



## 1. Introduction to Japanese Adverbs

Here's a quick crash course in Japanese adverbs. Japanese adverbs (fukushi) are either...

- Adverbs made from adjectives
  - i-adjective adverbs (take out the final i and replace it with “ku” to make it an adverb. For example oishii because oishiku)
  - na-adjective adverbs (add “ni” to make it an adverb. For example, kirei because kirei ni)
- Or, adverbs not related to adjectives

You're going to learn both. While the overall list of Japanese Adverbs contains over 130+ words, there are more for you to know. However, don't worry too much about all these words. If you read part 4 of this guide, you'll learn how to learn these words and words in general.

## 2. Adverbs From Adjectives

With all the Japanese adjectives out there, this list can be massive. So, if you can remember that “i-adjectives” get a “ku” to replace the final “i,” and that “na-adjectives” get a “ni,” you’ll be fine.

Here’s a list of some basic Japanese adverbs you should know.

	<b><u>English</u></b>	<b><u>Japanese</u></b>	<b><u>Romaji</u></b>
1	cheaply	安く	yasuku
2	quickly	早く	hayaku
3	well	よく	yoku
4	quietly	静かに	shizukani
5	simply	簡単に	kantan’ni
6	cleanly	きれいに	kireini
7	loudly/noisily	うるさく	usuaku
8	badly	悪く	waruku
9	enjoyably	楽しく	tanoshiku
10	deliciously	おいしく	oishiku
11	newly	新しく	atarashiku

12	coldly	寒く	samuku
13	with difficulty	難しく	muzukashiku
14	enthusiastically	熱心に	nesshin ni
15	cutely	かわいく	kawaiku
16	strongly	強く	tsuyoku
17	weakly	弱く	yowaku

### 3. Japanese Adverbs List – Not Related to Adjectives

Below is a 100+ Japanese adverbs list for adverbs of time, frequency/degree, manner and such. These are adverbs not related to adjectives.

	<u>English</u>	<u>Japanese</u>	<u>Romaji</u>
1	a little	少し	sukoshi
2	a lot	たくさん	takusan
3	about, approximately	ほぼ	hobo
4	afterall	やはり	yahari
5	afterall	やっぱり	yappari
6	already	もう	mou
7	always	いつも	itsumo
8	as much as possible, if possible	なるべく	narubeku

9	at last, finally	ようやく	youyaku
10	barely	僅かに	wazukani
11	certainly/indeed	たしかに	tashikani
12	completely	全て	subete
13	completely	全部	zenbu
14	consequently	その結果	sono kekka
15	considerably	相当	soutou
16	daily	日々	hibi
17	day after tomorrow	明後日	asatte
18	day before yesterday	一昨日	ototoi
19	definitely	絶対に	zettai ni
20	enough, sufficiently	十分	juubun
21	eventually	最終的に	saishuutekin i
22	every day	毎日	mainichi
23	every month	毎月	maiktsuki
24	every morning	毎朝	maiasa
25	every night	每晚	maiban
26	every time	毎回	maikai
27	every week	毎週	maishuu
28	every year	毎年	maitoshi

29	exactly	丁度	choudo
30	extremely	極めて	kiwamete
31	fairly	かなり	kanari
32	finally	やっと	yatto
33	finally	ついに	tsuini
34	finally	とうとう	toutou
35	frequently	しばしば	shibashiba
36	generally	一般に	ippan ni
37	Giving it all you can	一生懸命	isshoukenm ei
38	gradually, little by little	だんだん	dandan
39	gradually, little by little	徐々に	jojoni
40	hardly	めったに	mettani
41	immediately	今すぐ	ima sugu
42	in addition,	その上	sonoue
43	in succession	次々 (に)	tsugitsugi
44	in the future	未来に	mirai ni
45	in the future	未来に	mirai ni
46	increasingly, more and more	ますます	masumasu
47	just a little	ちょっと	chotto
48	last month	先月	sengetsu

49	last night	昨夜	sakuya
50	last week	先週	senshuu
51	later	後で	ato de
52	likewise	同様に	doyou ni
53	maybe	たぶん	tabun
54	meanwhile	その間	sono aida
55	more or less, though not quite satisfactorily	一応	ichiou
56	mostly, nearly, almost [zero]	ほとんど	hotondo
57	never	決して	kesshite
58	nevertheless	それなのに	sorenanoni
59	next month	来月	raigetsu
60	next week	来週	raishuu
61	normally	通常	tsuujou
62	not at all	全然	zenzen
63	not at all	ぜんぜん	zenzen
64	not very	あまり	amari
65	not very	たいして	taishite
66	not very	あまり	amari
67	now	今	ima
68	occasionally	たまに	tamani

69	often	よく	yoku
70	often	しょっちゅう	shouchuu
71	often	たびたび	tabitabi
72	passably	まあまあ	maamaa
73	previously	前に	maeni
74	probably	おそらく	asoraku
75	quietly, freely, leisurely	のんびり	nonbiri
76	quite	なかなか	nakanaka
77	quite	だいぶ	daibu
78	rarely	あまり	amari
79	rarely	めったに～ ない	metta ni~nai
80	rather	むしろ	mushiro
81	really, actually	実に	jissai ni
82	really	本当に	hontou ni
83	reasonably	そこそこ	sokosoko
84	recently	最近	saikin
85	slowly	ゆっくり	yukkuri
86	some day	いつか	itsuka
87	sometimes	ときどき	tokidoki

88	soon	間もなく	Mamonaku
89	soon	すぐに	sugu ni
90	soonish, any time now	そろそろ	sorosoro
91	surely	きっと	kitto
92	the other day	先日	senjitsu
93	this evening/tonight	今夜	konya
94	this morning	今朝	kesa
95	thoroughly	すっかり	sukkari
96	today	今日	kyou
97	tomorrow	明日	ashita
98	usually/normally	普通	futsuu
99	usually/normally	普段	fudan
100	very	とても	totemo
101	very	大変	taihen
102	very	ずいぶん	zuibun
103	very much	非常に	hijouni
104	without exception	必ず	kanarazu
105	yesterday	昨日	kinou
106	yet	まだ	mada



## 4. How to Learn Japanese Adverbs

First and foremost, you need to remember how to create adverbs from adjectives. So, as a reminder, remember...

- I-adjective adverbs (take out the final i and replace it with “ku” to make it an adverb. For example oishii because oishiku)
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The reason I mention these rules three times now is because repetition is the mother of all learning. You can read something once... and forget it. You can read this all twice and still forget it. However, if you read it 5, 10 or 20 times over a period of time, it'll get lodged into your brain.

So, how do you learn this big Japanese adverbs list?

- **Do not try to cram it all.** Ever read a dictionary in a 3 or 4 hour sitting? Of course you didn't. It's painful and it's not a good use of your time.
- **Review occasionally.** How? Print this page. Print the PDF. Re-read once every week or so, by reading these words and saying them out loud. Maybe spend 5 to 10 minutes maximum.
- **More importantly, read actual Japanese.** You'll come across these words... and you'll wonder, “*hmm, I definitely saw 実に before.*” You'll go look up it up and what do you know, it's that adverb you learned here. And because you're now coming across it a 4th or 5th time, you'll never forget it.