# American Traditional Jujutsu Association Glossary of Japanese Terms in Jujutsu

# **BASIC PRONUNCIATION GUIDE**

(Adapted for occidental use)

| À | ah | as in | f <b>a</b> ther | or hajime |
|---|----|-------|-----------------|-----------|
| Ε | eh | as in | net             | or eri    |
|   | ee | as in | feet            | or ippon  |
| 0 | 0  | as in | fort            | or oshi   |
| U | 00 | as in | lul <b>u</b>    | or uke    |



Ago Chin, jaw
Aite Partner
Aka Red
Antei Stability
Arashi Storm

Ate Striking (as in *ate-waza*), striking technique

Atemi Waza Body strikes

Empi uchi (elbow strike)
Kote uchi (forearm strike)
Seiken uchi (frontal fist strike)
Te gatana (hand sword strike)
Teisho uchi (palm heal strike)
Ura ken uchi (back fist strike)

Bogyo Defense Budo Martial Ways Bujutsu Martial Arts

Bushido Way of the warrior

Butsukari Bump (Body contact) [used only as a noun]

Chairo Brown Chi kaku Close

Chikara Physical strength, power

#### Dan (Step) Black Belt Level

Yudansha Black belt

Shodan 1st degree black belt Nidan 2nd degree black belt Sandan 3rd degree black belt Yodan (Yondan) 4th degree black belt

Godan 5th degree black belt Rokudan 6th degree black belt Shichidan, nanadan 7th degree black belt Hachidan 8th degree black belt 9th degree black belt Kudan 10th degree black belt Judan

Dai Jobu OK

De Advanced [that is, placed forward]

Student, disciple, follower Deshi

The Way (path) Dο Do itashi mashite You're welcome

### <u>Dojo</u>

### Place Where We Practice the Way

Kamiza The High Place

Place (wall) to the right of kamiza; place for seniors Joseki Shimoseki Place (wall) to the left of kamiza; place for juniors

Tatami Straw floor mat or mats

Domo arigato (gozaimashita)

Thank you very (very) much

Dozo Please accept (When giving something)

Put up with (To resist, stiffen) Gambaru

Gake Hook

Gari Reaping action [from the verb *garu*]

## Gi or Judogi

## <u>Judo Uniform</u>

Eri Judo uniform lapel or collar

Obi Belt

Shitagi Pants: underwear Zubon Pants (outer garment)

Sode Sleeve Jacket Uwagi

Gomen nasai Sorry (Apology)

Wheel Guruma, kuruma

Gyaku Reverse, opposite

Ha Wing Naked Hadaka

Yes (I have heard you) Hai

Spring or jump Hane Opposite or reverse Hantai

8 directions of off balance Happo no kuzushi Sweep [from the verb harau] Harai (barai)

Hazumi Momentum, acceleration

Hidari Left

Hiki Pulling [from the verb *hiku*]

Hikite Pulling hand

Hon Basic (or, really? – Hon desu?)

Ikioi Impetus, power, energy

lie No (but, a negative is rarely used in Japan!)

Jime (shime) Constrict, strangle

Jita kyoei You-me shining together ("Mutual Glow")

Joto Good Ju Flexibility

Judo Way of flexibility

Juji Cross

Judoka One who practices Judo One who practices Jujutsu

Joseki Place of honor for higher ranks, in dojo

Kaeshi, gaeshi Countering/reversing [from the verb *kaeru*]

Kake Execution of any technique

Kaku (gaku) Angle or corner Kamiza Place of honor

Kami Upper, Divine spirit, paper

## <u>Kappo</u> <u>Resuscitation</u>

Eri katsu Lapel holding method

Kogan katsu Kicking coccyx or testicle method

Sasoi katsu Inducing method Soo katsu Integral method

Kata Shoulder

#### Kata Formal Sequence (of techniques)

Nage no kata Forms of throwing Katame no kata Forms of grappling

Kodokan Goshin Jutsu Kodokan Self defense forms
Kime no kata Forms of decision or self defense
Kumi kata Forms of combative/opposing grips

Kime shiki Forms of decision
Go no sen no kata Forms of counters
Koshiki no kata Forms of antiquity

Itsutsu no kata Forms of five principles

Joshi judo goshinho Women's self defense techniques

Ju no kata Forms of flexibility

Renkoho no kata Forms of arrest or restraint Seiryoku zenyo kokumin taiiku National physical exercise

Katame, gatame Hold Kesa, gesa Scarf

## Keiko Practice in General

Uchi komi Repetition attack practice (pulling in)

Sute geiko Alternate throwing practice

Tandoku renshu Pantomime practice
Keiko o-negai shimasu Please practice with me

Kenka yotsu Competitive grips

## Keri Waza Kicking Techniques

Mae geri (front kick) Yoko geri (side kick)

Mawashi geri (roundhouse kick)

Naname geri (diagonal/cross body kick)

Ushiro geri (rear kick)

Ki Spirit (internal power)

Kiai A shout with concentration and commitment Kiotsuke Attention! (Take note!) [literally *gather your ki*]

Ko Small/minor

Kogeki Attack [as a noun; this is not a verb]
Komi Winding [as in *makikomi*, pulling-winding]

Kodokan Place for learning the way

Kuzure Broken/modified

Kuzushi Breaking of posture/balance

## Kyu Ranks Below Black Belt Level

Mudansha Student who is below black belt

Rokkyu 6th class Judo rank - yellow belt

Gokyu 5th class Judo rank - orange belt Yonkyu 4th class Judo rank – green - blue belt

Sankyu 3rd class Judo rank - brown belt Nikyu 2nd class Judo rank - brown belt Ikkyu 1st class Judo Rank - brown belt

Ma In front (as in ma sutemi waza)
Ma-ai Distance, space between opponents

Mae Front Migi Right

Mon Junior grade

Mudansha Student who is below black belt

Nage Throw [from the verb *nageru*]
Nami Normal, regular, natural

O Big or major, Honorific preposition, (e.g. O Sensei)

O-hayo gozaimasu Good morning

Otoshi Drop [as a noun, from the verb *otosu*]

Okuri Sliding [from the verb *okuru*]

Rei Bow

Ritsu rei, tachi rei Standing bow Za rei Standing bow

Reigi saho Dojo etiquette

Ryu School (Literally "Stream/Flow")

Sasae Lower prop Sayonara Good bye

Sei ryoku zenyo Maximum efficiency with minimum effort

Sensei Teacher/instructor
Sensei ni rei Bow to teacher in front
Seoi Carrying on the back
Sumimasen So Sorry, (or excuse me)

<u>Shiai</u> <u>Contest</u>

Chui A serious or repeated penalty

Kachi, gachi Victory, win

Hajime Begin (referee's command)
Hansoku make Loss by violating rules

Hiki wake Draw or tie

Hantei Call for decision (majority of 3)

Ippon Full point

Itami make Loss by injury

Jikan Time (referee's command)
Jo gai Outside contest area

Keikoku A serious penalty or repeated Chui Koka Less than a yuko, slight superiority

Make Loss

Matte Stop (referee's command)

Maitta "I surrender!" [Literally *I am defeated*]
Osae komi Hold-down (referee's command)

Sen shu Champion; athlete Shiai jo Contest area

Shido Slight penalty or infringement
Sono mama Freeze (referee's command)
Sore made Time is up (referee's command)

Suwate Sit down [as a command]

Toketa Hold broken (referee's command)

Waza ari Half point

Wazari awaseti ippon 2 half points make a full point

## Win (Kachi)

Fusen gachi Win by forfeit or default Kiken gachi Win by withdrawal

Sogo gachi Combination win by half point

Yusei gachi Win by decision

Yoshi Continue (referee's command)

Yuko Not quite a half point

Shihan Master Teacher (7<sup>th</sup> Dan and up)

Shiho Four directions [shi + ho]

Shintai Advance-retreat, body movement

Shiro White

#### Shisei

#### **Posture in General**

Anza Sitting cross-legged Ayumi ashi Normal walking

Hon Basic

Hon tai Basic body posture Jigo tai Defensive posture

Jigo hon tai Basic defensive posture Seiza Sitting on knees (kneeling)

Shizen Natural

Shizen hon tai Basic natural posture Tsugi ashi Sliding foot walking

Sode Sleeve Soto Outside

Sukui Scooping up [from the verb sukuu]

Sumi Corner Sutemi Sacrifice

Suwate Sit down! [from the verb suwaru]

# <u>Tai</u> <u>Body</u>

Ago Jaw or chin

Ashi Foot

Ashi kubi Ankle (neck of foot)

Atama Head

Do Abdomen/trunk Ha Tooth, teeth, wing

Hara Stomach Hiji/Empi Elbow Hiza Knee Kata Shoulder Kao Face Kote Forearm Koshi, Goshi Waist/hip Neck Kubi Kuchi, guchi Mouth

Mata Inside upper thigh

Mune Chest
Hana Nose
Nodo Throat
Se Back
Te Hand

Tekubi Wrist (neck of hand)

Ude Arm

# <u>Tai sabaki</u> <u>Body Movements</u> (in all eight directions)

Mae sabaki Front movement

Mae mawashi sabaki Front (roundhouse) movement

Ushiro sabaki Back movement Yoko sabaki Side movement

# <u>Taiso</u> <u>Exercises in General</u>

Junbi undo Warm up exercises
Shumatsu undo Cooling-off exercises

Randori Free practice

Tani Valley

Tate Vertical, length wise

Tori One who executes technique

Tomodachi Friend

Tsukuri Entering or fitting in for a throw

Tsuri Lifting from above [from the verb tsuru]

Uchi Inner/strike

Uke Receiver of action (is receiving)

Ukemi Breakfall

Uki Floating [from the verb *uku*]

Ura Back, rear, inverted Ushiro Behind, back of

Utsuri Changing, moving [from the verb *utsuru*]

Wakare Division, separation

# Waza Technique(s)

Atemi waza Striking techniques

Bogyo Defense

Nage waza Throwing technique

Go kyo no waza Techniques of the five teachings (1st 40

throws in judo)

Kaeshi waza Counter techniques Renraku waza Combination techniques

# Sutemi Waza Sacrifice Techniques

# Ma sutemi waza Back falling sacrifice techniques

Obi nage Belt throw

Obi tori gaeshi Belt grab reversal
Sumi gaeshi Corner reversal
Tawara gaeshi Rice bale reversal
Tomoe nage Circle Throw

Ura nage Inverted or rear throw

Uki waza Floating throw

## Yoko sutemi waza Side falling sacrifice techniques

Daki wakare Encircling separation

Hane makikomi Springing wrap around throw

Harai makikomi Hip sweep wrap around
Hikikomi gaeshi Pulling out (rolling) reversal
Kani basami Scissors or crab throw
Soto makikomi Outside wrap around throw

Tani otoshi Valley drop

Uchi mata makikomi Inner thigh wrap around throw

Yoko gake Side hook Yoko guruma Side wheel Yoko otoshi Side drop

Yoko tomoe nage Side circle throw Yoko wakare Side separation

## Tachi Waza

# **Standing Techniques**

## Ashi waza Foot techniques

Ashi guruma Leg wheel

De ashi harai Sweeping the advanced foot Harai tsuri komi ashi Sweeping pulling lift throw

Hiza guruma Knee wheel

Kawazu gake Wrapping opponent's leg

Kibisu gaeshi Heel reversal

Ko soto gake Small outside hook

Ko soto gari

Ko uchi gaeshi

Ko uchi gari

Little outside reaping throw

Minor inner reaping counter

Minor inside reaping throw

Nidan ko soto gari Double (2nd step) minor outside reap

Okuri ashi harai Sliding foot sweep

O soto gaeshi Major outer reaping counter

O soto gari Major outer reaping O soto guruma Major outside wheel

O soto otoshi
O uchi gaeshi
O uchi gari
Major outer dropping throw
Major inner reaping counter
Major inner reaping throw

Sasae tsuri komi ashi Foot stop lift pull throw

Tsubame gaeshi Swallow counter Yama arashi Mountain Storm

Yoko gake Side hook

#### Koshi Waza

## Hip Techniques

Eri tsuri komi goshi
Hane goshi
Springing hip throw
Springing hip reversal
Harai goshi
Sweeping hip throw

Harai goshi gaeshi Sweeping hip counter

Koshi guruma Hip wheel throw Kubi nage Neck throw Ogoshi Major hip throw O guruma Big wheel throw Sode tsurikomi goshi Lifting sleeve pull hip throw Tsurikomi goshi Lifting pull hip throw Uchi mata Inner thigh throw Uchi mata gaeshi Inner thigh counter Inner thigh slip Uchi mata sukashi Uki goshi Floating hip throw Back hip throw Ushiro goshi Utsuri goshi Hip shift throw Tsuri goshi Lifting hip throw

## Te Waza

# **Hand Techniques**

Eri seoi nage
Ippon seoi nage
Kata guruma
Kuchiki taoshi
Morote gari
Lapel shoulder throw
Single arm shoulder throw
Shoulder wheel
Dead tree drop, one hand drop
Double hand reap

Morote seoi nage Two hand shoulder throw

Obi otoshi
Seoi nage
Sumi otoshi
Sukui nage

Belt grab drop
Back carry throw
Corner drop
Sukui nage
Scooping throw

Soto maki komi Outside wrap around throw

Tai otoshi Body drop

Ude gaeshi Arm reversal or counter

Uki otoshi Floating drop

# Ne Waza Grappling Techniques

Hikkomi gaeshi Extended pulling and rolling action into mat

work

## Kansetsu Waza

#### Joint Locking Techniques

Hiza gatame Knee lock

Juji gatame Cross (body) arm lock

Tekubi gatame Wrist lock

Ude garami Entangled arm wrap (figure four)

Ude hishigi hara gatame Arm crushing stomach lock
Ude hishigi hiza gatame Arm crushing knee lock

Ude hishigi juji gatame Arm crushing cross (arm) lock

Ude hishigi ude gatame Arm crushing lock

Ude hishigi waki gatame Arm crushing side (of the body) lock Waki gatame Side arm lock (waki refers to the side of

the body. The small sword carried by the samurai was called waki zashi, side

companion)

Yubi gatame Finger lock

#### Osaekomi Waza

## **Holding Techniques**

Ashi garami Leg entanglement Dojime Trunk strangle

Fusegi Escape (from ne waza)

Kuzure Broken/Modified
Hairi kata Mat entry techniques
Kumi kata Gripping techniques

Kami shiho gatame Upper four directions hold

Kata gatame Shoulder hold Kesa gatame Scarf hold

Kuzure kesa gatame Modified/broken scarf hold

Kuzure kami shiho gatame Modified/broken upper four directions

hold

Kuzure yoko shiho gatame Modified/broken side four directions old

Makura kesa gatame Pillow scarf hold

Tate shiho gatame Vertical four direction hold

Ushiro kesa gatame Rear scarf hold

Yoko Side

Yoko shiho gatame Side four directions hold

#### **Shime Waza**

## **Choking/Strangling Techniques**

Ashi jime Foot strangle

Gyaku juji jime Reverse cross strangle

Hadaka jime Naked strangle Jigoku jime Hell strangle

Kata juji jime Single cross strangle
Katate jime One hand strangle
Kataha jime Single wing strangle
Nami juji jime Normal cross strangle

Obi jime Belt strangle

Okuri eri jime Sliding lapel strangle Ryote jime Two hands strangle

Sankaku jime Triangular [3 corner] strangle

Sode guruma jime Sleeve wheel strangle Suso jime Sleeve wheel strangle

Tsuki komi jime Ushiro kataha jime Thrust strangle

Reverse single wing strangle

## Renraku Waza

# **Combination Techniques**

## Ukemi waza

# (Break) Falling techniques

Koho ukemi Back falls
Zempo ukemi Forward falls
Kaiten Rolling/rotation

Zempo kaiten ukemi Front rolling/rotation falls

Yama Mountain Yoko Side

Yudansha Black belt rank holder

Zori Sandals

## **Counting in Japanese**

Ichi One Ni Two San Three Shi (Yon) Four Go Five Roku Six Shichi, nana Seven Eight Hachi Ku Nine Ju Ten