

How to Say I Hate You in Japanese PDF

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Warning — Japanese people generally don't say "I hate you." In Japanese culture, it is valued to keep your feelings inside rather than confront others. (Which means you're here because you don't understand Japanese culture and/or just want to know how to say this anyway.)

嫌い

kirai



the kind of angry kid that yells "kirai"

Kirai means "dislike" or "hate" in Japanese, and it's used to express things you don't like—usually foods, activities, or general preferences. It's often paired with が to mark what's disliked, like "kohii ga kirai desu" (I don't like coffee). You can also use it on its own in casual settings, just saying "Kirai" when the context is obvious. **That said, it can sound harsh or childish**, so among adults or in polite situations, it's better to say "kirai desu" or soften it even more with "chotto nigate desu" (I'm not good with it).

きらいです

kirai desu

I dislike it.

コーヒーがきらいです

koohii ga kirai desu

I don't like coffee.

ちょっとにがてです

chotto nigate desu

I'm not good with it. (softer way of saying you dislike something)

大嫌い

Daikirai



Daikirai is a stronger word than kirai. It means “really hate” or “absolutely hate,” and should be used carefully, especially when talking about people—it can sound very harsh or emotional. Daikirai can be used on its own in casual conversation, just like kirai. For example, if someone asks, “Do you like natto?” and you really can’t stand it, you might just respond with “Daikirai.” But because it sounds more intense than kirai, it can come off as childish, dramatic, or rude if used in the wrong context. Among close friends or kids, it’s common, **but in adult or polite situations, people usually avoid it or say something softer.**

だいきらいです	daikirai desu	I really hate it.
コーヒーがだいきらい です	koohii ga daikirai desu	I really hate coffee.
ちょっとにがてです	chotto nigate desu	I’m not good with it. (softer dislike)

Kirai and daikirai are the 2 most basic words to know. The rest of the phrases will be related to them... or other kinds of variations.

- もう嫌い
- Mou kirai
- I’ve had enough, I hate you



When you strongly dislike someone and can’t handle them anymore, you can add mou to the phrase “I hate you”.

- ざい
- Uzai
- Annoying/Irritating



Another way to express hate without saying it directly is to say it is annoying or irritating – which is what uzai means.

- 好きじゃない
- Suki ja nai
- I dislike you.



This is a mild version of “I hate you” so that it is softened into “I dislike you.” Although it is possible to say this, it usually doesn’t get used towards other people, and there are not too many contexts where this would be applicable.

- 苦手
- Nigate
- I’m not good with you



Nigate in Japanese means “not good” in terms of ability or handling things... and can be applied to people, foods, and activities.

You can be nigate at tennis or video games (meaning, you’re just not good at playing.) or spicy food... (meaning you’re weak and can’t handle it.) Instead of putting the hate towards the other person, you say that you’re not good with the other person.

- 彼が苦手です。
 - kare ga nigate desu)
- meaning: “I can’t deal with him very well.”

- うるさい
- Urusai
- Annoying/Irritating/Noisy



Similar to uzai, urusai is a more formal way to say the same thing. Although it literally means “noisy” it can express annoyance and hate.



- もう無理
- Mou muri
- I can't anymore
- Literally: already impossible



When you hate someone, you might not want to associate with the other person anymore.

- 性格が嫌い
- Seikaku ga kirai
- I hate your personality



Instead of directly saying you hate someone, it could make more sense if you choose a certain aspect of the person that you don't like.

In this case, seikaku ga kirai, means that you hate the other person's personality.

- 気持ち悪い
- Kimochi warui
- Disgusting



If the hate is really strong, it might be so much that you feel that they are disgusting.

Kimochiwarui can be used in extreme cases when you feel like the other person is disgusting or gross.

- きもい
- Kimoi
- Disgusting



This is a slang word for disgusting, and is a shortened version of kimochiwarui.

- 会いたくない。
- Aitakunai
- I don't want to meet you



If you strongly dislike someone, you might not want to meet them anymore.

This phrase can be used if you are ready to cut your ties with that person.

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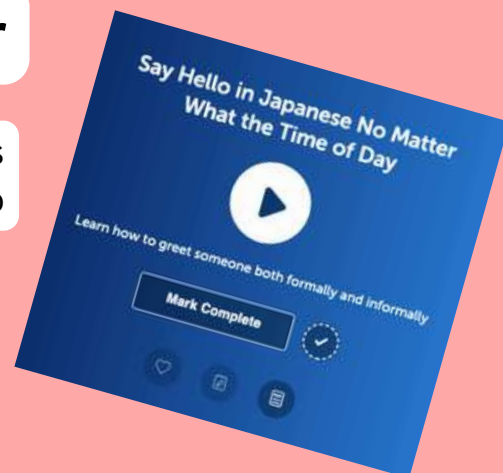


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