

Survival Vocabulary

Counting:

	Japanese #	Minutes
	1	Ichi
	2	Ni
	3	San
	4	Shi or Yon
	5	Go
	6	Roku
	7	Shichi or Nana
	8	Hachi
	9	Kyuu
	10	Juu
	100	Hyaku

Japanese

English

People:

Sensei	Teacher
Kendoka	Kendo practitioner
Uchidachi	The instructor / initiator in kata.
Shidachi	The student / winner in kata.
Motodachi	The receiver in during practice.
Shinpan	Three judges during a match.

Commands:

Rei	Bow
Seiza	Sit in Seiza
Yame	Stop
Hajime	Begin
Kotai	Rotate Partners
Sonkyo	Lower into Sonkyo
Osame, To	Return Shinai to Waist

Polite Phrases:

Hai	Yes
Onegaishimasu	Please do this for me.
Sumimasen	Excuse me / I'm sorry
Douzo	Please (go ahead)
(Domo) Arigato (Gozaimashita)	Thank you (for what you did)
Note: The more words used in this phrase, the more polite.	

Pronunciation Notes:

"i" is pronounced like the "ee" in "bee"	"ni" is pronounced like "knee"
"a" is pronounced like "ah"	
"o" is pronounced like the "o" in "go"	
"u" is pronounced like "oo" in "cool"	"ku" is pronounced like "coup"
"ou" is pronounced as a longer "o"	