

Japanese Love Words & Phrases

女子好きです!!♡

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愛してる

- **Aishiteru.**
- **I love you.**



In Japanese culture, it's not common for couples, friends, and family to say "I love you" to each other.

So, save this phrase for the right moment, and don't say it too casually. Keep in mind that you will almost never hear this phrase. Married couples don't even say it. This is something that means something deep and profound for Japanese people... and is used at important moments.

_____が好き!

- **___ ga suki!**
- **I like (love) _____!**



This is another common way to say I love you in Japanese, and one of the common Japanese words for love.

Since Japanese people rarely tell each other "I love you!", it's more common to say "I like you!" You can put the person you love's name in the blank. This is used in romantic relationships and it would be weird for platonic friendships or with family.

_____ が気になる。

- _____ ga kininaru.
- **I have feelings for _____.**



This phrase works perfectly if you're still not completely sure if what you're feeling is "love".

This is a great way to convey to other people or to your potential love interest where you are with your feelings.

大好き!

- **Daisuki!**
- **I really like you!**



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You can add a stronger emphasis on the word suki meaning "like" by adding dai. As explained earlier, the word for "like" is used more often than the word "love" in Japanese. You can use this phrase casually with someone you have a romantic relationship with.

いつもありがとう。

- **Itsumo arigatou.**
- **I appreciate you.**
- **Literal translation: Thank you always.**



In Japan, showing appreciation and feeling grateful for someone is a sign that you "love" that person. Next time you see someone who has been there for you throughout the years, try saying this phrase to convey your feelings.

あなたが一番大事。

- **Anata ga ichiban daiji.**
- **You are the most important person to me.**

Anata ga ichiban daiji can be said to a romantic partner to show them that they are the most important person to you. If the other person is doubting whether you are prioritizing them, this can be a reassuring phrase to say. It's not as casual as other phrases showing love, so it's important to say this when you really mean it.

大切に思ってるよ。

- **Taisetsu ni omotteru yo.**
- **I really care for you.**



In this phrase it can mean that you truly care for the other person. This phrase is an expression of romantic love that can convey that you'll always treat the other person well and care for them.

一緒にいると幸せ。

- **Issho ni iru to shiawase.**
- **I'm happy when I'm with you.**



During a wedding, families and friends will tell the newlyweds お幸せに (oshiawase ni), which means “we wish for your happiness”. In this phrase, you can tell your romantic partner how much they make you happy and tell them indirectly that you love them.

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いつもあなたを思っている。

- **Itsumo anata o omotteru.**
- **I'm always thinking of you.**

This phrase can be the perfect way to tell your special someone that they are constantly in your thoughts.

However, make sure you have mutual feelings first.

Saying this could be surprising or even creepy if the other person doesn't feel the same way.

ずっと一緒にいよう。

- **Zutto issho ni iyou.**
- **Let's be together forever.**



It can have a strong meaning, so you should say it when you feel the moment is right. Keep in mind that it is possible that it could sound like a marriage proposal. It's important that you are serious about your commitment and love to the other person.

結婚してください。

- **Kekkon shite kudasai.**
- **Please marry me.**



In Japan, you should propose using formal language to show that you are serious.

This applies even if you're completely comfortable and normally use casual speech with the other person.

Proposals are often similar to ones in English speaking countries, but in some traditional families they may have a yuino (traditional engagement ceremony) where both families meet to make things official.

あなたといると時間を忘れる。

- **Anata to iru to jikan o wasureru.**
- **I lose track of time when I'm with you.**

When you're in a relationship, it's common to lose track of time and spend as much time as possible with your significant other. This phrase expresses the feelings of love where you enjoy your time together to the point where you forget everything else. This is a very romantic way to express your love to someone in Japanese.

君を守りたい。

- **Kimi o mamoritai.**
- **I want to protect you.**



This phrase is used by men to express their deep care and love for someone. It's not common for men to show affection and share their feelings in Japan, so saying that you want to protect someone can be the equivalent of saying "I love you".

好きです。付き合ってください。
い。

- **Suki desu. Tsukiatte kudasai.**
- **I like you. Please go out with me!**

By the way, this is called a 告白 (kokuhaku) or "a love confession" that most Japanese people make to their lovers to be. You'll come across this kokuhaku word on the next page... with love-related words.

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Bonus Japanese Love Words

Japanese	Romaji	Meaning in English
愛	ai	Love (deep, serious love)
恋	koi	Romantic love, falling in love
初恋	hatsukoi	First love
好き	suki	Like
愛する	aisuru	To love (verb form of ai)
愛してる	aishiteru	I love you
大好き	daisuki	Really like
ラブ	rabu	Love (loanword, casual)
ラブラブ	rabu rabu	In love / lovey-dovey
恋愛	renai	Romantic love / being in a relationship
愛情	aijou	Loving affection / love given
ロマンチック	romanchikku	Romantic (loanword)
イチャイチャする	icha icha suru	To flirt / be lovey-dovey in public
恋愛対象	renai taishou	Love interest
愛しい	itoshii	Dear / beloved / cute (classic style)
恋人	koibito	Lover / romantic partner
大切にする	taisetsu ni suru	To treasure / care for someone
告白	kokuhaku	Love confession
片思い	kataomoi	One-sided love

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