ibuki is also a first name.

ICHIDA Japanese (Rare)

From Japanese 市 (ichi) "market" combined with 田 (da) "paddy, field".

ICHIHARA Japanese

This surname combines — (ichi, itsu, hito-, hito.tsu) meaning "one" or 市 (shi, ichi) meaning "city, market, town" with 原 (gen, hara) meaning "field, meadow, original, plain, prairie, primitive, tundra, wilderness".... [more]

ICHIHASHIJapanese

Ichi means "One" (in rarer cases its written with the character meaning "Market"). Hashi means "Bridge". My source is in the notes.

ICHIKAWA Japanese

From 市 (ichi) meaning "city", and 川 (kawa) meaning "river".

ICHINOJapanese

This is used: Ichi meaning "Market, or "One", and No meaning "Feild". A notable bearer is Yuyu Ichino, who is a manga illustrator.

ICHINOMIYA Japanese

This surname is used as 一宮, 一の宮, 一ノ宮, 一之宮 or 市之宮 with 一 (ichi, itsu, hito, hito.tsu) meaning "one," 市 (shi, ichi) meaning "city, market, town," 之 (shi, oite, kono, kore, no, yuku) meaning "of, this" or 宮 (kyuu, ku, kuu, guu, miya) meaning "constellations, palace, princess."... [more]

ICHIOKA Japanese (Rare)

From Japanese — (ichi) meaning "one" combined with 岡 (oka) meaning "hill".

IDA Japanese

From Japanese 井 (i) meaning "well, mine shaft, pit" and 田 (da) meaning "field, rice paddy".

IEIRIJapanese (Rare)

家 (Ie) means "Building, Residency, Family, Dwelling, Home, Habitation", and 入 (Iri) means "Enter, Input". Together, it is a Japanese word meaning "House Entry". A notable bearer is Kazuma Ieiri, a founder, and director, and more.

IEKAMIJapanese

Ie means "Home" and Kami could mean "God" or "Upper".

IGARASHIJapanese

Japanese surname meaning "fifty storms" .

IGEJapanese

From Japanese 伊 (i) meaning "this" and 藝 or 芸 (ge) meaning "technique".

IKARIJapanese

Means "anchor" in Japanese. When written in different kanji, it can also mean anger.

IKEJapanese

池 (Ike) means "Pond, Pool" in Japanese.

IKEHARA Japanese

From the Japanese 池 (ike) "pond" and 原 (hara, bara or wara) "field," "plain," "original."

IKEMOTOJapanese

池 (Ike) means "Pond, Pool" and 本 (Moto) means "Origin, Source, Root". A notable bearer is Masahito Ikemoto, who is an anime producer.

IKERUJapanese

From Japanese 蘓 (ikeru) meaning "revive, resurrect".

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Most Popular Girls & Boys Japanese Names

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大透: To Be Crystal Clear

Let's look at the most popular Japanese girls and boys baby names in 2015 and continuing into 2016. Each list contains	天翔: Soar to Heavens	旦陽: Morning Sunshine
the top 11 female and male names along with the top kanji spellings and meanings		旭大: Big Rising Sun
for each name.	2. Riku (りく):	昇冴: Bright Rising
This year marks the growing trend of kira-kiranames or "sparkly twinkle names."	俐空: Wise Sky	
	俐虎: Clever Tiger	7. Sora (そら):
Kirakira names come in two forms. The first is having similar-sounding common names but spelled with obscure and unintelligible kanji combinations. A single kanji can have multiple meanings, so when paired with another kanji, you can have up to dozens of different readings.	凉空: Nice, Cool Sky	優空: Superior Air
	凌久: Endure a Long Time	双嵐: Set of Storms
	凌功: Excel in Success	壮良: Skilled Man
		夏空: Summer Sky
The western equivalent would be	3. Haru (はる):	大空: Big Sky
something like Jacob, Jacobb, Jaccob, Jakob, Jacub, Jakab, Jaicob, Jaycob, Jeycob,	和晴: Peaceful clear Weather	空: Sky
etc.	悠琉: Eternal Treasure	宇宙: Universe
The second would be naming your child using the phonetic sounds of kanji and	悠類: Easy-going Type	
disregarding its meaning. This allows for bending Kanji into Western or unique	春月: Spring Moon	8. Reo (れお):
character names. For example, 光宙 literally means "light" and "space."	春流: Flowing Springtime	伶央: Wise Center
However, for one parent, it reads Pikachu.		伶音: Wise Sound
Yes, someone did name their child Pikachu.	4. Hinata (ひなた):	嶺臣: At the Summit of the Mountain
	一陽: Best Sunlight	怜和: Wise Harmony
	優陽: Superior Light	怜士: Wise Gentlemen
This year's list is mostly traditional-sounding recognizable names	光暖: Ray of Warmth	礼央: Centered Politeness
but plenty spelled with unconventional kanji usage. Some of which does come off pretty cool: "Hello my name is Ten	向日: Sunny Place	
Thousand Swords."		9. Yuuto (ゆうと):
[Editor's Note: The literal translations of the names are of one interpretation and have been fact-checked by two Japanese sources. Because every kanji carries multiple meanings, our sources were asked to do their best guesswork for the intended meanings.]	5. Kaito (かいと):	佑人: Person who Helps
	介人: Supportive Person	佑和: Helping Harmony
	介斗: The Most Supportive	佑斗: The Most Helpful
	介杜: Between Pear Trees	佑篤: Helping Humanitarian
Most Popular Japanese Boys Names	介渡: Going Through And Beyond	佑翔: Help & Soar
1. Haruto (はると):	介登: Growing Through Climbing Up	優斗: Person with Tender Heart
一温: Best Warmth		勇人: Brave Man
優音: Tender Sound	6. Asahi (あさひ):	優澄: Kind & Shining Bright
大翔: Great Flight	光皐陽: Ray of Light on The Shore	
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旦燈: Daybreak Rising

10. Touma (とうま):

3. Akari (あかり):

上山: Top of The Mountain	丹凛: Red Cold		亜生衣: Clothes of Life
冬摩: Winter Grind	丹凜: Red Cold		
冬真: Winter Truth	丹利: Red Profit		8. Niko (にこ):
冬舞: Winter Dance	丹李: Red Plum		丹子: Red Child
刀万 Ten Thousand Swords	丹梨: Red Pear Tree		丹瑚: Red Offering
刀満: Sword of Satisfaction			二子: Second Child
斗真: A Cup of Truth	4. Ichika (いちか):		二心: Two Hearts
	一伽: Best Entertainer		二湖: Two Lakes
11. ltsuki (いつき):	一佳: Best & Excellent		
一來: Go My Way	一凛: Number One Cold		9. Hinata (ひなた):
一喜: One & Only Happiness	一加: First at Increasing		一陽: One Sunshine
一基: Embracing Essence	一千花: One Thousand Flowers		光永: Ray of Eternity
一己: Independence			光菜汰: Selection of the Best Vegetables
一希: One & Only Hope	5. Sara (さら):		向日葵: Sunflower
樹: Magnificent Mountain	佐楽: Comforting Music		向葵: Sunflower
	佐羅: Roman Aid		
Most Popular Japanese Girls Names	倖良: Good Fortune		10. Kanna (かんな):
1. Hana (はな):	冴咲: Vivid Blossom		乾奈: Emperor of Nara
一愛: One Love	冴愛: Clear Love		佳奈: Beautiful Nara
初凪: Beginning Calm			佳音那: What Excellent Sound
初南: First South	6. Yui (ゆい):		侃凪: Strong Calm
初名: First Name	佑伊: Italian Aid		侃南: Righteous South
初夏: Early Summer	佑依: Reliant Help		
	佑唯: Solely Helpful		11. Sana (さな):
2. Himari (ひまり):	佑泉: Helpful Fountain		三七 : Three-Seven
久茉莉: Long Jasmine	佑生: Helpful Life		三凪: Three Calm
仁葵: Benevolent Sunflower			三愛: Three Love
光愛里: Home of Light & Love	7. Aoi (あおい):		佐凪: Helpful Calm
光鞠: Ball of Light	亜乙依: Strange Dependence		佐南: Helpful South
向日葵: Sunflower	亜奥以: Beyond the Inside		
	亜捺惟: Seal of Reflection	027	2

亜桜依: Reliance on the Cherry Blossoms

Japanese names are used in Japan and in

Japanese communities throughout the world. Note that depending on the Japanese characters used these names can have many other meanings besides those listed here. See also about Japanese names.

AI (1)愛, 藍 (f) Japanese From Japanese 愛 (ai) meaning "love, affection", 藍 (ai) meaning "indigo", or other kanji with the same pronunciation.

AIKO 愛子 (f) Japanese From Japanese 愛 (ai) meaning "love, affection" and 子 (ko) meaning "child", as well as other character combinations.

AIMI 愛美 (f) Japanese From Japanese 愛 (ai) meaning "love, affection" and 美 (mi) meaning "beautiful". Other combinations of kanji characters are possible.

AINA 愛菜 (f) Japanese From Japanese 愛 (ai) meaning "love, affection" and 菜 (na) meaning "vegetables, greens", as well as other character combinations.

AIRI 愛莉, 愛梨 (f) Japanese From Japanese 愛 (ai) meaning "love, affection" combined with 莉 (ri) meaning "white jasmine" or 梨 (ri) meaning "pear". Other combinations of kanji characters are possible.

AKANE 茜 (f) Japanese From Japanese 茜 (akane) meaning "deep red, dye from the rubia plant". Other kanji or combinations of kanji can form this name as well.

AKARI 明里, 朱里, 朱莉 (f) Japanese From Japanese 明 (aka) meaning "bright" or 朱 (aka) meaning "vermilion red" combined with 里 (ri) meaning "village" or 莉 (ri) meaning "white jasmine". Other combinations of kanji characters can also form this name.

AKEMI 明美 (f) Japanese From Japanese 明 (ake) meaning "bright" and 美 (mi) meaning "beautiful". Other kanji combinations are possible.

AKI (2) 晶, 明, 秋, 亜希, 亜樹, 亜紀 (f)
From Japanese 晶 (aki) meaning "clear,
crystal", 明 (aki) meaning "bright" or 秋
(aki) meaning "autumn". It can also
come from 亜 (a) meaning "second, Asia"
combined with 希 (ki) meaning "hope".
Other kanji or combinations of kanji can
form this name too.

AKIKO 晶子, 明子, 秋子 (f) Japanese From Japanese 晶 (aki) meaning "clear, crystal", 明 (aki) meaning "bright" or 秋 (aki) meaning "autumn" combined with 子 (ko) meaning "child". Other combinations of kanji characters are possible.

AKIO 昭夫, 昭男, 昭雄 (m) Japanese From Japanese 昭 (aki) meaning "bright, luminous" combined with 夫 (o) meaning "man, husband", 男 (o) meaning "male" or 雄 (o) meaning "hero, manly". Other kanji combinations are possible.

AKIRA 昭, 明, 亮, 晶 (m & f) Japanese From Japanese 昭 (akira) meaning "bright", 明 (akira) meaning "bright" or 亮 (akira) meaning "clear". Other kanji with the same pronunciation can also form this name.

AMI (3) 亜美 (f) Japanese From Japanese 亜 (a) meaning "second, Asia" and 美 (mi) meaning "beautiful". Other kanji combinations are possible.

AOI 葵,碧 (f & m) Japanese From Japanese 葵 (aoi) meaning "hollyhock, althea" or an adjectival form of 碧 (ao) meaning "green, blue". Other kanji with the same reading can form this name as well.

ARATA 新 (m) Japanese From Japanese 新 (arata) meaning "fresh, new". Other kanji or kanji combinations can also form this name.

ASUKA 明日香, 飛鳥 (f & m) Japanese From Japanese 明日 (asu) meaning "tomorrow" and 香 (ka) meaning "fragrance", or from 飛 (asu) meaning "to fly" and 鳥 (ka) meaning "bird". Other kanji combinations can be possible as well.

ATSUKO 温子, 篤子, 敦子 (f) Japanese From Japanese 温 (atsu) meaning "warm", 篤 (atsu) meaning "deep, true, sincere" or 敦 (atsu) meaning "honest" combined with 子 (ko) meaning "child". Other kanji combinations are possible.

AYA 彩, 綾 (f) Japanese From Japanese 彩 (aya) meaning "colour", 綾 (aya) meaning "design", or other kanji characters with the same pronunciation.

AYAKA 彩花, 彩華 (f) Japanese From Japanese 彩 (aya) meaning "colour" combined with 花 (ka) or 華 (ka) which both mean "flower". Other kanji combinations are possible.

AYAKO 彩子, 綾子, 絢子 (f) Japanese From Japanese 彩 (aya) meaning "colour", 綾 (aya) meaning "design" or 絢 (aya) meaning "brilliant fabric design, kimono design" combined with 子 (ko) meaning "child". Other combinations of kanji characters are also possible.

AYAME 菖蒲 (f) Japanese From Japanese 菖蒲 (ayame) meaning "iris". Other kanji or combinations of kanji can also form this name.

AYANE 彩音, 綾音, 絢音 (f) Japanese From Japanese 彩 (aya) meaning "colour", 綾 (aya) meaning "design" or 絢 (aya) meaning "brilliant fabric design, kimono design" combined with 音 (ne) meaning "sound". Other kanji combinations are possible.

AYANO 彩乃, 綾乃 (f) Japanese From Japanese 彩 (aya) meaning "colour" or 綾 (aya) meaning "design" combined with 乃 (no), a possessive particle. Other combinations of kanji characters can also form this name.

AYUMU 歩夢 (m) Japanese From Japanese 歩 (ayu) meaning "walk" and 夢 (mu) meaning "dream, vision". Other combinations of kanji are also possible.

CHIHIRO 千尋 (f) Japanese From Japanese 千 (chi) meaning "thousand" and 尋 (hiro) meaning "search, seek", as well as other kanji combinations.

CHIKA (2) 千佳, 智佳, 千花, 智花, 散花 (f) From Japanese 千 (chi) meaning "thousand", 智 (chi) meaning "wisdom, intellect" or 散 (chi) meaning "scatter" combined with 佳 (ka) meaning "good, beautiful" or 花 (ka) meaning "flower". Other kanji combinations are also possible.

CHIKAKO 千香子 (f) Japanese From Japanese 千 (chi) meaning "thousand", 香 (ka) meaning "fragrance" and 子 (ko) meaning "child". Other kanji combinations can be possible.

CHINATSU 千夏 (f) Japanese From Japanese 千 (chi) meaning "thousand" and 夏 (natsu) meaning "summer", as well as other kanji combinations.

CHIYO 千代, 千世 (f) Japanese

From Japanese 千 (chi) meaning "thousand" combined with 代 (yo) meaning "generation" or 世 (yo) meaning "world". Other kanji combinations are possible.

CHIYOKO 千代子 (f) Japanese From Japanese 千 (chi) meaning "thousand" and 代 (yo) meaning "generation" and 子 (ko) meaning "child". Other combinations of kanji characters are possible.

CHO 蝶 (f) Japanese (Rare) Variant transcription of CHOU.

CHOU 蝶 (f) Japanese (Rare) From Japanese 蝶 (chou) meaning "butterfly".

CHOUKO 蝶子 (f) Japanese From Japanese 蝶 (chou) meaning "butterfly" and 子 (ko) meaning "child". Other kanji combinations can be possible.

DAICHI 大地, 大智 (m) Japanese From Japanese 大 (dai) meaning "big, great" combined with 地 (chi) meaning "earth, land" or 智 (chi) meaning "wisdom, intellect". Other kanji combinations are possible.

DAIKI 大輝, 大樹, 大貴 (m) Japanese From Japanese 大 (dai) meaning "big, great" combined with 輝 (ki) meaning "brightness", 樹 (ki) meaning "tree" or 貴 (ki) meaning "valuable". Other combinations of kanji can also form this name.

DAISUKE 大輔 (m) Japanese From Japanese 大 (dai) meaning "big, great" and 輔 (suke) meaning "help". Other kanji combinations are possible.

EMI 恵美, 絵美 (f) Japanese From Japanese 恵 (e) meaning "favour, benefit" or 絵 (e) meaning "picture, painting" combined with 美 (mi) meaning "beautiful". Other kanji combinations are possible.

ETSUKO 悦子 (f) Japanese From Japanese 悦 (etsu) meaning "joy, pleased" and 子 (ko) meaning "child", as well as other kanji combinations.

FUYUKO 冬子 (f) Japanese From Japanese 冬 (fuyu) meaning "winter" and 子 (ko) meaning "child", as well as other combinations of kanji.

GORO 五郎 (m) Japanese Variant transcription of GOROU. GOROU 五郎 (m) Japanese From Japanese 五 (go) meaning "five" and 郎 (rou) meaning "son". This was traditionally a name for the fifth son. Different combinations of kanji are also possible.

HACHIRO 八郎 (m) Japanese Variant transcription of HACHIROU.

HACHIROU 八郎 (m) Japanese From Japanese 八 (hachi) meaning "eight" and 郎 (rou) meaning "son". This was traditionally a name for the eighth son. Other kanji combinations are also possible.

HANA (3) 花, 華 (f) Japanese From Japanese 花 (hana) or 華 (hana) which both mean "flower". Other kanji or kanji combinations can form this name as well.

HANAE 花絵, 華恵, 華絵 (f) Japanese From Japanese 花 (hana) or 華 (hana), which both mean "flower", combined with 絵 (e) meaning "picture" or 恵 (e) meaning "favour, benefit". Other kanji combinations are possible.

HANAKO 花子 (f) Japanese From Japanese 花 (hana) meaning "flower" and 子 (ko) meaning "child", as well as other kanji combinations.

HARU 陽, 春, 晴 (m & f) Japanese
From Japanese 陽 (haru) meaning "light,
sun, male", 春 (haru) meaning "spring" or
晴 (haru) meaning "clear weather".
Other kanji or kanji combinations can
form this name as well.

HARUKA 遥, 春花, 晴香 (f & m) Japanese From Japanese 遥 (haruka) meaning "distant, remote". It can also come from 春 (haru) meaning "spring" or 晴 (haru) meaning "clear weather" combined with 花 (ka) meaning "flower, blossom" or 香 (ka) meaning "fragrance". Additionally, other kanji combinations can form this name.

HARUKI 晴輝, 陽生 (m) Japanese From Japanese 晴 (haru) meaning "clear weather" or 陽 (haru) meaning "light, sun, male" combined with 輝 (ki) meaning "brightness" or 生 (ki) meaning "living". Other kanji combinations are possible.

HARUKO 春子, 陽子 (f) Japanese From Japanese 春 (haru) meaning "spring" or 陽 (haru) meaning "light, sun, male" combined with 子 (ko) meaning "child", as well as other kanji combinations.

HARUNA 晴菜, 遥菜, 春菜 (f) Japanese From Japanese 晴 (haru) meaning "clear weather", 遥 (haru) meaning "distant, remote" or 春 (haru) meaning "spring" combined with 菜 (na) meaning "vegetables, greens". Other kanji combinations are possible.

HARUTO 陽斗, 遥斗, 陽翔, 晴斗 (m)
From Japanese 陽 (haru) meaning "light, sun, male", 遥 (haru) meaning "distant, remote" or 晴 (haru) meaning "clear weather" combined with 斗 (to), which refers to a Chinese constellation, or 翔 (to) meaning "soar, fly". Other kanji combinations can also form this name.

HAYATE 颯 (m) Japanese From Japanese 颯 (hayate) meaning "sudden, sound of the wind". Other kanji with the same pronunciation can also form this name.

HAYATO 隼人 (m) Japanese From Japanese 隼 (haya) meaning "falcon" and 人 (to) meaning "person". Other kanji combinations can also make up this name.

HIBIKI 響 (m & f) Japanese From Japanese 響 (hibiki) meaning "sound, echo".

HIDEAKI 英明 (m) Japanese From Japanese 英 (hide) meaning "excellent, fine" and 明 (aki) meaning "bright", as well as other combinations of kanji.

HIDEKI 秀樹, 英樹 (m) Japanese
From Japanese 秀 (hide) meaning
"excellent, outstanding" or 英 (hide)
meaning "excellent, fine" combined with
樹 (ki) meaning "tree". Other kanji
combinations can also form this name.

HIDEYOSHI 秀良, 秀吉 (m) Japanese
From Japanese 秀 (hide) meaning
"excellent, outstanding" combined with
良 (yoshi) meaning "good, virtuous,
respectable" or 吉 (yoshi) meaning "good
luck". Other kanji combinations are
possible.

Toyotomi Hideyoshi (Hideyoshi 秀吉 being his given name) was a 16th-century daimyo who unified Japan and attempted to conquer Korea. He also banned the ownership of weapons by the peasantry, and banished Christian missionaries.

HIKARI 光, ひかり (f & m) Japanese From Japanese 光 (hikari) meaning "light". Other kanji can also form this name. It is often written with the hiragana writing system.

HIKARU 光, 輝 (m & f) Japanese From Japanese 光 (hikaru) meaning "light" or 輝 (hikaru) meaning "brightness". Other kanji can also form this name.

HINA 陽菜, 日菜 (f) Japanese From Japanese 陽 (hi) meaning "light, sun, male" or 日 (hi) meaning "sun, day" combined with 菜 (na) meaning "vegetables, greens". Other kanji combinations are possible.

HINATA 日向, 陽向, 向日葵, ひなた (f & m) From Japanese 日向 (hinata) meaning "sunny place", 陽向 (hinata) meaning "toward the sun", or a non-standard reading of 向日葵 (himawari) meaning "sunflower". Other kanji compounds are also possible. Because of the irregular readings, this name is often written using the hiragana writing system.

HIRAKU 拓 (m) Japanese From Japanese 拓 (hiraku) meaning "expand, open, support". Other kanji can also form this name.

HIROKI 大輝, 大樹 (m) Japanese From Japanese 大 (hiro) meaning "big, great" and 輝 (ki) meaning "brightness" or 樹 (ki) meaning "tree". Other kanji combinations are also possible.

HIROKO 寬子, 裕子, 浩子 (f) Japanese From Japanese 寬 (hiro) meaning "tolerant, generous", 裕 (hiro) meaning "abundant" or 浩 (hiro) meaning "prosperous" combined with 子 (ko) meaning "child". Other kanji combinations are possible.

HIROSHI 寛, 浩, 裕, 博 (m) Japanese From Japanese 寛 (hiroshi) meaning "tolerant, generous", 浩 (hiroshi) meaning "prosperous", or other kanji and kanji combinations which are read the same way.

HIROTO 大翔, 博斗 (m) Japanese
From Japanese 大 (hiro) meaning "big,
great" or 博 (hiro) meaning "command,
esteem" combined with 翔 (to) meaning
"soar, glide" or 斗 (to), which refers to a
Chinese constellation. Other kanji
combinations can also form this name.

HITOMI 瞳, 史美, ひとみ (f) Japanese

From Japanese 瞳 (hitomi) meaning "pupil of the eye". It can also come from 史 (hito) meaning "history" and 美 (mi) meaning "beautiful", as well as other kanji combinations. This name is often written with the hiragana writing system.

HONOKA 和花, 穂香, ほのか (f) Japanese From Japanese 和 (hono) meaning "harmony" (using an obscure nanori reading) and 花 (ka) meaning "flower", as well as other combinations of kanji which have the same pronunciation. Very often it is written using the hiragana writing system.

HOSHI 星 (f) Japanese From Japanese 星 (hoshi) meaning "star" or other kanji with the same pronunciation.

HOSHIKO 星子fJapanese From Japanese 星 (hoshi) meaning "star" and 子 (ko) meaning "child". Other kanji combinations are possible.

HOTARU 蛍 (f) Japanese From Japanese 蛍 (hotaru) meaning "firefly".

ICHIRO 一郎 (m) Japanese Variant transcription of ICHIROU.

ICHIROU 一郎 (m) Japanese From Japanese — (ichi) meaning "one" and 郎 (rou) meaning "son". This was traditionally a name given to the first son. Other combinations of kanji characters are also possible.

ISAMU 勇 (m) Japanese From Japanese 勇 (isamu) meaning "brave" or other kanji having the same pronunciation.

ITSUKI 樹 (m) Japanese From Japanese 樹 (itsuki) meaning "tree", using the kanji's nanori reading. Other kanji or kanji combinations can also form this name.

IZUMI 泉 (f) Japanese From Japanese 泉 (izumi) meaning "fountain, spring". This name can also be constructed from other combinations of kanji.

JIRO 二郎 (m) Japanese Variant transcription of JIROU.

JIROU 二郎 (m) Japanese From Japanese 二 (ji) meaning "two" and 郎 (rou) meaning "son". This was traditionally a name given to the second son. Other combinations of kanji characters can also be possible.

JUN (2) 淳, 潤, 純, 順 (m & f) Japanese From Japanese 淳 (jun) meaning "pure", 潤 (jun) meaning "moisture", 純 (jun) meaning "pure, clean, simple", or other kanji which are pronounced the same way.

JUN'ICHI 順一, 淳一 (m) Japanese From Japanese 順 (jun) meaning "obey, submit" or 淳 (jun) meaning "pure" combined with — (ichi) meaning "one". Other kanji combinations are possible.

JUNKO順子, 純子 (f) Japanese From Japanese 順 (jun) meaning "obedience" or 純 (jun) meaning "pure" combined with 子 (ko) meaning "child". Other combinations of kanji characters are also possible.

JURO (2) 十郎 (m) Japanese Variant transcription of JUUROU.

JUROU 十郎 (m) Japanese Variant transcription of JUUROU.

JUUROU 十郎 (m) Japanese From Japanese 十 (juu) meaning "ten" and 郎 (rou) meaning "son". Traditionally this name was given to the tenth son. Other combinations of kanji characters are possible as well.

KAEDE 楓 (f & m) Japanese From Japanese 楓 (kaede) meaning "maple" or other kanji which are pronounced the same way.

KAITO 海斗, 海翔 (m) Japanese From Japanese 海 (kai) meaning "sea, ocean" combined with 斗 (to), which refers to a Chinese constellation, or 翔 (to) meaning "soar, fly". Other kanji combinations are also possible.

KANON 花音 (f) Japanese From Japanese 花 (ka) meaning "flower, blossom" and 音 (non) meaning "sound". Other kanji combinations are possible as well.

KAORI 香, 香織, かおり (f) Japanese From Japanese 香 (kaori) meaning "fragrance". It can also come from an alternate reading of 香 (ka) combined with 織 (ori) meaning "weaving". Other kanji combinations are possible. It is often written using the hiragana writing system.

KAORU 薫, 香, 馨 (f & m) Japanese

From Japanese 薫 (kaoru), 香 (kaoru), 馨 (kaoru) all meaning "fragrance, fragrant", as well as other kanji having the same reading.

KAREN (3) 華蓮 (f) Japanese From Japanese 華 (ka) meaning "flower" and 蓮 (ren) meaning "lotus, water lily". Other combinations of kanji can also form this name.

KASUMI 霞, 花澄 (f) Japanese From Japanese 霞 (kasumi) meaning "mist". It can also come from 花 (ka) meaning "flower, blossom" combined with 澄 (sumi) meaning "clear, pure". Other kanji combinations are also possible.

KATASHI 堅 (m) Japanese From Japanese 堅 (katashi) meaning "hard, firm" or other kanji and kanji combinations which are pronounced the same way.

KATSU 勝 (m) Japanese From Japanese 勝 (katsu) meaning "victory", as well as other kanji having the same pronunciation.

KATSUO 勝雄 (m) Japanese From Japanese 勝 (katsu) meaning "victory" and 雄 (o) meaning "hero, manly". Other combinations of kanji are also possible.

KATSURO 勝郎 (m) Japanese Variant transcription of KATSUROU.

KATSUROU 勝郎 (m) Japanese From Japanese 勝 (katsu) meaning "victory" and 郎 (rou) meaning "son". Different kanji characters can combine to form this name as well.

KAZUE 和枝,一恵,一枝 (f) Japanese
From Japanese 和 (kazu) meaning
"harmony, peace" or 一 (kazu) meaning
"one" combined with 枝 (e) meaning
"branch" or 恵 (e) meaning "favour,
benefit". Other combinations of kanji
characters can potentially form this
name.

KAZUKI 一輝, 一樹, 和希, 和樹 (m) Japanese

From Japanese — (kazu) meaning "one" or 和 (kazu) meaning "harmony, peace" combined with 輝 (ki) meaning "brightness", 希 (ki) meaning "hope" or 樹 (ki) meaning "tree", as well as other combinations of kanji characters.

KAZUKO 一子, 和子 (f) Japanese

From Japanese — (kazu) meaning "one" or 和 (kazu) meaning "harmony, peace" combined with 子 (ko) meaning "child". This name can also be formed from other kanji combinations.

KAZUO 一男, 和夫 (m)Japanese
From Japanese — (kazu) meaning "one"
or 和 (kazu) meaning "harmony, peace"
combined with 男 (o) meaning "male,
man" or 夫 (o) meaning "husband, man".
Other kanji combinations can also form
this name.

KEIKO 慶子, 敬子, 啓子, 惠子 (f) Japanese From Japanese 慶 (kei) meaning "celebrate", 敬 (kei) meaning "respect", 啓 (kei) meaning "open, begin" or 惠 (kei) meaning "favour, benefit" combined with 子 (ko) meaning "child". Other kanji combinations are possible.

KEN (2) 健 (m) Japanese From Japanese 健 (ken) meaning "healthy, strong" or other kanji which are pronounced the same way.

KEN'ICHI 健一, 研一 (m) Japanese
From Japanese 健 (ken) meaning
"healthy, strong" or 研 (ken) meaning
"study, sharpen" combined with — (ichi)
meaning "one". Other kanji combinations
are possible.

KENJI 研二 (m) Japanese From Japanese 研 (ken) meaning "study, sharpen" and 二 (ji) meaning "two", as well as other combinations of kanji characters.

KENSHIN 謙信 (m) Japanese From Japanese 謙 (ken) meaning "humble, modest" and 信 (shin) meaning "trust, believe". Other kanji combinations can also form this name.

KENTA 健太 (m) Japanese
From Japanese 健 (ken) meaning
"healthy, strong" and 太 (ta) meaning
"thick, big", as well as other kanji
combinations having the same
pronunciation.

KICHIRO 吉郎 (m) Japanese Variant transcription of KICHIROU.

KICHIROU 吉郎 (m) Japanese From Japanese 吉 (kichi) meaning "good luck" and 郎 (rou) meaning "son". Other kanji combinations are also possible.

KIKU 菊 (f) Japanese From Japanese 菊 (kiku) meaning "chrysanthemum", as well as other kanji characters which are pronounced the same way.

KIMIKO 貴美子, 君子 (f) Japanese From Japanese 貴 (ki) meaning "valuable" with 美 (mi) meaning "beautiful" or 君 (kimi) meaning "lord, noble" combined with 子 (ko) meaning "child". Other kanji combinations are possible.

KIYOKO 清子, 聖子 (f) Japanese From Japanese 清 (kiyo) meaning "clear, pure, clean" or 聖 (kiyo) meaning "holy" and 子 (ko) meaning "child". This name can also be formed from other combinations of kanji characters.

KIYOSHI 清, 淳 (m) Japanese From Japanese 清 (kiyoshi) or 淳 (kiyoshi) both meaning "pure". Other kanji or kanji combinations can also form this name.

KOHAKU 琥珀 (f & m) Japanese From Japanese 琥珀 (kohaku) meaning "amber".

KOHARU 小春, 心春 (f) Japanese
From Japanese 小 (ko) meaning "small" or
心 (ko) meaning "heart" combined with 春
(haru) meaning "spring". The compound
word 小春 means "late summer". Other
combinations of kanji characters can
form this name as well.

KOKORO 心, こころ (f)Japanese From Japanese 心 (kokoro) meaning "heart, mind, soul" or other kanji and kanji combinations having the same pronunciation. It is often written using the hiragana writing system.

KOTONE 琴音 (f) Japanese
From Japanese 琴 (koto), which refers to a
type of musical instrument similar to a
harp, combined with 音 (ne) meaning
"sound". Other kanji combinations are
also possible.

KOUKI 光希, 幸輝 (m) Japanese From Japanese 光 (kou) meaning "light" or 幸 (kou) meaning "happiness, good luck" combined with 希 (ki) meaning "hope" or 輝 (ki) meaning "brightness". This name can be formed from other combinations of kanji characters as well.

KOUTA 康太 (m) Japanese From Japanese 康 (kou) meaning "peace" and 太 (ta) meaning "thick, big". Other kanji combinations are possible.

KUMIKO 久美子 (f) Japanese From Japanese 久 (ku) meaning "long time", 美 (mi) meaning "beautiful" and 子 (ko) meaning "child". Other kanji combinations are possible.

KURO 九郎 (m) Japanese Variant transcription of KUROU.

KUROU 九郎 (m) Japanese From Japanese 九 (ku) meaning "nine" and 郎 (rou) meaning "son". This name was traditionally given to the ninth son. Other combinations of kanji characters are also possible.

KYO 協, 京, 郷, 杏 (m & f) Japanese Variant transcription of KYOU.

KYOU 協, 京, 郷, 杏 (m & f) Japanese From Japanese 協 (kyou) meaning "unite, cooperate", 京 (kyou) meaning "capital city", 郷 (kyou) meaning "village", 杏 (kyou) meaning "apricot", or other kanji with the same pronunciation.

MAI (2) 舞, 麻衣, 真愛 (f) Japanese From Japanese 舞 (mai) meaning "dance" or 麻衣 (mai) meaning "linen robe". It can also come from 真 (ma) meaning "real, genuine" combined with 愛 (ai) meaning "love, affection". Other kanji or kanji combinations can also form this name.

MAKOTO 誠 (m & f) Japanese From Japanese 誠 (makoto) meaning "sincerity", as well as other kanji or kanji combinations.

MAMI 真美, 麻美 () fJapanese From Japanese 真 (ma) meaning "real, genuine" or 麻 (ma) meaning "flax" combined with 美 (mi) meaning "beautiful". Other combinations of kanji can form this name as well.

MANAMI 愛美, 愛海 (f) Japanese From Japanese 愛 (mana) meaning "love, affection" combined with 美 (mi) meaning "beautiful" or 海 (mi) meaning "sea, ocean". Other kanji combinations are possible.

MAO (1) 真央, 真緒, 舞桜 (f) Japanese From Japanese 真 (ma) meaning "real, genuine" or 舞 (mai) meaning "dance" combined with 央 (o) meaning "center", 緒 (o) meaning "thread" or 桜 (o) meaning "cherry blossom". Other kanji combinations are possible.

MARI (2) 真理, 真里 (f)Japanese From Japanese 真 (ma) meaning "real, genuine" combined with 理 (ri) meaning "reason, logic" or 里 (ri) meaning "village". Many other combinations of kanji characters can form this name. MARIKO 真里子 (f) Japanese From Japanese 真 (ma) meaning "real, genuine", 里 (ri) meaning "village" and 子 (ko) meaning "child". Many different combinations of kanji characters can form this name.

MASAMI 成美, 正美 (f & m) Japanese From Japanese 成 (masa) meaning "become" or 正 (masa) meaning "right, proper" combined with 美 (mi) meaning "beautiful". This name can also be formed from other combinations of kanji.

MASARU 勝 (m) Japanese From Japanese 勝 (masaru) meaning "victory". Other kanji or kanji combinations can also form this name.

MASUYO 益世 (f) Japanese From Japanese 益 (masu) meaning "profit, benefit" and 世 (yo) meaning "world". Other kanji combinations are possible.

MAYU 真優, 満夕 (f) Japanese
From Japanese 真 (ma) meaning "real,
genuine" or 満 (ma) meaning "full"
combined with 優 (yu) meaning
"excellence, superiority, gentleness" or 夕
(yu) meaning "evening". This name can
also be constructed from other kanji
combinations.

MEGUMI 恵, 愛, めぐみ (f) Japanese From Japanese 恵 (megumi) meaning "favour, benefit" or 愛 (megumi) meaning "love, affection", as well as other kanji or kanji combinations which have the same reading. It is often written using the hiragana writing system.

MEI (2) 芽依, 芽生, 芽衣 (f) Japanese From Japanese 芽 (me) meaning "bud, sprout" combined with 依 (i) meaning "rely on", 生 (i) meaning "life" or 衣 (i) meaning "clothing, garment". Other kanji combinations are possible.

MICHI (1) 道 (m & f) Japanese From Japanese 道 (michi) meaning "path". Other kanji can also form this name.

MICHIKO 美智子 (f) Japanese
From Japanese 美 (mi) meaning
"beautiful", 智 (chi) meaning "wisdom,
intellect" and 子 (ko) meaning "child".
This name can also be comprised of other
combinations of kanji.

MIDORI 緑 (f) Japanese From Japanese 緑 (midori) meaning "green", as well as other kanji or kanji combinations which have the same pronunciation.

MIHO (2) 美穂 (f) Japanese From Japanese 美 (mi) meaning "beautiful" and 穂 (ho) meaning "grain". Other kanji combinations are also possible.

MIKA (2) 美香, 美加 (f) Japanese From Japanese 美 (mi) meaning "beautiful" combined with 香 (ka) meaning "fragrance" or 加 (ka) meaning "increase". Other kanji combinations are also possible.

MIKI 美紀 (f)Japanese From Japanese 美 (mi) meaning "beautiful" and 紀 (ki) meaning "chronicle". Other kanji combinations are possible.

MIKU美空, 美久, 未来 (f) Japanese
From Japanese 美 (mi) meaning
"beautiful" combined with 空 (ku)
meaning "sky" or 久 (ku) meaning "long
time". It can also come from a nanori
reading of 未来 (mirai) meaning "future".
Other kanji combinations are possible as
well.

MINAKO 美奈子 (f) Japanese From Japanese 美 (mi) meaning "beautiful", 奈 (na), a phonetic character, and 子 (ko) meaning "child". Other kanji combinations are possible.

MINATO 港 (m & f) Japanese (Rare) From Japanese 港 (minato) meaning "harbour", as well as other combinations of kanji having the same pronunciation.

MINORU 実 (m & f) Japanese From Japanese 実 (minoru) meaning "to bear fruit", as well as other kanji or kanji combinations with the same pronunciation.

MIO 美桜, 美緒 (f) Japanese From Japanese 美 (mi) meaning "beautiful" combined with 桜 (o) meaning "cherry blossom" or 緒 (o) meaning "thread". Other kanji or kanji combinations can also form this name.

MISAKI 美咲 (f) Japanese From Japanese 美 (mi) meaning "beautiful" and 咲 (saki) meaning "blossom". This name can be formed from other combinations of kanji as well.

MITSUKO 光子 (f) Japanese From Japanese 光 (mitsu) meaning "light" and 子 (ko) meaning "child". Other kanji combinations are possible. MIU 美羽 (f) Japanese From Japanese 美 (mi) meaning "beautiful" and 羽 (u) meaning "feather". Other kanji combinations are possible.

MIYAKO 美夜子 (f? Japanese From Japanese 美 (mi) meaning "beautiful", 夜 (ya) meaning "night" and 子 (ko) meaning "child". This name can be formed from other combinations of kanji as well.

MIYU 美優, 美結, 実優, 美夕 (f) Japanese From Japanese 美 (mi) meaning "beautiful" or 実 (mi) meaning "fruit, good result, truth" combined with 優 (yu) meaning "excellence, superiority, gentleness" or 結 (yu) meaning "tie, bind" or 夕 (yu) meaning "evening". Other kanji combinations are possible.

MIZUKI 瑞希 (f) Japanese From Japanese 瑞 (mizu) meaning "felicitous omen, auspicious" and 希 (ki) meaning "hope", besides other kanji combinations.

MOE (2) 萌 (f) Japanese From Japanese 萌 (moe) meaning "bud, sprout". Other kanji with the same reading can also form this name.

MOMOKA 百花, 桃花, 桃香 (f) Japanese From Japanese 百 (momo) meaning "hundred" or 桃 (momo) meaning "peach" combined with 花 (ka) meaning "flower" or 香 (ka) meaning "fragrance". Other kanji combinations are possible.

MOMOKO 百子, 桃子 (f) Japanese From Japanese 百 (momo) meaning "hundred" or 桃 (momo) meaning "peach" combined with 子 (ko) meaning "child". This name can be constructed from other kanji combinations as well.

MORIKO 森子 (f) Japanese From Japanese 森 (mori) meaning "forest" and 子 (ko) meaning "child". Other kanji combinations are also possible.

NANA (2) 菜奈, 奈菜, 菜々, 奈々 (f) Japanese

From Japanese 菜 (na) meaning "vegetables, greens" and/or 奈 (na), a phonetic character. The characters can be in either order or the same character can be duplicated, as indicated by the symbol 々. Other kanji with the same pronunciations can also be used to form this name.

NANAKO 菜々子 (f) Japanese

From Japanese 菜 (na) meaning "vegetables, greens" duplicated and 子 (ko) meaning "child". Other kanji combinations are possible as well.

NANAMI 七海, 菜々美 (f) Japanese
From Japanese 七 (nana) meaning
"seven" and 海 (mi) meaning "sea". It can
also come from 菜 (na) meaning
"vegetables, greens" duplicated and 美
(mi) meaning "beautiful". Other kanji
combinations are also possible.

NAOKI 直樹 (m) Japanese From Japanese 直 (nao) meaning "straight" and 樹 (ki) meaning "tree", as well as other combinations of different kanji with the same pronunciations.

NAOKO 直子 (f) Japanese From Japanese 直 (nao) meaning "straight" and 子 (ko) meaning "child", as well as other kanji combinations.

NAOMI (2) 直美, 直己 (f & m) Japanese From Japanese 直 (nao) meaning "straight" and 美 (mi) meaning "beautiful" (usually feminine) or 己 (mi) meaning "self" (usually masculine). Other kanji combinations can also form this name.

NATSUKI 菜月, 夏希 (f) Japanese From Japanese 菜 (na) meaning "vegetables, greens" and 月 (tsuki) meaning "moon". Alternatively, it can come from 夏 (natsu) meaning "summer" and 希 (ki) meaning "hope". Other kanji combinations can form this name as well.

NATSUKO 夏子 (f) Japanese From Japanese 夏 (natsu) meaning "summer" and 子 (ko) meaning "child", as well as other kanji combinations.

NATSUMI 夏美, 菜摘 (f) Japanese From Japanese 夏 (natsu) meaning "summer" and 美 (mi) meaning "beautiful". It can also come from 菜 (na) meaning "vegetables, greens" and 摘 (tsumi) meaning "pick, pluck". Other kanji combinations are possible.

NOA (2) 乃愛 (f) Japanese From Japanese 乃 (no), a possessive particle, and 愛 (a) meaning "love, affection". This name can also be constructed from other kanji or kanji combinations.

NOBORU 登 (m) Japanese From Japanese 登 (noboru) meaning "rise, ascend" or other kanji pronounced in the same way. NOBU信,延(m) Japanese From Japanese信(nobu) meaning "trust",延(nobu) meaning "prolong, stretch", or other kanji and kanji combinations. It is sometimes a short form of longer names beginning with this sound.

NOBURU 伸 (m) Japanese From Japanese 伸 (noburu) meaning "extend, stretch" or other kanji having the same pronunciation.

NOBUYUKI 信行, 伸行, 信幸, 伸幸, 信之, 伸之(m) Japanese From Japanese 信 (nobu) meaning "trust" or 伸 (nobu) meaning "extend, stretch, open" combined with 行 (yuki) meaning "row, line" or 幸 (yuki) meaning "happiness". Other kanji combinations are possible as well.

NORI 儀mJapanese From Japanese 儀 (nori) meaning "ceremony, rites" or other kanji which are pronounced the same way.

NORIKO 法子, 典子 (f) Japanese From Japanese 法 (nori) meaning "law, rule" or 典 (nori) meaning "rule, ceremony" combined with 子 (ko) meaning "child". Other kanji combinations are possible.

OSAMU 修 (m) Japanese From Japanese 修 (osamu) meaning "discipline, study", as well as other kanji which have the same pronunciation.

RAN 蘭 (f) Japanese From Japanese 蘭 (ran) meaning "orchid" or other kanji pronounced in the same way.

REI 鈴, 麗, 玲 (f) Japanese From Japanese 鈴 (rei) meaning "bell", 麗 (rei) meaning "beautiful, lovely" or 玲 (rei) meaning "the tinkling of jade". This name can also be formed by other kanji with the same pronunciation.

REINA (3) 怜奈 (f) Japanese From Japanese 怜 (rei) meaning "wise" and 奈 (na), a phonetic character. This name can also be formed by other combinations of kanji.

REN 蓮, 恋 (m & f) Japanese From Japanese 蓮 (ren) meaning "lotus", 恋 (ren) meaning "love", or other kanji which are pronounced the same way.

RIKO 莉子, 理子 (f) Japanese From Japanese 莉 (ri) meaning "white jasmine" or 理 (ri) meaning "reason, logic" combined with 子 (ko) meaning "child".
Other kanji combinations are possible.

RIKU (2) 陸 (m) Japanese From Japanese 陸 (riku) meaning "land" or different kanji which are pronounced the same way.

RIKUTO 陸斗, 陸人 (m) Japanese
From Japanese 陸 (riku) meaning "land"
combined with 斗 (to), which refers to a
Chinese constellation, or 人 (to) meaning
"person", as well as other combinations
of kanji which have the same
pronunciations.

RIN 凛 (f & m) Japanese From Japanese 凛 (rin) meaning "dignified, severe, cold" or other kanji which are pronounced the same way.

RINA (4) 莉奈, 里菜, 莉菜, 里奈 (f) Japanese From Japanese 莉 (ri) meaning "white jasmine" or 里 (ri) meaning "village" combined with 奈 (na), a phonetic character, or 菜 (na) meaning "vegetables, greens". Other kanji combinations are possible.

RIO (2) 莉央, 莉緒, 里桜 (f) Japanese From Japanese 莉 (ri) meaning "white jasmine" or 里 (ri) meaning "village" combined with 央 (o) meaning "center", 緒 (o) meaning "thread" or 桜 (o) meaning "cherry blossom". Other kanji combinations are also possible.

ROKURO 六郎 (m) Japanese Variant transcription of ROKUROU.

ROKUROU 六郎 (m) Japanese From Japanese 六 (roku) meaning "six" and 郎 (rou) meaning "son". This name was traditionally given to the sixth son. Other combinations of kanji characters can be possible.

RYO 涼, 遼, 諒 (m) Japanese Variant transcription of RYOU.

RYOICHI 良一, 亮一 (m) Japanese Variant transcription of RYOUICHI.

RYOTA 涼太, 亮太, 良太 (m) Japanese Variant transcription of RYOUTA.

RYOU 涼, 遼, 諒 (m) Japanese From Japanese 涼 (ryou) meaning "cool, refreshing", 遼 (ryou) meaning "distant" or 諒 (ryou) meaning "reality", as well as other kanji which have the same pronunciation. RYOUICHI 良一, 亮一 (m) Japanese From Japanese 良 (ryou) meaning "good" or 亮 (ryou) meaning "clear" combined with — (ichi) meaning "one". Other kanji combinations are possible.

RYOUTA 涼太, 亮太, 良太 (m) Japanese From Japanese 涼 (ryou) meaning "cool, refreshing", 亮 (ryou) meaning "clear" or 良 (ryou) meaning "good" combined with 太 (ta) meaning "thick, big". This name can also be formed of other kanji combinations.

RYUU 竜, 龍 (m) Japanese From Japanese 竜, 龍 (ryuu) meaning "dragon", as well as other kanji with the same pronunciation.

RYUUNOSUKE 竜之介,龍之介,隆之介(m) From Japanese 竜,龍 (ryuu) meaning "dragon" or 隆 (ryuu) meaning "noble, prosperous" combined with 之 (no), a possessive marker, and 介 (suke) meaning "forerunner, herald". Other kanji combinations are also possible.

SABURO 三郎 (m) Japanese Variant transcription of SABUROU.

SABUROU 三郎 (m) Japanese
From Japanese 三 (sabu) meaning "three"
and 郎 (rou) meaning "son". This was
traditionally a name for the third son.
Other kanji combinations are possible as
well.

SACHIKO 幸子 (f) Japanese From Japanese 幸 (sachi) meaning "happiness, good luck" and 子 (ko) meaning "child". Other kanji combinations are possible.

SAKI 咲希 (f) Japanese From Japanese 咲 (sa) meaning "blossom" and 希 (ki) meaning "hope", besides other combinations of kanji characters.

SAKIKO 咲子 (f) Japanese From Japanese 咲 (saki) meaning "blossom" and 子 (ko) meaning "child", as well as other combinations of kanji characters.

SAKURA 桜, 咲良, さくら (f) Japanese From Japanese 桜 (sakura) meaning "cherry blossom", though it is often written using the hiragana writing system. It can also come from 咲 (saku) meaning "blossom" and 良 (ra) meaning "good, virtuous, respectable" as well as other kanji combinations.

SAKURAKO 桜子 (f) Japanese

From Japanese 桜 (sakura) meaning "cherry blossom" and 子 (ko) meaning "child". Other kanji combinations are also possible.

SATOMI 里美, 聡美 (f) Japanese From Japanese 里 (sato) meaning "village" or 聡 (sato) meaning "intelligent, clever, bright" combined with 美 (mi) meaning "beautiful". Other kanji combinations are possible.

SAYAKA 沙也香, 沙耶香, 沙也加, 紗耶香, さやか (f) Japanese
From Japanese 沙 (sa) meaning "sand" or 紗 (sa) meaning "thread, silk" with 也 (ya) meaning "also" or 耶 (ya), an interjection, combined with 香 (ka) meaning "fragrance" or 加 (ka) meaning "increase". This name can also be composed of other kanji combinations. It is often written using the hiragana writing system.

SAYURI 小百合 (f) Japanese From Japanese 小 (sa) meaning "small" and 百合 (yuri) meaning "lily". This name can also be composed of other kanji combinations.

SETSUKO 節子 (f) Japanese From Japanese 節 (setsu) meaning "section, period, verse, melody" and 子 (ko) meaning "child". Other kanji combinations can also be possible.

SHICHIRO 七郎 (m) Japanese Variant transcription of SHICHIROU.

SHICHIROU 七郎 (m) Japanese From Japanese 七 (shichi) meaning "seven" and 郎 (rou) meaning "son". This was traditionally a name given to the seventh son. Other kanji combinations can be possible.

SHIN 真 (m) Japanese From Japanese 真 (shin) meaning "real, genuine" or other kanji with the same pronunciation.

SHIN'ICHI 真一, 新一, 信一 (m) Japanese From Japanese 真 (shin) meaning "real, genuine" or 新 (shin) meaning "fresh, new" combined with — (ichi) meaning "one". Other kanji combinations are also possible.

SHINJU 真珠 (f) Japanese From Japanese 真珠 (shinju) meaning "pearl".

SHINOBU 忍 (f & m) Japanese From Japanese 忍 (shinobu) meaning "endurance", as well as other kanji or kanji combinations having the same pronunciation.

SHIORI 詩織, 栞, 撓 (f & m) Japanese As a feminine name it can be from Japanese 詩 (shi) meaning "poem" combined with 織 (ori) meaning "weave". It can also be from 栞 (shiori) meaning "bookmark" (usually feminine) or 撓 (shiori) meaning "lithe, bending" (usually masculine), as well as other kanji or kanji combinations.

SHIRO 四郎 (m) Japanese Variant transcription of SHIROU.

SHIROU 四郎 (m) Japanese From Japanese 四 (shi) meaning "four" and 郎 (rou) meaning "son". This was traditionally a name for the fourth son. Other kanji combinations are possible.

SHIZUKA 静夏, 静香 (f) Japanese From Japanese 静 (shizu) meaning "quiet" combined with 夏 (ka) meaning "summer" or 香 (ka) meaning "fragrance". Other kanji combinations are possible.

SHO 翔, 奨 (m) Japanese Variant transcription of SHOU.

SHOTA 翔太 (m) Japanese Variant transcription of SHOUTA.

SHOU 翔, 奨 (m?Japanese From Japanese 翔 (shou) meaning "soar, glide" or 奨 (shou) meaning "prize, reward". Other kanji with identical pronunciations can also form this name.

SHOUHEI 翔平 (m) Japanese From Japanese 翔 (shou) meaning "soar, glide" and 平 (hei) meaning "level, even, peaceful", in addition to other combinations of kanji which are pronounced the same way.

SHOUTA 翔太 (m) Japanese From Japanese 翔 (shou) meaning "soar, glide" and 太 (ta) meaning "thick, big". Other combinations of kanji are also possible.

SHUN (2) 駿, 俊 (f & m) Japanese From Japanese 駿 (shun) meaning "fast", 俊 (shun) meaning "talented", or other kanji which are pronounced the same way.

SORA 空, 昊 (f & m) Japanese From Japanese 空 (sora) or 昊 (sora) which both mean "sky". Other kanji with the same pronunciations can also form this name.

SOTA 颯太 (m) Japanese Variant transcription of SOUTA.

SOUMA 颯真 (m) Japanese From Japanese 颯 (sou) meaning "sudden, sound of the wind" and 真 (ma) meaning "real, genuine". Other kanji combinations are possible.

SOUTA 颯太 (m) Japanese From Japanese 颯 (sou) meaning "sudden, sound of the wind" and 太 (ta) meaning "thick, big". This name can also be formed of other kanji combinations.

SUMIKO 澄子 (f) Japanese From Japanese 澄 (sumi) meaning "clear" and 子 (ko) meaning "child". Other kanji combinations are possible.

SUSUMU 進 (m) Japanese From Japanese 進 (susumu) meaning "advance, make progress", as well as other kanji or kanji combinations having the same pronunciation.

SUZU 鈴 (f) Japanese From Japanese 鈴 (suzu) meaning "bell" or other kanji having the same pronunciation.

SUZUME 雀 (f) Japanese (Rare)
From Japanese 雀 (suzume) meaning
"sparrow", as well as other kanji or kanji
combinations which are pronounced the
same way.

TAICHI 太一 (m) Japanese
From Japanese 太 (ta) meaning "thick,
big" and — (ichi) meaning "one", in
addition to other combinations of kanji
which are pronounced the same way.

TAIKI 大輝, 大樹 (m) Japanese From Japanese 大 (tai) meaning "big, great" and 輝 (ki) meaning "brightness" or 樹 (ki) meaning "tree". Other kanji combinations are possible.

TAKAHIRO 貴大, 孝浩 (m) Japanese
From Japanese 貴 (taka) meaning
"valuable" or 孝 (taka) meaning "filial
piety" combined with 大 (hiro) meaning
"big, great" or 浩 (hiro) meaning
"prosperous". Other kanji combinations
are possible.

TAKAKO 孝子 (f) Japanese From Japanese 孝 (taka) meaning "filial piety" and 子 (ko) meaning "child", as well as other combinations of kanji characters.

TAKARA 宝 (m & f) Japanese
From Japanese 宝 (takara) meaning
"treasure, jewel", as well as other kanji or
kanji combinations with the same
pronunciation.

TAKASHI 孝, 隆, 崇, 尊 (m) Japanese
From Japanese 孝 (takashi) meaning "filial
piety", 隆 (takashi) meaning "noble,
prosperous" or 崇 (takashi) meaning
"esteem, honour, venerate", as well as
other kanji or kanji combinations which
result in the same pronunciation.

TAKEHIKO 武彦, 竹彦 (m) Japanese From Japanese 武 (take) meaning "military, martial" or 竹 (take) meaning "bamboo" combined with 彦 (hiko) meaning "boy, prince". Other kanji combinations are also possible.

TAKESHI 武,健 (m) Japanese From Japanese 武 (takeshi) meaning "military, martial",健 (takeshi) meaning "strong, healthy", or other kanji having the same reading.

TAKUMA 拓真 (m) Japanese From Japanese 拓 (taku) meaning "expand, open, support" and 真 (ma) meaning "real, genuine". Other kanji combinations are possible.

TAKUMI 匠, 巧, 拓海, 拓実 (m) Japanese From Japanese 匠 (takumi) meaning "artisan" or 巧 (takumi) meaning "skillful". It can also come from 拓 (taku) meaning "expand, open, support" combined with 海 (mi) meaning "sea, ocean" or 実 (mi) meaning "fruit, good result, truth". This name can also be formed of other kanji combinations.

TAKUYA 拓也, 拓哉 (m) Japanese
From Japanese 拓 (taku) meaning
"expand, open, support" combined with
也 (ya) meaning "also" or 哉 (ya), an
exclamation. This name can be formed
with other kanji combinations as well.

TAMIKO 多美子 (f) Japanese
From Japanese 多 (ta) meaning "many", 美
(mi) meaning "beautiful" and 子 (ko)
meaning "child". Other kanji
combinations are also possible.

TARO 太郎 (m) Japanese Variant transcription of TAROU.

TAROU 太郎 (m) Japanese From Japanese 太 (ta) meaning "thick, big" and 郎 (rou) meaning "son". Other kanji combinations are possible.

TOMIKO 富子 (f) Japanese From Japanese 富 (tomi) meaning "wealth, abundance" and 子 (ko) meaning "child". Other combinations of kanji can also form this name.

TOMOKO 智子, 朋子 (f) Japanese
From Japanese 智 (tomo) meaning
"wisdom, intellect" or 朋 (tomo) meaning
"friend" combined with 子 (ko) meaning
"child". This name can be formed of other
kanji characters as well.

TOMOMI 智美, 朋美, 智実 (f & m) Japanese From Japanese 智 (tomo) meaning "wisdom, intellect" or 朋 (tomo) meaning "friend" combined with 美 (mi) meaning "beautiful" or 実 (mi) meaning "fruit, good result, truth". Other kanji combinations can also form this name.

TSUBAKI 椿 (f) Japanese From Japanese 椿 (tsubaki) meaning "camellia flower", as well as other combinations of kanji which are pronounced the same way.

TSUBAME 燕 (f) Japanese (Rare)
From Japanese 燕 (tsubame) meaning
"swallow (bird)" or other kanji which have
the same pronunciation.

TSUBASA 翼 (m & f) Japanese From Japanese 翼 (tsubasa) meaning "wing", as well as other kanji or kanji combinations with the same pronunciation.

TSUKIKO 月子 (f) Japanese From Japanese 月 (tsuki) meaning "moon" and 子 (ko) meaning "child". Other combinations of kanji are possible.

UME 梅 (f) Japanese
From Japanese 梅 (ume) meaning
"Japanese apricot, plum" (refers
specifically to the species Prunus mume).
In Japan the ume blossom is regarded as
a symbol of spring and a ward against
evil. Different kanji or kanji combinations
can also form this name.

UMEKO 梅子 (f) Japanese From Japanese 梅 (ume) meaning "apricot, plum" (referring to the species Prunus mume) and 子 (ko) meaning "child". Other kanji combinations are possible.

WAKANA 和奏 (f) Japanese From Japanese 和 (wa) meaning "harmony" and 奏 (kana) meaning "play music, complete", as well as other combinations of kanji which are pronounced the same way.

YAMATO 大和 (m) Japanese
From YAMATO, an ancient name for
Japan. It can also refer to the Yamato
period in Japanese history, which lasted
into the 8th century. The individual kanji
are 大 meaning "great" and 和 meaning
"harmony".

YASU 安, 康, 坦 (f & m) Japanese From Japanese 安 (yasu) meaning "peace, quiet", 康 (yasu) meaning "peaceful" or 坦 (yasu) meaning "flat, smooth, level", as well as other kanji which are pronounced the same way.

YOKO 陽子, 洋子 (f) Japanese Variant transcription of YOUKO.

YORI 頼 (m) Japanese From Japanese 頼 (yori) meaning "rely" or other kanji which are pronounced the same way.

YOSHI 吉, 義, 良 (m & f) Japanese From Japanese 吉 (yoshi) meaning "good luck", 義 (yoshi) meaning "righteous", or 良 (yoshi) meaning "good, virtuous, respectable", as well as other kanji with the same reading.

YOSHIKO 良子, 芳子, 悦子 (f) Japanese From Japanese 良 (yoshi) meaning "good, virtuous, respectable", 芳 (yoshi) meaning "fragrant, virtuous, beautiful" or 悦 (yoshi) meaning "joy, pleased" combined with 子 (ko) meaning "child". This name can be formed from other kanji combinations as well.

YOSHIRO 義郎 (m) Japanese Variant transcription of YOSHIROU.

YOSHIROU 義郎 (m) Japanese From Japanese 義 (yoshi) meaning "righteous" and 郎 (rou) meaning "son". Other kanji combinations are also possible.

YOUKO 陽子, 洋子 (f) Japanese From Japanese 陽 (you) meaning "light, sun, male" or 洋 (you) meaning "ocean" combined with 子 (ko) meaning "child". Other combinations of kanji characters are possible.

YOUTA 陽太 (m) Japanese From Japanese 陽 (you) meaning "light, sun, male" and 太 (ta) meaning "thick, big". Other character combinations are possible. YUA 結愛 (f) Japanese From Japanese 結 (yu) meaning "tie, bind" and 愛 (a) meaning "love, affection". Other kanji combinations are possible.

YUI 結衣, 優衣, 結 (f) Japanese
From Japanese 結 (yu) meaning "tie, bind"
or 優 (yu) meaning "excellence,
superiority, gentleness" combined with 衣
(i) meaning "clothing, garment". It can
also come from standalone 結 (yui) using
a different nanori reading. This name can
be formed of other kanji or kanji
combinations as well.

YUINA 結菜 (f) Japanese From Japanese 結 (yui) meaning "tie, bind" and 菜 (na) meaning "vegetables, greens". Other kanji combinations are possible.

YUKI 幸, 雪, 由貴, 由紀 (f & m) Japanese
From Japanese 幸 (yuki) meaning
"happiness" or 雪 (yuki) meaning "snow".
It can also come from 由 (yu) meaning
"reason, cause" combined with 貴 (ki)
meaning "valuable" or 紀 (ki) meaning
"chronicle". Other kanji or kanji
combinations are also possible.

YUKIKO 幸子, 雪子, 由喜子, 由貴子 (f)
From Japanese 幸 (yuki) meaning
"happiness" or 雪 (yuki) meaning "snow"
combined with 子 (ko) meaning "child".
Alternatively, it can come from 由 (yu)
meaning "reason, cause" with 喜 (ki)
meaning "joy" or 貴 (ki) meaning
"valuable" combined with 子 (ko) meaning
"child". Other kanji combinations can also
form this name.

YUKO 優子 (f) Japanese From Japanese 優 (yu) meaning "excellence, superiority, gentleness" and 子 (ko) meaning "child", as well as other combinations of kanji.

YUMI 弓, 由美, 友美, 弓美 (f) Japanese From Japanese 弓 (yumi) meaning "archery bow". It can also come from 由 (yu) meaning "reason, cause", 友 (yu) meaning "friend" or a nanori reading of 弓 (yu) meaning "archery bow" combined with 美 (mi) meaning "beautiful". Other kanji or kanji combinations are also possible.

YUMIKO 弓子, 由美子 (f) Japanese From Japanese 弓 (yumi) meaning "archery bow" or 由 (yu) meaning "reason, cause" with 美 (mi) meaning "beautiful" combined with 子 (ko) meaning "child". Other kanji combinations are possible. YURI (2) 百合 (f) Japanese From Japanese 百合 (yuri) meaning "lily". Other kanji or combinations of kanji can also form this name.

YUU 優, 悠, 勇 (m & f) Japanese From Japanese 優 (yuu) meaning "excellence, superiority, gentleness", 悠 (yuu) meaning "distant, leisurely", 勇 (yuu) meaning "brave", or other kanji which are pronounced the same way.

YUUDAI 雄大 (m) Japanese From Japanese 雄 (yuu) meaning "hero, manly" and 大 (dai) meaning "big, great, vast", besides other combinations of kanji.

YUUKA 優花 (f) Japanese From Japanese 優 (yuu) meaning "excellence, superiority, gentleness" and 花 (ka) meaning "flower, blossom". It can also be composed of different kanji which have the same pronunciations.

YUUKI 優希, 悠希, 優輝, 悠生 (m & f)
From Japanese 優 (yuu) meaning
"excellence, superiority, gentleness" or 悠
(yuu) meaning "distant, leisurely"
combined with 希 (ki) meaning "hope", 輝
(ki) meaning "brightness" or 生 (ki)
meaning "living". Other combinations of
kanji can form this name as well.

YUUKO 優子, 悠子, 裕子 (f) Japanese From Japanese 優 (yuu) meaning "excellence, superiority, gentleness", 悠 (yuu) meaning "distant, leisurely" or 裕 (yuu) meaning "abundant" combined with 子 (ko) meaning "child". This name can be formed of different kanji characters as well.

YUUMA 悠真, 優真 (m) Japanese From Japanese 悠 (yuu) meaning "distant, leisurely" or 優 (yuu) meaning "excellence, superiority, gentleness" combined with 真 (ma) meaning "real, genuine". Other combinations of kanji can form this name as well.

YUUNA 優菜, 優奈, 柚菜 (f) Japanese From Japanese 優 (yuu) meaning "excellence, superiority, gentleness" or 柚 (yuu) meaning "grapefruit, pomelo, citrus fruit" combined with 菜 (na) meaning "vegetables, greens" or 奈 (na), a phonetic character. Other combinations of kanji are also possible.

YUUTA 優太, 悠太, 勇太, 雄大 (m) Japanese From Japanese 優 (yuu) meaning "excellence, superiority, gentleness", 悠 (yuu) meaning "distant, leisurely" or 勇 (yuu) meaning "brave" combined with 太 (ta) meaning "thick, big". Other combinations of kanji are possible.

YUUTO 優斗, 悠斗, 悠人, 悠翔, 優翔, 柚翔, 祐翔, 勇人 (m) Japanese From Japanese 優 (yuu) meaning "excellence, superiority, gentleness" or 悠 (yuu) meaning "distant, leisurely" combined with 斗 (to), which refers to a Chinese constellation, 人 (to) meaning "person" or 翔 (to) meaning "soar, fly". Other kanji combinations are possible.

YUZUKI 柚希 (f) Japanese From Japanese 柚 (yuzu) meaning "grapefruit, pomelo, citrus fruit" and 希 (ki) meaning "hope". Other combinations of kanji can form this name as well.

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Some people didn't have to win a beauty pageant to be called "Miss Kyoto."

If you've made a moderate amount of Japanese social or business acquaintances, or even just enjoy video games or anime set in Japan, odds are there are a few family names you're familiar with. Sato and Suzuki are by far the most common surnames in Japan, with others such as Takahashi and Tanaka also showing up very frequently.

But what about the other end of the spectrum? Myoji Yurai Net, a Japanese surname database, recently released the results of a study in which researchers analyzed data from government statistics and phone books in order to compile a list of the 30 rarest Japanese family names.

Let's take a look at the rankings:

30. Ikari / 五十里 Meaning: 50 villages

While the meaning might not be so dramatic, when written with different kanji characters, ikari can also mean "anger" or "anchor." According to Myoji Yurai Net's study, approximately 1,300 people across Japan bear this surname.

29. Shio / 塩 Meaning: salt

To clarify, this isn't a name that etymologically traces back to the word "salt," but one that's written and

pronounced exactly like shio, the Japanese word for table salt.

28. Shikichi / 敷地 Meaning: building site

27. Tsukumo / 九十九 Meaning: 99

99 what? Why not 100? We have so many questions.

26. Ichibangase / 一番ケ瀬 Meaning: first rapids, first shoals

25. Myoga / 茗荷 Meaning: Japanese ginger

Myoga is the first of a handful of agriculture-based names on the list, highlighting how much of Japan's populace was involved in farming prior to the end of the feudal era.

24. Kai / 買 Meaning: shell, shellfish

23. Jinja / 神社 Meaning: Shinto shrine

In olden times, Shinto shrines were often the center of culture and activity in their respective communities, and thus a part of the personal identity of those who lived nearby. But while many Japanese surnames contain the kanji 神, meaning "god" or "divine," the rather on-the-nose Jinja is far less common, being the family name of only about 330 people.

22. Akasofu / 赤祖父 Meaning: red grandfather

While many Japanese names are reflections of the natural environment, ones that reference people are much rarer, much less one with a specific color.

21. Kon / 根 Meaning: root

"Hey, wait a second," anime fans are saying. "What about esteemed Perfect Blue, Paprika, and Tokyo Godfathers director Satoshi Kon?"
Actually, the late director's surname was

written with the kanji 今, meaning "now," and while that's also a somewhat unusual family name, it's not as rare as this plant-based one.

20. Hirawa / 平和 Meaning: plain of harmony

19. Botan / 牡丹 Meaning: peony

References to trees are common in Japanese names. Matsuda means "field of pines," for example, while Sugimoto is "original cedar." Flowers are less common, though, especially when the name matches up exactly with the name of the blossom.

18. Taue / 田植 Meaning: rice planting

17. Keana / 毛穴 Meaning: (skin) pores

16. Mizoroge / 御菩薩池 Meaning: honored Bodhisattva pond

15. Senju / 先生 Meaning: teacher

While senju is a pretty old-school term to use for an educational instructor, the kanji characters 先生 are the exact same ones used to write sensei, the standard way of addressing schoolteachers and doctors in Japanese.

14. Suisha / 水車 Meaning: water wheel, mill

13. Kyoto / 京都 Meaning: Kyoto, Japan's former capital city

Surnames that are also place names aren't entirely uncommon in Japan. In many cases, though, they're coincidences born out of a reference to the natural landscape serving as inspiration for the name of a family and location. Chiba ("thousand leaves") and Matsumoto ("original pine") are often-heard family names, but they're also a prefecture and

city, respectively.

On the other hand, Kyoto means "capital city," making this a case of a family name being derived from the name of an already established place.

12. Momo / 百百 Meaning: Hundred hundred

Momo is also the Japanese word for "peach," but in the case of the fruit, the kanji 桃 is used instead. Making things even odder is that Japanese already has a word for a hundred hundreds, man, which means "ten thousand."

11. Wamuro / 和室 Meaning: harmonious room

While the original intent was likely an auspicious allusion to a peaceful home and family, 和室 can also be read as washitsu, a Japanese-style room with tatami reed flooring.

10. Tokei / 時計 Meaning: watch, clock

9. Nosaku / 農作 Meaning: agricultural products

8. Kajiyashiki / 鍛冶屋敷 Meaning: blacksmith's mansion

7. Gogatsu / 五月 Meaning: May (the month)

Only about 30 people in Japan have this family name. Unfortunately, no data is availabe on how many of them are women with the given name Satsuki, which can also mean "May" and be written with the same 五月 kanji.

6. Hime / 姫 Meaning: princess

5. Higasa / 日傘 Meaning: parasol

4. lekami / 家神 Meaning: home god 3. Dango / 団子 Meaning: dumpling

We've seen a couple of foodstuffs on the list so far. This name, though (which like all of the top three is only held by about 10 people in Japan), is the first dessert.

2. Hinode / 日ノ出 Meaning: sunrise

1. Mikan / 蜜柑

Meaning: Japanese mandarin orange

Finally, we wrap up with one last edible, and it's a fitting one, as the small, sweet mikan makes for a healthy yet sweet snack after a meal.

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When it comes to naming the new addition to your family, you want the name to be the most unique and having an interesting meaning. If you have decided to give your baby a Japanese name, then you will be happy to know that there are several trendy ones with unique meanings. Given here is a list of unique baby names in Japanese.

Cool Japanese Girl Names:

Aiya — Beautiful silk

Akane — Brilliant red

Akiko — Bright light

Akira — Bright, clear

Amaya — Night rain

Ami — Friend

Annaisha — Helpful guide to others

Chieko — Wise child

Chika — Wisdom

Chinami — One thousand waves

Chiyoko — A thousand generations

Cho — Butterfly, born at dawn

Dai — Great

Daruma — Famous Buddhist

Den — Bequest from ancestors	Matsuko — Pine tree	Akiyama — Mountain
Emiko — Smiling child	Mayoko — Child of Mayo	Amida — The name of Buddha
Ena — Gift from God	Rikona — Intelligence	Arata — Fresh
Eri — Blessed prize	Rin — Park, a village	Atsushi — Cordial
Eshima — True blessed intention	Rini — Little bunny	Botan — Peony
	Risa — Growing flowers at home	Dai — Beloved and adored one
Hayami — Rare unusual beauty	_	Daiki — Of great value
Hekima — Wisdom	Rui — Affectionate	Daisuke — Great helper
Hideyo — Superior generations	Ruri — Emerald	Eiji — Splendid ruler
Hikaru — Light shining	Ryoko — Good child	Fudo — God of fire and wisdom
Hiriko — Generous	Sachi — Blessed, lucky	Fujita — Field
Hiroko — Magnanimous, generous child	Sadashi — Ambitious one	Fumio — Scholarly child
Hisa — Long-lasting	Sai — Talented	Goro — Fifth son
Hoshi — Star	Sakae — Prosperous	Hachiro — Eighth son
Humiya — History, healthy boy	Sakiko — Blossom child	Hajime — Beginning
Katsumi — Victorious beauty	Sakurako — Child of Sakura	Haru — Born in the spring
Kazashi — Hair ornament	Wakumi — Beautiful spring of water	, ,
Kazue — Branch, first blessing	Wattan — Homeland	Haruo — Springtime man
Kazumi — Harmonious beauty	Yo — Positive	Hideaki — Shining excellence
Keiko — Happy child	Yoko — Good girl	Hideki — Splendid opportunity
Kichi — Fortunate	Yori — Reliable, trustworthy	Hideo — Splendid man
Kiko — Hope	Yoshima — Good luck girl	Hikaru — Light shining
Kikue — Chrysanthemum branch	Yoshino — Fertile field	Hiro — Broad
Kimi — Beauty of the century	Yuka — Fragrant, friendly blossom	Hiroaki — Widespread brightness
Mai — Brightness; flower	Yume — Dream	Hiroki — Abundant joy
Maiko — Dancing child	Yumi — Excellent beauty	Hiromasa — Broad-minded and just
Majime — Earnest one		Hiromi — Wide-seeing
Mamiko — Child of Mami	Cool Japanese Boy Names:	Hiroshi — Abundant
	Akemi — Beauty of dawn	Hiroyuki — Widespread happiness
Manami — Love of beauty	Aki — Bright	Hisao — Long-lived man
Maria — Sea of bitterness	Akihiro — Shining prince	Hisashi — Long-lived
Maru — Round	Akio — Bright boy	Hisoka — Secretive, reserved
Masako — Truth child	Akira — Intelligent	Hitoshi — Even-tempered
Masumi — Increasing beauty, true purity		

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Ichiro — First son	Kunio — countryman	
Isamu — Courageous	Madoka — Tranquil	Mochi
Isao — Honor	Makoto — Sincerity	Sumi
Isas — Meritorious	Mamoru — Protective	Ocha
lwao — Stone man	Manabu — Studious	Sakura
Izanagi — Mythological deity	Masa — Good son	Ran
Jiro — Second-born son	Masaaki — Correct brightness	Hana
Joji — Farmer	Masahiko — Correct prince	Fuji
Jun — Obedient	Masahiro — Broad-minded	Momo
	Masakazu — First son of Masa	Kokoro
Jun'ichi — Obedience		Origami
Kanaye — Zealous one	Masaki — Correct record, elegant tree	Ryu
Kane — Golden	Nori — Good son	Sora
Kano — Water god	Norioman — Of principles	Yume
Katashi — Firmness	Osamu — Ruler	Niji
Katsu — Victory	Raiden — Mythological god of thunder	Yuki
Katsuo — Victorious child	Samuru — His name is God	Mizu
Kazuhiko — First, harmonious prince	Satoru — Enlightened	Taiyou
Kazuhiro — Harmony widespread	Takao — Noble man	Kumo
Kazuki — Pleasant peace, shining one	Takashi — Praiseworthy	Honou
Kazuo — Harmonious man	Takayuki — Filial happiness	
Ken — One's own mind	Yoshiro — Good son	Kibou
Kenichi — Town's founder	Yoshito — Lucky man	Yuuki
Kenji — Intelligent ruler	Yoshiyuki — Righteous happiness	Riki
Kenshin — Modest truth		Chibi
Kenta — Healthy, stout	Cool Japanese Names for Dogs:	Kuro
Kichiro — Lucky son	Ao	Shiro
Kin — Golden	Aka	Kin
Kioshi — Quiet	Ame	Gin
Kisho — One who knows his own mind	Anko	Midori
Kiyoshi — Pure, saintly, the quiet one	Ringo	Wasabi
Kohaku — Amber	Ichigo	Sushi
Koichi — Shining prince	Mikan	Koro
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The 10 most common surnames in Japan (and their meanings)

It's a little-known fact that until the Meiji era (1868-1912), the ordinary men and women of Japan did not have surnames. Rather, those names were reserved for people in positions of power, nobility, or those of noted artistic ability.

There are an estimated 100,000 family names in Japan — much more than in many Western countries, and vastly more than in neighboring Korea and China however what's curious is that of these surnames 10 are incredibly common, with millions of people sharing the exact same moniker. If you're on your way to Japan or learning the language, knowing how to read and pronounce at least a few of these will almost certainly get you out of a jam at some point or other, so allow us to introduce Japan's 10 most common surnames, their meanings, and a few fun facts on top, just because we're nice like that and we like your face.

A period of great change in Japan, the Meiji era was one of tremendous social and cultural revolution. No longer an isolated island refusing to trade or communicate with the outside world, Japan's new leaders propelled their country into the modern world, striving to compete with foreign visitors and rival Western inventions and thinking.

With this new way of thinking came a shakeup of established social systems, and all commoners were required by law to choose and register a family name for themselves. Many chose names that were already in use, hoping to gain a little extra credibility by sharing a name with those belonging to houses of nobility. Others adopted names reflecting their trade, role in society or simply the region they were from. It's clear, though, that there were a number of favorites!

In ascending order, the most common Japanese surnames today:

10. Saito

Persons with name: 980,000 Written: 斉藤 Meaning: The first kanji, sai 斉, can be used to refer to a meal taken by monks and priests, but in broader terms it conveys an image of purity and divine worship. The second character, tō 藤 (pronounced with a long 'oh') can also be read as "fuji", and means wisteria. The inclusion of this character suggests possible historical connections with the Fujiwara clan, and is found in a large number of Japanese family names, though how many of said families had genuine attachments to the group is debatable.

You may have heard of: Yuki Saito, the Yokohama-born actress, essayist, author, devout Mormon and star of numerous movies and a bevy of Japanese TV dramas.

9. Kobayashi

Persons with name: 1,019,000 Written: 小林 Meaning: "Small forest", using the kanji small 小 and woods/forest 林 (pronounced 'hayashi' on its own), the name may refer to the region its owner was from.

You may have heard of: 35-year-old Takeru Kobayashi, holder of four Guinness World Records for competitive eating.

8. Nakamura

Persons with name: 1,059,000 Written: 中村 Meaning: Literally 'inside' or 'middle' (naka 中), followed by village (mura 村). A person from the middle village, perhaps?

You may have heard of: Professional footballer Shunsuke Nakamura, who was the first Asian player to score a goal in the UEFA Champions League.

7. Yamamoto

Persons with name: 1,077,000 Written:

山本 Meaning: Composed of the characters mountain (yama 山) and base/origin (moto 本), this name is second only to Yamada (山田) for being nice, easy kanji to write, saving elementary school kids blessed with the name the hassle of learning kanji characters that they otherwise wouldn't meet for years.

You may have heard of: Isoraku
Yamamoto, the Marshall Admiral and
commander-in-chief during the
beginning of the Pacific War. Yamamoto
went down in history for being the man
ultimately responsible for the Japanese
attack on Pearl Harbor in 1941.

6. Ito

Persons with name: 1,080,000 Written: 伊藤 Meaning: The first kanji character, 伊 is also used to denote Italy, but historically speaking 伊 literally means 'this' or 'that one'. Coupled with the aforementioned kanji for wisteria, 藤, we might again suggest that the name suggests links to the Fujiwara clan, however tenuous. The name is both written and pronounced differently to ito 糸 (which has a short 'o' sound, and means 'thread'), so be sure to clearly pronounce that long "oh" at the end.

You may have heard of: Actor and anime voice actor Atsushi Ito, who played the nerdy male lead in popular TV drama "Densha Otoko." Or perhaps you spotted 28-year-old Hanae Ito competing as a backstroke swimmer in the London 2012 Olympic Games?

5. Watanabe

Persons with name: 1,134,000 Written: 渡辺 (sometimes 渡邊) Meaning: To cross or pass over 渡, and "area" or "border" 辺.

You may have heard of: Ken Watanabe, the go-to guy recently for seemingly every major role that calls for a Japanese actor. Watanabe has appeared in dozens of Western films including "Letters from Iwo Jima," "Batman Begins" and "Inception." Look out for him in the U.S. reboot movie "Godzilla," too.

4. Tanaka

Persons with name: 1,336,000 Written: 田中 Meaning: Literally "rice field" 田 and "middle/in" 中, the name most likely comes from those who owned or worked the "middle field" in any given town or village, and has stuck around ever since. Another nice, easy name to write, Jin Tanaka is also a popular placeholder name for used for things like credit card ads or shady people checking into hotels where Westerners would scrawl John Smith or Jane Doe.

You may have heard of: Tomoyuki Tanaka, the movie producer who brought us none other than the original "Godzilla."

3. Takahashi

People with name: 1,416,000 Written: 高橋 Meaning: "Tall/high" 高 and "bridge" 橋 suggests that perhaps the families who originally chose this name lived in an area beyond a deep valley crossed by long bridge. There again maybe they were going for something a little more symbolic rather than literal?

You may have heard of: the now extremely wealthy creator of such works as Inu Yasha and Ranma 1/2, Rumiko Takahashi.

2. Suzuki

People with name: 1,707,000 Written: 鈴木 Meaning: "Bell tree". Suzurin 鈴 is a small round bell, the kind of which you might put on a cat's collar. Why they're being tied to trees 木 though, we're not sure.

You may have heard of: New York Yankees' outfielder Ichiro Suzuki.

1. Sato

Number of people with name: 1,928,000 Written: 佐藤 Meaning: Alongside the ever-popular "tō" 藤, we find sa 佐, meaning "to assist". Do todays Satōs descend from those with close ties to the once great clan, or did they just love the way it sounded and the image it conveyed? We may never know.

There you have it, folks, the 10 most common Japanese family names. There may be a heck of a lot of others names out there, but with these 10 under your belt chances are you'll already be familiar with a fair chunk of the Japanese population.

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Top 10 foods to try in Japan

By Rebecca Milner - Travel writer

With its stunning landscapes and strong cultural identity, Japan is a once-in-a-lifetime holiday destination that's home to some deliciously fresh cuisine.

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Unique and beguiling, Japan is a country of binaries. It straddles both the traditional and ultra-modern, and hosts buzzing cities alongside stunning natural landscapes. Its food is famously nutritious, with a diet based around super-fresh, seasonal products. We've picked 10 dishes to seek out when visiting Japan.

Don't leave Japan without trying...

[™]Sushi

Put simply, sushi is raw fish served on rice seasoned lightly with vinegar. It's in the variety of flavours and textures – like tangy, creamy uni (sea urchin roe) and plump, juicy, ama-ebi (sweet shrimp) – that things get interesting. Despite sushi's lofty image, it has a humble origin: street food.

Watch our video on how to make your own sushi:

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Ramen

Ramen (egg noodles in a salty broth) is Japan's favourite late night meal. It's also the perfect example of an imported dish – in this case from China – that the Japanese have made completely and deliciously their own. There are four major soup styles: tonkotsu (pork bone), miso, soy sauce and salt. Fukuoka is particularly famous for its rich tonkotsu ramen; pungent miso ramen is a specialty of Hokkaido.

Unagi

Unagi is river eel grilled over charcoal and lacquered with a sweet barbecue sauce. According to folklore, unagi is the ideal antidote to the heat and humidity of Japan's stultifying summers. It's a delicacy evocative of old Japan and most restaurants that specialize in eel have a wonderfully traditional feel. Fresh, wild-caught unagi is available May through October.

® Tempura

Light and fluffy tempura is Japan's contribution to the world of deep-fried foods (though it probably originated with Portuguese traders). The batter-coated seafood and vegetables are traditionally fried in sesame oil and served with either a tiny pool of salt or a dish of soy sauce-flavoured broth spiked with grated radish for dipping. Do not miss out on ebi-ten (tempura prawns).

Try making your own crispy-fried prawns

Kaiseki

Part dinner, part work of art, kaiseki is Japan's haute cuisine. It originated centuries ago alongside the tea ceremony in Kyoto (and Kyoto remains the capital of kaiseki). There's no menu, just a procession of small courses meticulously arranged on exquisite crockery. Only fresh ingredients are used and each dish is designed to evoke the current season.

Soba

Soba – long, thin buckwheat noodles – has long been a staple of Japanese cuisine, particularly in the mountainous regions where hardy buckwheat fares better than rice. The noodles are served in either a hot, soy sauce-flavoured broth or at room temperature on a bamboo mat with broth on the side for dipping.

Purists, who bemoan soup-logged noodles, prefer the latter.

Try cooking with soba noodles

Shabu-shabu

Shabu-shabu is the Japanese onomatopoeia for the sound of thin slices of beef or pork being swished around with chopsticks in bubbling broth. It's a decadent dish, with platters of marbled meat brought to the table for diners to cook themselves – it takes only a moment – one mouthful at a time.

Okonomiyaki

Literally "grilled as you like," okonomiyaki is Japanese comfort food at its best, and a clear violation of the typical refined image of Japanese food. It's a savoury pancake filled with any number of things (but usually cabbage and pork) and topped with fish flakes, dried seaweed, mayonnaise and a Worcester-style sauce. It's also a lot of fun – at most restaurants, diners grill the dish themselves at a hotplate built into the table.

[™]Tonkatsu

Tonkatsu, breaded and deep-fried pork cutlet, dates to the late 19th century when Japan threw open its doors to Western influence. But never mind the European origin: the ingredients and attention to detail are thoroughly Japanese. Tonkatsu – especially when it's kuro-buta(Berkshire pork) from Kagoshima – is melt-in-your-mouth tender, served with a side of miso soup and a mountain of shredded cabbage.

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Yakitori

A cold beer and a few skewers of yakitori – charcoal grilled chicken – is an evening ritual for many of Japan's weekday warriors. Nearly every part of the chicken is on the menu, all grilled to perfection, seasoned with either shio (salt) or tare (a sweet soy sauce-based sauce) and served with a side of friendly banter.

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Japanese cuisine and our ultimate foodie guide to Tokyo.

Are you a fan of Japanese cuisine? Do you agree with our selection, or have we missed your favourite? Share your must-try dishes below...

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JapaneseDon

23rd Jun, 2017

Quintisentialy Japanese but much cliche'd is raw fish or sashimi. For those in the know it need not be just fish. On my last trip to Tokyo I sought out as much as I could find. This means whale, horse, chicken, in fact everything which I could not expect to find in the UK. The one thing I missed was pork. There is apparently just one venue for that & I ran out of mealtimes! Sashimi of fish is a favourite with me. In fact, I think that cooking fish most often spoils seafood. I have been a seafood fanatic for the last 1/2 century and have eaten it in preference to meat most of the time in my travels around the world, going Japanese whenever possible. This is important as no-body understands fish better than the Japanese and the fact that they have a mania for freshness does help. To miss sashimi seafood from the list is, I think, a cardinal error. OK sushi usually uses raw fish but the clean, fresh taste of good sashimi does not need to have the sushi component.

emilyfreya17

21st Jan, 2017

yassss i love japanese food and agree to all of this

Osaka-guy

29th Apr, 2016

This is a nice article for anyone interested in Japanese food. There are a couple of errors however. First, Uni is NOT sea urchin roe. It is sea urchin. Roe is eggs. It is the creature itself that you eat. I know this is a bit picky, but Kaiseki Ryori is not a dish. It is an approach to preparing and presenting food. From Wikipedia: Kaiseki (懷石) or kaiseki-ryōri (懷石料理) is a traditional multi-course Japanese dinner. The term also refers to the collection of skills and techniques that allow the preparation of such meals, and is analogous to Western haute cuisine. Other than that, it is nice introduction to Japanese cuisine.

Joe4broke

23rd Mar, 2015

I have to agree with everything KMS114says. Kobe beef was incredible (way better than ShabuShabu).. as was Tsukamen/taskumen soba noodles.. You have to try the OoTorii, it's worth the extra money. Luckily I am here now and have still 2 weeks to find more delicious food. On your list I have only Tonkatsu Kaiseki and Ramen to go!;))

kms114

25th Sep, 2014

great article - I visited Japan earlier this year on a foodie quest to eat my body weight in sushi! I managed to cross out most of the foods listed here. A 6am sushi breakfast at the Toyko fish market is a must for sushi fans. It is worth keeping in mind though that true Japanese sushi is very different from the sushi we get in the UK, with the focus being on the flavour of the raw, fresh fish - so most of the sushi is simple rice with fish on top (nigiri), rather than elaborate sushi rolls. The real suprise for me was sea eel, which wasn't expecting to like but it was delicious, served tempura style from a food market in Kyoto. There are lots of different types of ramen, my favourite was tasukamen, where the noodles are served cold on the side and are then dipped into the hot soup. The one highlight you've missed here is kobe beef - maybe the best steak I'll ever eat in my life (unless I go back to kobe!)

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The 13 most popular foods you have to eat in Japan

by Ro - TripleLights travel specialist

Today I will talk about the food in Japan. As many of you already know, Japan has a wonderful an unique cuisine but mostly when we think about Japanese food automatically comes to our minds fish and rice. This blog will help you to have a different view about the food culture in Japan, and also will help you to know what to order at the moment you sit at the restaurant.

Here you are my 13 favourite options when I want to feel Japan through its flavors.

1.- Sushi/sashimi

I will start with the one that most of us identify Japan with: Sushi and Sashimi. Sushi is known all over the world. It is called sushi to every piece of rice seasoned with a rice vinegar mix (made with sugar and salt) mixed with different ingredients: variety of fishes, vegetables, nori (seaweed), etc.. You grab the pieces of sushi with the chopsticks and dip them into soy sauce or wasabi, or both. It is a mixed of flavors in your mouth! Sushi can be: Nigiri sushi, Maki sushi, Oshi sushi, Temaki sushi, etc.

Depending on the shape an ingredients that are used.

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Sashimi is basically raw fish or seafood served with wasabi (a very spicy japanese condiment), soy sauce and generally it comes with slices of radish on the side. The name sashimi comes from the tale of the fish the it used to come with the meal to identify which kind of fish you are eating. Sashimi in kanji it is written like this: 刺身 . The first kanji means spine and the second kanji means body.

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2.- Ramen

Ramen is one of the most popular options at the moment of choosing a place to eat. It is a wheat noodles bowl served in a soy sauce or miso soup mixed with many kinds of ingredients. The most typical ones are slices of pork, green onion, seaweed and egg. I can't compare the flavor of this dish with anything I have tasted before. The most important part of this dish is the soup. It is the most tasty flavor a ever tried, also strong according on where do you order it. The way the pork is cooked, makes it so soft that sometimes it breaks into pieces as son as you catch it with your chopsticks. With one order of ramen and a side dish of rice, you can be sure that you will be satisfied when you finish your meal... If you can...

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There are correct ways of enjoying your ramen, and special ramen such as the Tsukemen Ramen. Learn about all of these things in the following video:
How to eat ramen in Japan and what not to do! // Tsukemen // Everything you wanted to know!

3.- Tempura

Tempura is a Japanese fried snack made mostly from seafood and vegetables but we can find tempura made also from fowl and fish, seasoned with a sauce made with soy sauce, ginger and sugar previously. As vegetables, it can be made by almost every vegetables. The size of the piece has to be able to be eaten in one bite and even when it is fried, it is carefully looked after not to be oily. Tempura is served with Tetsuyu sauce that it is a mix of consomme, sweet sake,

soy sauce, ginger, radish and spices.

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4.- Kare raisu (rice with curry)

Also a very popular, simple and delicious dish that we can find in Japan. Kare raisu is just rice with curry but the taste is different from the To make the japanese curry, it is used a variety of meats and vegetables. The basics vegetables are onions, carrots and sweet potatos, and the meats used are chicken, pork, beef and sometimes duck. There are different levels of hot spicy: soft, regular and hot are the most common. Which one would you chose???

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5.- Okonomiyaki

It is a mixed made with flour, yam and egg, but you can add also anything you like. The most commons are green onion, beef, shrimp, squid, vegetables, mochi and cheese. It is cooked in a griddle. In some restaurants, the chef goes to the table and make it there with the customers who also help in the process adding the ingredients. Because the preparation has to be cooked from both sides, by the time it has to be turned, it is a stressful and also funny moment, specially when it is your first time doing it!!!

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6.- Shabu shabu

Shabu shabu is the japanese hot pot. For this dish it is used many kinds of meats and seafood, mostly the soft ones, and sides of vegetables, tofu and sometimes noodles. The way it works: you grab a piece of meat (you can also pick some of the vegetables) and immerse it in the pot with hot water or consomme. Once it is cooked, you dip it in a sesame sauce with some rice as a side dish. Very delicious!

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7.- Miso soup

Miso soup it is served as a side dish in mostly every meal and with almost every dish. It is a soup made from a miso paste (fermented soybeans) and dashi (the consomme). Inside this kind of base soup, you will find pieces of tofu, onion wakane seaweed, and sometimes vegetables like sweet potatos, carrots and radish. It is never served as a main dish. It always comes with a bowl of rice and one or 2 more dishes.

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8.- Yakitori

It is the Japanese brochette. At the begining the meat used was chicken (tori=bird), but nowadays it is also made with pork, beef and fish. So, this brochette is a mix of vegetables and meat cooked in a grill and dipped in teriaki sauce. It is also a very typical kind of fast food in japanese style.

This is one of the options that foreigner could be more identified with. It has a occidental flavor so if you are not sure about what to taste first or you find out that Japanse flavors are not your thing but you still want to try, I would recommend you to start with Yakitori so you can feel something familiar.



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9.- Onigiri

No matter what time is it, or where you are, if you are hungry and you don't have time, you will buy an onigiri. Onigiris are rice balls seasoned in many kinds of ways, some of them with some fill like chicken, vegetables, fish, pork, others covered with a seaweed or with a slice of egg, some of them they have just the rice mixed with some sauce, vegetables, beans, furikake... Etc. As you can see, you

This is the most popular snack in Japan.

the tastes. It is also cheap and you can buy it in any convenience store, supermarket and also you may find some shop that only makes onigiris.

can find a huge variety of flavors for all

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10.- Udon

Udon is a thick noodle made from wheat flour. It is commonly served in a consomme with soy sauce and mirin. Most of the times it comes with negi (onion). The shape and the size depends on the prefecture it comes from. Udon can be eaten cold or hot. Soba and Udon are very popular in Japan. It is a common dish for black-coated workers and students when they have lunch time and they need to eat something fast. There are Udon shops everywhere and don't be surprised if it is always crowdy, but don't worry, you won't wait long time to have a seat.

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11.- Soba

Soba noodles are made by buckwheat flour which gives it the colour. Also known as fast food in Japan because they are cheap and popular. Soba noodles are thin (Udon noodles are thick) and they can be eaten also cold or hot. There are shops in Japan that only cook soba, maybe with some simple side dish as

tempura. At the supermarket you can find the fresh noodles to cook at home. This noodles can be also eaten just with a mentsuyu sauce to make it easy the preparation.

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12.- Gyudon

Gyudon it is basically a bowl of rice with beef on the top seasoned with different ingredientes and spices. The most famous place to eat gyudon is Sukiya. Besides the simplicity, it is a very delicious dish, and the most important, also cheap. In most of the places, you can order it in a set that comes with a small salad and miso soup. Another important tip about this: the service is very fast!!!! In less than 5 min you have it in your table. Also, the sizes of the dishes are very suitable. You can pick from small, medium and large. For a lunch quick time, gyudon is a very good option.

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13.- Green Tea - Flavored sweets

This is the last one for this blog and I can 't leave you without the tea time. Greet tea in Japan is the most famous drink. It is related to history, to Geishas. The Tea Houses are always harmonious and quiet places where you can enjoy a peaceful time through the most typical drink in Japan. Green tea is never alone. Tea in Japan has to be also accompanied with sweets, japanese sweets. The most common sweets in japan are made with beans or sometimes with matcha. Japan has the tastiest sweets and the most beautiful shapes and colors in the world.

Sweets in Japan are Art.

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彼女ら(Kanojora)she/you

左(Hidari/sa)left

右(Migi/yū)right

左右(Sayū)left and right

男(Otoko/dan)man

女(Onna/jo)woman

男女(Danjo)man and woman

子(Ko)child

子ども(Kodomo)children

人(Hito/nin)person

人間(Ningen)human being

三人(Sannin)three people

目(me)eye

耳(Mimi)ear

□(Kute) mouth

手(Te)hand

足(Ashi)foot, leg

力(chikara)power

学(Gaku/mana)

学ぶ(Manabu) to learn, to study

校(kou)

学校(Gakkou)school

1 (Ninben)person

信(Shin)trust, faith

一(Ichi) one

二(Ni) two

三(San) three

四(Yon) four

五(Go) five

六(Roku) six

七(Nana) seven

八(Hachi) eight

九(Kyū) nive

十(Jū) dez

百(Hyaku) Hundred

千(Sen) thousand

万(Man) den thousand

飲む(Nomu) to drink

食べる(Taberu) to eat

紅茶(Kōcha) black tea

魚(Sakana) fish

先生(Sensei)teacher

水(Mizu)water

酒(Sake)liquor

肉(Niku)meat

その後(Sonogo)and after

後(Ato)after

主(Omo)sir

女性(Josei)madam

犬(inu) dog

猫(neko) cat

馬(?)(uma) horse

湖(mizuumi) lake