

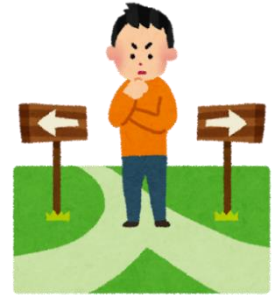


**Let's Learn Daily Japanese Part ③ “ Directional Expressions”**

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毎日の日本語③ 方向を覚えましょう

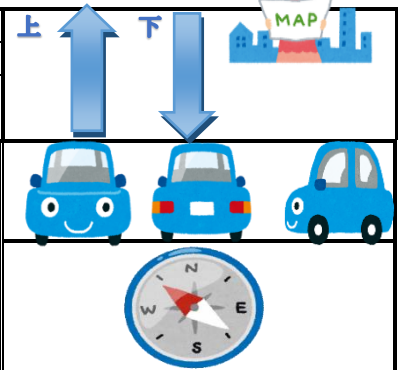
Let's check out various directional expressions as they are often used in Japan. If you know any of these words/phrases, you will find your right path!

Japanese	Hiragana	How to Read	English
方向	ほうこう	<i>Houkou</i>	Direction
左 ←	ひだり	<i>Hidari</i>	Left
右 →	みぎ	<i>Migi</i>	Right
左右	さゆう	<i>Sayu-u</i>	Left & Right
直進	ちよくしん	<i>Chokushin</i>	Straight
真っすぐ進む	まっすぐすすむ	<i>Massugu susumu</i>	Go straight
右にまがる	みぎにまがる	<i>Migi ni magaru</i>	Turn right
※ 右折	うせつ	<i>Usetsu</i>	
左にまがる	ひだりにまがる	<i>Hidari ni magaru</i>	Turn left
※ 左折	させつ	<i>Sasetsu</i>	



◆ People who easily get lost on the road or in the wrong direction are called “directionally challenged” (*Houkou-onchi*), which is one of the common words.

上	うえ	<i>Ue</i>	Up
下	した	<i>Shita</i>	Down
上と下	うえ と した	<i>Ue to shita</i>	Up & Down
※ 上下	じょうげ	<i>Jyouge</i>	
前	まえ	<i>Mae</i>	Front
後ろ	うしろ	<i>Ushiro</i>	Back
横	よこ	<i>Yoko</i>	Side
東	ひがし	<i>Higashi</i>	East
西	にし	<i>Nishi</i>	West
南	みなみ	<i>Minami</i>	South
北	きた	<i>Kita</i>	North



※:Japanese words that can be found on information signs at intersections, etc.[Common expressions often used with other words]

◆ Please also check the “Connect and Enhance Your Life in Japanese” (*Tsunagaru hirogaru nihongo de no kurashi*) on the **Agency for Cultural Affairs**' website, where you will find a lot of information on learning directions through this QR code!

