

**JAPANESE VOCABULARY**

*tokonoma*: the raised part of the room (lit.); the alcove in which are displayed the one picture, one ornament, and the flower arrangement in a classical Japanese room.  
*obasan*: "granny," an old woman.  
*ojisan*: "grandpa," an old man.  
*Kancho*: the title of the highest ranking priest in the headquarter-temple of a Japanese Buddhist sect; the title is not used in every Japanese Buddhist sect, however. This priest is administrative as well as spiritual head of the sect. Usually the office is an elective one.  
*kesa*: the large mantle or robe covering the right shoulder, the left shoulder remaining bare, worn by Buddhist priests when they are conducting services.

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**CHINESE CHARACTERS** Our class begins with three Chinese characters.  
  
You are invited to read them at sight. If you doubt your grasp of their meaning, a correct translation is given below, upside down.

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