

Let's Learn Japanese Greetings!

Hiragana and romaji will be provided for
beginners.

Ways to Say Hello

How do you say hi? Are there any fancy ways to say hi?

おはよう。(ohayo)



おはよう means
good morning!
This is the way
you might greet
your friends.

おはようございます。

(ohayo gozaimasu)

This also means 'good morning'. However, this is formal way of saying 'good morning'. You might say this to your boss or teacher.

こんにちは (Konnichiwa)

This means hello/good day.

こんばんは。(konbanwa)

This means 'Good Evening'.

さよなら。(Sayonara)

This means
goodbye.



じゃあね。(Jaa
ne)

This means “see you soon!”. Use this with friends.



How to Introduce Yourself

How do you introduce yourself? What should you say?



わたしは_____です。
(watashi wa _____ desu)

“I’m (insert your name in the blank.)”

This is an informal introduction for females.

ぼくは _____ です。(Boku
wa _____ desu.)

“I’m _____”. This is an informal greeting for
males.



わたしは Emily です。

Watashi wa Emily desu.

What is she saying? Can you guess?

She's saying that her name is
Emily!

What if you want to introduce yourself in a formal setting?

わたしのなまえは_____です。(Watashi no namae wa ___ desu.)

“My name is ____.” This is the formal version for females.

ぼくのなまえは_____です。

(Boku no namae wa _____
desu.)

“My name is _____.” This is the formal version
for males.

ぼくのなまえは Robert
です。



What's he saying?

He's saying that his name is
Robert!