



**Olympic School
Challenge**
ROAD TO TOKYO

Fukuroi Challenges

[Enjoy this video](#) from Fukuroi, Japan, where Team Ireland will base themselves while waiting for the Olympics to begin! Now, imagine we are in Japan with Team Ireland. Wouldn't it show a great sign of respect if we could say a few basic phrases in Japanese to the locals? How about learning to write your name in Japanese-wel promise you, it will look VERY different to how you write it now.

Challenge 1: [Learn to write your name in Japanese](#)

In Ireland we use the Roman/Latin alphabet when speaking english and it has 26 letters. When writing or speaking in Irish we traditionally only use **18 letters**.. However, in Japan they have 2 different alphabets and one pictorial writing system that uses Chinese characters.

- Hiragana
- Katakana
- Kanji (Chinese Characters)

Your challenge is to look at the Katakana chart on the next page (that is what Japanese people would use to write your name) and use it to write your own name.

If you need help use the [Name Generator](#)

Katakana Chart

	a	i	u	e	o
	ア a	イ i	ウ u	エ e	オ o
k	カ ka	キ ki	ク ku	ケ ke	コ ko
s	サ sa	シ shi	ス su	セ se	ソ so
t	タ ta	チ chi	ツ tsu	テ te	ト to
n	ナ na	ニ ni	ヌ nu	ネ ne	ノ no
h	ハ ha	ヒ hi	フ fu	ヘ he	ホ ho
m	マ ma	ミ mi	ム mu	メ me	モ mo
y	ヤ ya		ユ yu		ヨ yo
r	ラ ra	リ ri	ル ru	レ re	ロ ro
w	ワ wa				(ワ) (wo)
n	ン n				

g	ガ ga	ギ gi	グ gu	ゲ ge	ゴ go
z	ザ za	ジ ji	ズ zu	ゼ ze	ゾ zo
d	ダ da	ヂ ji	ヅ zu	デ de	ド do
b	バ ba	ビ bi	ブ bu	ベ be	ボ bo
p	パ pa	ピ pi	プ pu	ペ pe	ポ po

ky	キャ kya	キュ kyu	キョ kyo
sh	シャ sha	シュ shu	ショ sho
ch	チャ cha	チュ chu	チョ cho
ny	ニャ nya	ニユ nyu	ニョ nyo
hy	ヒャ hya	ヒユ hyu	ヒョ hyo
my	ミャ mya	ミユ myu	ミョ myo
ry	リャ rya	リュ ryu	リョ ryo

ギャ gya	ギユ gyu	ギョ gyo
ジャ ja	ジュ ju	ジョ jo

ビャ bya	ビユ byu	ビョ byo
ピャ pya	ピユ pyu	ピョ pyo

Please note: V is not a sound in Japanese, so they might use the sound f“bee” instead, which is a lot like how we use “bh” for a “V” sound in Irish.

If you want to find how to write your name in Japanese you can go to this website and it will do it automatically:



Challenge 2: Learn to speak Japanese

Split students into pairs and have them try to have a conversation in Japanese using the phrases below. We asked award winning Japanese film maker and animator [Ru Kuwahata](#) to teach you how to say the phrases!

[VIDEO OF RU](#)

Konnichiwa. Hello.

O-namae wa nan desu ka. What is your name?

Watashi no namae wa Aoife desu.. My name is Aoife.

O-genki desu ka. How are you?

Genki desu. I'm fine. Thank you.

Oaidekite ureshi desu. I am very glad to meet you.

Watashi wa Ireland kara kimashita. I am from Ireland.

Watashi wa football ga suki desu. I like to play football.

Arigatō. Thank you.

Dōitashimashite. You're welcome.

To search for more phrases:

[Google translate](#)

For a chance to win some prizes for your school:

Send us some videos of students saying phrases in Japanese or photos of students writing their names in Japanese to roadtotokyo@daretobelieve.ie to be in with a chance to win!

