


# Pronunciation

## Cheat Sheet

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## Japanese has 5 basic vowel sounds

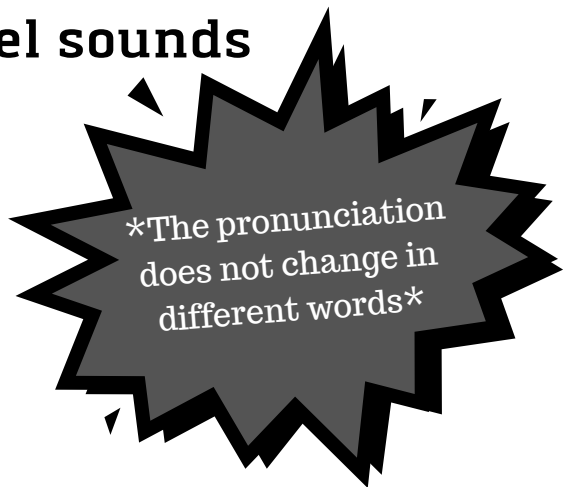
あ a - "ah" as in father

い i - "ee" as in meet

う u - "oo" as in boot

え e - "eh" as in feather

お o - "oh" as in host



\*The pronunciation does not change in different words\*

## Sounds with a consonant placed in front simply carry the vowel sound

か Ka - [k"ah"]	が Ga - [g"ah"]	た Ta - [t"ah"]	だ Da - [d"ah"]
き Ki - [k"e"y]	ぎ Gi - [g"ee"]	ち Chi - [ch"ee"]	ぢ Ji - [j"ee"]
く Ku - [k"oo"]	ぐ Gu - [g"oo"]	つ Tsu - [t"soo"]	づ Zu - [z"oo"]
け Ke - [k"eh"]	げ Ge - [g"eh"]	て Te - [t"eh"]	で De - [d"eh"]
こ Ko - [k"oh"]	ご Go - [g"oh"]	と To - [t"oh"]	ど Do - [d"oh"]

## Special Sounds

Double consonant pause - A pause between the two consonants.

Konnichwa - [koh-n-nee-chee-wah]

Double consonant dual sound - Both consonant sounds are pronounced.

Tookyo - [toh-k-yo-oh]

"Double" or long vowel sound - The vowel sound is held.

Arigatoo - [ah-dee-gah-to-oh]

Silent vowels - The vowel sound is skipped.

Desu - [deh-s]

