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Japanese	Meaning	Japanese	Meaning	Japanese	Meaning
A-	Easy	-do	Wisteria	Hei-	Military
Aka-	Red	e-	Defend	Hi-	The sun, a day
Ake-	Clear	e-	Estuary	Higashi-	Rock, reef
Aki-	Autumn	-e	Inlet, bay	Hime-	Princess
Ama-	Heaven	Ei-	Perpetual	-hira	A plain
Ame-	Heaven	Fu-	Capital, government, department	Hira-	Level
An-	Easy	Fu-	Wealth	Hiro-	Man, person
An-	Hut	Fu-	Wind	Hisa-	Ancient
Ari-	Be	Fuji-	Wisteria	Hito-	One
Aru-	New	Fuka-	deep	Ho-	Abundance
Asa-	Dawn, dynasty	Fuku-	Luck	Ho-	Below, origin, book
Asa-	Shallow	Funa-	Boat	Ho-	Hilltop
Ashi-	Leg, foot	Furu-	Old	Ho-	To keep
Ba-	Horse	Ga-	Congratulate	Hoku-	North
-ba	Feather	-ga	Congratulations, compliments	Hori-	Moat
-ba	Leaf	-gaki	Hedge, wall	Hoshi-	Star
-ba	Place	-gami	Upper, above	I-	This
-ba	Wave	-gata	Direction	-i	Well
Bai-	Plum tree	-gawa	River	I-	Wild boar
-bara	Field, plain	-ge	Household, shop	Ichi-	Market, town
-bashi	Bridge	Gen-, Minamoto	Source	Ichi-	One
-bayashi	Forest	Gen-, Moto-	Origin	Ike-	Pond
-be	Ancient family	Getsu-	The moon, month	Iki-	Life
-be	Vicinity	-gi	Castle	Iku-	Life
Boku-	Ink	Go-	After	Ima-	Modern, now
Bu-	Abundance	Go-	Honorific prefix	Ina-	Growing rice
Bu-	Brave	-go	Child, small	Ino-	Wild boar
-buchi	Deep water	-goe	Cross	Inu-	Dog
-chi	Earth, land	-goshi	Cross	Iri-	Enter
Cho-	Bird	-guchi	Mouth	Iru-	Enter
Cho-	Town, ward, street	Gun-	District	-ishi	Stone
Chu-	Middle, amid	-gura	Warehouse, storehouse, treasury	Ishi-	Stone, rock
-da	Field	Gyoku-	Gem	Iso-	Beach
Dai-	Great	Ha-	A wave	Iwa-	Stone, rock
Dai-	Reign, substitute	Ha-	Feathers	Izumi-	A spring
-daira	A plain	Ha-	Leaf	Ji-	Buddhist temple
-dani	Valley	Haku-	White	-ji	Earth, land
-de	Hand, arm	Hama-	Beach	Ji-	Government
-de	To go out	-hara	Field, plain	-ji	Temple
-dera	Temple	Haru-	The spring	Ji-	To follow, succeed
-do	Door	-hashi	Bridge	-jima	Island
Do-	Earth	Hashi-	Bridge	Jin-	A Shinto deity
Do-	Hall	Hei-	Level	Jin-	Man, person

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Jin-	Very	Kichi-	Lucky	Me-	Woman
Jo-	Castle	Kiku-	Chrysanthemum	Mei-	Clear
Jo-	Item, district	Kin-	Metal, gold	-mi	Ocean
Jo-	Upper	Kasha-	Precipice	mi-	See
Jo-	Woman	Kita-	North	-mi	View
Ju-	Dwell	Kitau-	Iron forge	mi-	Water
Ju-	Weighty	Kiyo-	Pure	Michi-	Way, circuit
Ka-	Congratulate	Ko-	Brilliant	Mina-	South
-ka	Congratulations, compliments	Ko-	Child, sign of the rat	Minami-	South
Ka-	Deer	-ko	Child, small	Mine-	Hilltop
Kachi-	Conquer	Ko-	Estuary	Mitsu-	Brilliant
Kado-	Gate	Ko-	High	-miya	Shinto shrine
Kai-	Sea	Ko-	Old	Miya-	Palace, shrine
Kai-	Shell	Ko-	Small	Mizu-	Water
Kaki-	Fence	Koku-	Country, providence	Mo-	Luxuriant
Kaku-	Horn, angle	Kon-	Metal, gold	Mon-	Gate
Kame-	Tortoise	Kori-	District	Mori-	Defend
Kami-	A Shinto deity	-koshi	Cross	Mori-	Forest
Kami-	Upper	Ku-	Ancient	-mori	Woods, grove
-kami	Upper, above	-ku	Arrive, come	Moto-	Below, origin, book
Kan-	Barrier	Ku-	Town ward	-moto	Origin
Kan-	Consider	-kuchi	Mouth	Mu-	Brave
Kana-	Metal, gold	Kuma-	A bear	-mura	Village
Kane-	Metal, gold	Kumo-	Cloud	Mura-	Village
-kata	Direction	Kuni-	Country, providence	Muro-	Cellar
Kata-	Direction	Kura-	Storehouse	Myo-	Clear
Katsu-	Conquer	Kura-	Treasury	Na-	Name, fame
Kawa-	Board	-kura	Warehouse, storehouse, treasury	-nabe	Vicinity
-kawa	River	Kuri-	Chestnut	Nada-	Ocean
Kawa-	River	Kuro-	Black	-naga	Long time
Kaza-	Wind	Kuwa-	Mulberry	Naga-	Perpetual
Kaze-	Wind	Kyu-	Ancient	Nai-	Inner, within
Kazu-	one	Ma-	Real	Naka-	Central
-ke	Household, shop	-ma	Space, room	-naka	Inside, middle
Ken-	House, front	-machi	Town, street	Naka-	Middle, amid
Ken-	Prefecture	Machi-	Town, ward, street	Nami-	A wave
-ki	Arrive, come	Mae-	Fore	-nami	Wave
-ki	Castle	Mago-	Grandchild	Nan-	South
Ki-	Castle	Maru-	Round	Nari-	Become
Ki-	Rejoice	Masa-	Direct	-ne	Base of the hill
Ki-	Spirit, demon	-matsu	Pine	Ne-	Child, sign of the rat
-ki	Tree	-me	Eye	Ne-	Root
Ki-	Tree, wood	Me-	Eye	Nichi-	The sun, a day

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Nin-	Man, person	Sato-	Hamlet	Suzu-	Small bell
Nishi-	West	Sawa-	Marsh	-ta	Field
-no	Field, plain	-sawa	Swamp	Ta-	Great
-nomiya	Shinto shrine	Se-	Rapids	Ta-	Hand
-noshita	Under, lower	-se	Rapids, shallows	Ta-	Many
-nouchi	Inner, within	Sei-	Become	Ta-	Rice field
-noue	Upper, above	Sei-	Direct	Tachi-	Set up
-numa	Bog, pond	Sei-	Pure	Tai-	Great
Numa-	Marsh	Sei-	West	Tiara-	Level
Nyu-	Enter	Seki-	Barrier	Taka-	High
o-	Great	Seki-	Red	Take-	Bamboo
-o	Lower slope of a mountain	Seki-	Stone, rock	Take-	Brave
-oka	Hill	Sen-	A spring	Taki-	Waterfall
Oka-	Mound	Shi-	Child, sign of the rat	Tama-	Gem
Oni-	Spirit, demon	Shi-	Record	Tan-	Iron forge
Onna-	Woman	Shiba-	Brushwood	-tani	Valley
Ori-	Weave	Shige-	Luxuriant	Tani-	Valley
Oto-	Youngest	Shige-	Weighty	Tate-	Set up
Ra-	Gauze	Shika-	Deer	Tatsu-	Dragon
-ra	Good, fine	-shima	Island	Tatsu-	Set up
Ra-	Pleasure	Shima-	Lower	Te-	Hand
Rai-	Arrive	Shin-	A Shinto deity	-te	Hand, arm
Raku-	Pleasure	Shin-	New	Tei-	Establish
Ri-	Gain	Shio-	Salt	Tei-	Pavilion
Ri-	Hamlet	Shira-	White	Ten-	Heaven
-ri	Village	-shiro	Castle	Tera-	Temple
Ryo-	Dragon	Shiro-	Castle	-tera	Temple
Ryu-	Dragon	Shiro-	Reign, substitute	-to	Wisteria
Sa-	Assist	-shiro	Substitute	To-	Capital city
-sa	Help	Shiro-	white	-to	Door
Sa-	Left	Shita-	Lower	To-	Door
Sada-	Establish	-shita	Under, lower	To-	Earth
Sai-	Studio	Sho-	conquer	To-	Rock, reef
Saka-	West	Sho-	Direct	To-	Wealth
Saka-	Ascent	Sho-	Small	Toge-	Mountain pass
-saka	Rice wine	Shun-	The spring	Tokoro-	Place
Sake-	Slope, hill	Some-	Dye	Toku-	Virtue
-saki	Rice wine	Son-	Grandchild	Tomi-	Wealth
Saki-	Cape	Su-	Should, ought to	Tora-	Tiger
Sakura-	Headland	Sui-	Water	Tori-	Bird
San-	Cherry tree	Sumi-	Dwell	Tori-	Take
Saru-	Mountain	Sumi-	Horn, angle	Toshi-	Gain
Sato-	Monkey	Sumi-	Ink	Toyo-	Abundance

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Tsu-	Harbor	Yashiro-	Shinto shrine		
-tsu	Harbor, ferry	Yasu-	Easy		
Tsuchi-	Earth	Yasu-	To keep		
Tsugu-	To follow, succeed	Yo-	Male principle in nature		
Tsuji-	Crossroad	Yoko-	Thwart		
-tsuka	Mound, hillock	Yone-	Rice		
-tsuki	Moon, month	Yoshi-	Lucky		
Tsuki-	Moon, month	Yu-	Hot water		
Tsuma-	Wife	-zaka	Slope, hill		
Tsuno-	Horn, angle	-zaki	Cape		
Tsuru-	Crane	-zawa	Swamp		
U-	Feathers	Zen-	Fore		
-u	Life, birth	Zo-	Treasury		
U-	Right	-zu	Harbor, ferry		
-uchi	Inner, within	Zu-	Picture		
Uchi-	Inner, within	-zu	To go out		
Ue-	Upper	-zuka	Mound, hillock		
-ue	Upper, above	-zuki	Moon, month		
Uma-	Horse				
Ume-	Plum tree				
-umi	Ocean				
Umi-	Sea				
Un-	Cloud				
Un-	Sea				
-ura	Bay, beach				
Ura-	shore				
Va-	Valley				
-wa	Feather				
-wa	Wave				
Waka-	Young				
Waki-	Side				
-wara	Field, plain				
Wata-	Ferry				
Watari-	Ferry				
Ya-	Arrow				
-ya	Household, shop				
Ya-	Household, shop				
-ya	Shop, business				
-ya	Valley				
-yama	Mountain				
Yama-	Mountain				
Yana-	Willow				
Yanagi-	Willow				