

# Japanese apartment vocabulary to know



Japanese	Japanese Pronunciation	English definition
帖/畳	じょう jyo	Counter for tatami mats. Used to express room size. 1 jyo is roughly 1.62 m <sup>2</sup> or 16.5 ft <sup>2</sup> .
和室	わしつ washitsu	Japanese-style room with a tatami floor.
洋室	ようしつ yoshitu	Western-style room with hard flooring.
浴室	よくしつ yokushitsu	Bathroom. Not the toilet.
玄関	げんかん genkan	Apartment entrance area. Area for taking off shoes. Can be shortened to 玄.
トイレ/T	といれ toire	Toilet.
洗/W	あらい arai	Washing machine. Short for 洗濯機.
冷/R	れい rei	Refrigerator. Short for 冷蔵庫.
洗面室/洗面所	せんめんしつ senmenshitsu	Powder room/wash room. An area with a sink and mirror.
収納	しゅうのう shuno	Storage area.
ホール	ほーる horu	Hall or hallway.
バルコニー	ばるこにー barukoni	Balcony.
UB	ユニットバス yunitto basu	Unit bath. A single, waterproof room with a bathroom sink and bath/shower. In some cases, the toilet will also be included in this room.
CL	クロゼット kurozetto	Closet. Storage space.
WIC	ウォークインクローゼット uokuinkurozetto	Walk in closet. Large storage space.
SB	シューズボックス shuzubokkusu	Shoe box. Usually located in the genkan (entrance area).
SCL/SIC	シューズインクローゼット shuzuinkurozetto	Shoe closet. Larger area for storing shoes.
WC	ウォータークローゼット uotakurozetto	Water closet. Another abbreviation for toilet.
EV	エレベーター erebeta	Elevator.