Karate Terms & Translations

Gō Jū Ryū Kara Te Dō no Sen Mon Yō Go 剛柔流空手道の専門用語



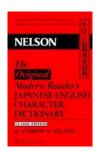
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Introduction

This compilation has been carefully researched and prepared to help you learn basic terms used in Gōjūryū Karate, the nuances and meanings behind the original Japanese terms, and to aid your correct pronunciation of the Japanese terms. For translating the Chinese (or kanji) characters of

the Japanese terms and defining the root meanings of the characters, the excellent dictionary, *The Modern Reader's Japanese-English Character Dictionary* by Andrew Nelson, Ph.D. was used for its thoroughness and conciseness in explaining Japanese words and the meaning of the kanji characters. For those who are interested in studying Japanese words and the kanji characters, there is no finer reference than "Nelson's Dictionary". In addition, the terms were also reviewed for accuracy with native Japanese speakers, and proofread by Sensei Cornell Watson (Shihan) of the Cornell Watson Martial Arts Center. Therefore the resulting compilation is believed to



be an accurate and authoritative representation of the correct terms, and will be a great supplement to your study of Gōjūryū Karate. You can also make these into flash cards to review and memorize. It is hoped that this guide will become a source to which you will refer often, and help you to gain a deeper appreciation for the richness, eloquence, nuances and context of the Japanese language as used in Gōjūryū Karate.

Japanese Pronunciation Guide

This section will explain the basics of correctly pronouncing Japanese words. Spoken Japanese consists of simple syllables, generally consisting of a vowel, or a consonant plus a vowel. There are few complex consonant clusters. All vowels and consonants have consistent pronunciation. Consonants are crisply pronounced. Care should be taken when pronouncing Japanese words, as one "slip of the tongue" may result in saying a word incorrectly as gibberish, or perhaps saying an entirely different Japanese word altogether. Throughout this guide, both the literal English transliteration of the Japanese pronunciation is provided, along with a more "phonetic" spelling of the Japanese pronunciation to ensure that you pronounce the words correctly.

JAPANESE VOWELS (Ah-Ee-Uu-Eh-Oh)

Vowels are always pronounced the same way; long vowels (usually marked in English transliteration with a bar over the vowel (for example, $\bar{\mathbf{u}}$) or as two vowels (\mathbf{ou}) are simply longer in duration (actually two full syllables), but the sound itself doesn't change.

\mathbf{A} = pronounced "Ah" as in father	
$I = \text{pronounced "Ee" as in } \underline{ea} \text{t or } \underline{ea} \text{ch}$	Some Vowel pronunciation examples:
$U = \text{pronounced "Oo" as in } f\underline{ood} \text{ or } z\underline{oo}$	Some vower pronunciation examples.
\mathbf{E} = pronounced "Eh" as in <u>get</u> or T <u>e</u> d	Karate ("Kah-Rah-Teh" NOT "Kuh-Ra-Tee")
$\mathbf{O} = \text{pronounced "Oh" as in } \underline{\mathbf{O}} \text{hio}$	Ichi ("Ee-chee" NOT "It-chi")
YA = pronounced "Yah" as in <u>Ya</u> hoo	<u>Ueno</u> ("Oo-Eh-Noh" a place in Tokyo)
YU = pronounced "Yuu" as in " <u>You</u> " or " <u>U</u> niverse"	
YO = pronounced "Yoh" as in " <u>Yo</u> lk"	

CONSONANTS (WITH VOWEL COMBINATIONS)

There are about 16 basic consonant types in Japanese which are combined with 8 vowels to create over 88 different sounds in Japanese. The basic consonants in Japanese are fairly straightforward, with only a few exceptions. Pronunciation should always be done clearly. The consonant sounds with the corresponding vowels are shown below:

			Basic Vowel Sounds						
		Α	I	U	E	0	-YA	-YU	-YO
	K	Ka	Ki	Ku	Ke	Ko	Kya	Kyu	Kyo
	S	Sa	Shi	Su	Se	So	Sha	Shu	Sho
S	T	Ta	Chi	Tsu	Te	To	Cha	Chu	Cho
Sounds	N	Na	Ni	Nu	Ne	No	Nya	Nyu	Nyo
ono	H	Ha	Hi	Fu	He	Но	Hya	Hyu	Hyo
	M	Ma	Mi	Mu	Me	Mo	Mya	Myu	Myo
an	Y	Ya		Yu		Yo			
on	R	Ra	Ri	Ru	Re	Ro	Rya	Ryu	Ryo
ns	W	Wa				Wo			
Consonant	G	Ga	Gi	Gu	Ge	Go	Gya	Gyu	Gyo
	Z or J	Za	Ji	Zu	Ze	Zo	Ja	Jyu	Jo
Basic	D or Z	Da	Zi	Dzu	De	Do			
B	В	Ba	Bi	Bu	Be	Во	Bya	Byu	Byo
	P	Pa	Pi	Pu	Pe	Po	Pya	Pyu	Pyo
	N	1)	No combinat	ions, just an end	ing "n"sound,	same sound	as the "n" in "N	ew")	

Consonant Pronunciation Guide

The following are some common consonant sounds with actual examples in Japanese speech.

Co	nsonant	Pronunciation	Japanese Example
	Ka	"Kah" (like the sound of a crow, or corn "Cob")	Karate or Kake
	Ki	"Kee" (as in the word "key")	<u>Ki</u> hon or <u>Ki</u> -Ai
S	Ku	"Koo" (as in the word "cookoo")	<u>Ku</u> mite
K-Series	Ke	"Keh" (as in the word " <u>kept</u> ")	<u>Ke</u> n or U <u>ke</u> or Ka <u>ke</u>
S	Ko	"Koh" (as in the word " <u>Co</u> coa")	<u>Ko</u> hai
×	Kya	"Keeyah"	<u>Kya</u> kkō
	Kyu	"Keeyu" (as in the word " <u>Cu</u> te")	<u>Kyu</u> kei
	Kyo	"Keeyoh" (as in the word "Tokyo"	Tai <u>kyo</u> ku
	Sa	"Sah" (as in the word " <u>sa</u> w")	Sanchin or Osae
	Shi	"Shee" (as in the word "Sheep")	Shiko dachi or Shichi
S	Su	"Soo" (as in the girl's name " <u>Su</u> zie")	Ebi <u>su</u> (a place in Tokyo)
S-Series	Se	"Seh" (as in the word " <u>Se</u> t")	<u>Se</u> za or <u>Se</u> n <u>se</u> i or <u>Se</u> mpai
S	So	"Soh" (as in the word " <u>Sew</u> " or " <u>Sew</u> ing")	Moku <u>so</u> or Hai <u>so</u> ku
Ø	Sha	"Shaw" (as in the word "Shaman")	Shori <u>sha</u>
	Shu	"Shoo" (as in the word "Shoe")	<u>Shu</u> to
	Sho	"Shoh" (as in the word "Show")	Ba <u>sho</u> or <u>Sho</u> kken
	Ta	"Tah" (as in the word "Tick- <u>To</u> ck" or " <u>Ta</u> lk")	Ka <u>ta</u> or O- <u>Ta</u> gai ni
	Chi	"Chee" (as in "Cheetos" or "Cheese")	Da <u>chi</u> or U <u>chi</u>
S	Tsu	"Tsoo" (the "TS" sound of " <u>Tse-tse</u> fly")	Zenku <u>tsu</u> Dachi
T-Series	Te	"Teh" (as in " <u>Te</u> ddy Bear")	Kara <u>te</u> or Kumi <u>te</u> or Nuki <u>te</u>
-Se	To	"Toh" (as in " <u>To</u> ad" or " <u>To</u> e")	Hai <u>to</u> or Kaka <u>to</u> or Shu <u>to</u>
L	Cha	"Chaw" (as in "Chalk")	<u>Cha</u> ku
	Chu	"Choo" (as in " <u>Chew</u> " or " <u>Choo</u> se")	<u>Chu</u> dan or Hai <u>chu</u>
	Cho	"Choh" (as in "Chosen" or "Choke")	<u>Cho</u> tto

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Consonant Pronunciation Guide (Continued)

Cor	sonant	Pronunciation Guide	Japanese Example
001	На	"Hah" (as in laughing "Ha")	Hachi or Haito
	Hi	"Hee" (as in "Heat" or "Heap")	Hira-Ken or Hiza
S	Fu	"Foo" (actually a softer sound closer to "Huu")	Fumi-komi
H-Series	He	"Heh" (as in "Hem" or "Hemlock")	Heisoku Dachi
-Se	Но	"Hoh" (as in "Hoe" or "Hope")	Hokkaido (place in Japan)
Н	Hya	"HeeYah"	Hyaku
	Hyu	"HeeYuu" (as in the name "Hugh")	Hyuga
	Hyo	"HeeYoh"	<u>Hyo</u> ka or <u>Hyo</u> ron
	Na	"Nah" (as in "Nominate" or "Viet Nam")	<u>Na</u> geru
	Ni	"Nee" (as in "K <u>nee</u> " or " <u>Nee</u> d")	<u>Ni</u> hon <u>Ni</u> ppon
es	Nu	"Nuu" (as in "New" or "Knew")	<u>Nu</u> kite
N-Series	Ne	"Neh" (as in "Net")	Neko Ashi Dachi
S-Z	No	"Noh" (as in "No" or "Know")	<u>No</u> mu
	Nya	"NeeYah" (as in "Ke <u>nya</u> ")	Tenya wanya
	Nyu	"NeeYuu" (as in "New")	Nyugakku or Gyu <u>nyu</u>
	Nyo	"NeeYoh"	Nyobo
	Ma Mi	"Mah" (as in "Mom" or "Mama")	Mawashi Geri
	Mu	"Mee" (as in "Me" or Meek") "Moo" (as in "Move")	<u>Mi</u> yagi Muri
M-Series	Me	"Meh" (as in "Men" or "Mental")	Meiso
-Se	Mo	"Moh" (as in "Mow" or "Motion")	Mokuso
M.	Mya	"MeeYah"	Myaku
	Myu	"MeeYuu" (as in "Music")	<u>111ya</u> Ku
	Myo	"MeeYoh"	Dai <u>myo</u> or <u>Myo</u> ban
	Ra	"Rah" (as in "Rod" or "Raw")	Ramen
	Ri	"Ree" (as in "Reed" or "Greed")	Geri
Š	Ru	"Roo" (as in "Kangaroo")	Ruiji or Rujiten
erie	Re	"Reh" (as in "Red" or Rent" or "Bread")	<u>Re</u> i or <u>Re</u> nshu
R-Series	Ro	"Roh" (as in " <u>Ro</u> ad" or " <u>Ro</u> pe" or "B <u>ro</u> ke")	Ushi <u>ro</u> or <u>Ro</u> ku
4	Rya	"ReeYah" (as in "Diar <u>rhea</u> ")	<u>Rya</u> kudatsu
	Ryu	"ReeYuu" (as in <u>Reu</u> nion")	Goju- <u>Ryu</u> or <u>Ryu</u> kyu
	Ryo	"ReeYoh" (as in Cu <u>rio</u> " or <u>Rio</u> De Janeiro)	Ryoshin or Ryoken
ies	Ya	"Yah" (as in " <u>Ya</u> rd")	<u>Ya</u> mato
Y-Series	Yu	"Yoo" (as in "You" or "Universe")	<u>Yu</u> ki
Υ.	Yo	"Yoh" (as in "Yogurt")	<u>Yo</u> ku
W-Series	Wa	"Wah" (as in " <u>Wa</u> tch" or " <u>Wa</u> ll")	Ma <u>wa</u> shi-Geri
S-M	Wo	"Woh" (as in " <u>Woe</u> is Me" or " <u>Whoa</u> ")	Karate wo manabimasu
	Ga	"Gah" (as in "God" or "Got")	Gakusei or Ganbaru
	Gi	"Ghee" (as in <u>Gui</u> tar")	Karate <u>Gi</u> or <u>Gi</u> ri or <u>Gi</u> shiki
S	Gu "Goo" (as in "Goop" or "Goof")		Guntai or Gushiken
G-Series	Ge	"Gheh" (as in "Get")	Gentei or Geta
S-S	Go	"Goh" (as in "Goat" or "Go")	<u>Go</u> juryu
	Gya	"GeeYah" (as in	<u>Gya</u> ku
	Gyu	"GeeYuu" (as in	<u>Gyu</u> nikku
	Gyo	"GeeYoh" (as in	Ningyo

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Consonant Pronunciation Guide (Continued)

C	onsonant	Pronunciation Guide	Japanese Example
	Za	"Zah" (as in "Zombie")	Sei <u>za</u>
80	Ji	"Jee" (as in " <u>Jee</u> p")	Kan <u>ji</u> or <u>Ji</u> ssai
rie	Zu	"Zoo" (as in " <u>Zoo</u> " or " <u>Zoo</u> m")	Kanara <u>zu</u> or <u>Zu</u> tsu
-Se	Ze	"Zeh" (as in " <u>Ze</u> n")	<u>Ze</u> n
r J	Zo	"Zoh" (as in "Bo <u>zo</u> ")	<u>Zo</u> sa or <u>Zo</u> wai
Z or J-Series			<u>Jya</u> kuten or <u>Ja</u> ma
	Jyu (Ju)	"JeeYuu" (as in the name "Hugh")	<u>Ju</u> do or <u>Ju</u> bun or Go <u>ju</u> ryu
	Jyo (Jo)	"JeeYoh" (as in " <u>Jo</u> ke" " <u>Jo</u> an" or " <u>Jo</u> e")	<u>Jo</u> dan or <u>Jo</u> zu
	Da	"Dah" (as in " <u>Do</u> minate")	<u>Da</u> masu or <u>Da</u> raku
Z -	Zi	"Zhee" (as in " <u>Ze</u> bra")	
D or Z. Series	Dzu	"D'zoo"	
DS	De	"Deh" (as in " <u>De</u> stitute")	<u>De</u> sho or <u>De</u> nto
	Do	"Doh" (as in Homer Simpson's "Doh!" or "Dough")	Karate <u>Dō</u> or <u>Do</u> jo or <u>Dō</u> zo
	Ba	"Bah" (as in Scrooge's "Bah Humbug" or "Bottom")	<u>Ba</u> ka or <u>Ba</u> sho
	Bi	"Bee" (as in "Bumble <u>Bee</u> " or " <u>Beach</u> ")	<u>Bi</u> jin or <u>Bi</u> kkuri
S	Bu	"Boo" (as in "Boo" or "Boom")	<u>Bu</u> do or <u>Bu</u> ji or <u>Bu</u> rei
B-Series	Be	"Beh" (as in "Bed" or "Beckon")	<u>Be</u> nkyō or <u>Be</u> tsu or <u>Be</u> ngoshi
SS	Bo	"Boh" (as in " <u>Bo</u> at" or " <u>Bo</u> ne")	<u>Bo</u> dai or Sase <u>bo</u> or <u>Bo</u> nsai
E	Bya	"BeeYah" (as in "Beyond")	San <u>bya</u> ku
	Byu	"BeeYuu" (as in "Beautiful")	
	Byo	"BeeYoh"	<u>Byō</u> ki <u>Byō</u> teki <u>Byō</u> sei
	Pa	"Pah" (as in " <u>Papa</u> " or " <u>Paj</u> ama")	Chuto-han <u>pa</u>
	Pi	"Pee" (as in " <u>Pe</u> ople" or " <u>Pea</u> ce")	<u>Pi</u> nto
S	Pu	"Poo" (as in " <u>Poo</u> l" or "Har <u>poo</u> n")	Sem <u>pu</u> ki
rie	Pe "Peh" (as in "Pedestrian")		<u>Pe</u> ko- <u>pe</u> ko or <u>Pe</u> ten
P-Series	Po	"Poh" (as in "Postal" or "Pole")	Sam <u>po</u> or Tam <u>popo</u>
Ь	Pya	"PeeYah"	Hap <u>pya</u> ku
	Pyu	"PeeYuu" (as in "Pupil" or "Purify")	
	Pyo	"PeeYoh"	Нар <u>руо</u>

Notes:

All syllables receive the same amount of stress or emphasis (that means pronouncing Japanese without any stress or emphasis.)

Examples:

- "gō-jū-ryū" NOT "go-JU-ryu"
- "zen-ku-tsu-da-chi" NOT "zen-KU-tsu-DA-chi"
- "ka-ra-te" *NOT* "Ka-RA-te"
- "ne-ko-a-shi-da-chi" NOT "NE-ko-a-SHI-DA-chi

You can almost always divide the syllables after a vowel. (exception: some syllables end in "n" (shinbun = newspaper) (Nihon = Japan); sometimes a consonant is doubled (Roppongi – Tokyo place; or Hatchōbori – Tokyo place), which actually represents \underline{two} syllables (pronounced with a slight pause– Rop'pon-gi; Hat'chou-bo-ri).

General Terms & Phrases

Japanese Term	Gō	Jū	Ryū	
Pronunciation	Goh	Joo	Reeyoo	
Kanji Character(s)	岡川	柔	流	"The Strong and Gentle Way" "The Way of Hard and Soft"
Original Meaning(s) of the Kanji Characters	Strength; Firmness, Rigid, Bravery, Courage, Valor, Hardness, Toughness	Gentleness, Softness, Tender, Graceful, Flexible, Supple	Style, Fashion, School (of Thought), Manner, Way (of Doing), Fashion, Current, Flow	"The Tough but Graceful Style"

Japanese Term	Kara	Te	Dō	
Pronunciation	KahRah	Teh	Doh	
Kanji Character(s)	Ź		F	"Empty Hand" "Open Hand" "Fighting without Weapons" "The Way (or Path) of
Original Meaning(s) of the Kanji Characters		道		the Empty Hand"

Japanese Term	Kata	
Pronunciation	KahTah	
Kanji Character(s)	型	"A set pattern or sequence of defensive and offensive
Original Meaning(s) of the Kanji Characters	Set Form or Format, Set Pattern, Particular Style, Model, Type NOTE: It is interesting to know that the upper portion of the character (刑 or Kei) means "punishment". As it is placed over the other character for "ground", "earth" or "Soil" (土 or Doh), this combined meaning connotes an image of strictly imposed standards, physically demanding practice, or physically punishing routines performed outside on the ground.	movements and techniques, performed alone against imaginary opponents"

Japanese Term	Dō	Jō	
Pronunciation	Doh	Joh	
Kanji Character(s)	道	場	"(Practice) Hall" "Gymnasium" "Arena" (Literally: "A Place for Learning
Original Meaning(s) of the Kanji Characters	Way, Path, Road, Journey, Teachings,	Place, Grounds, Ring, Site, Space, Scene	The Way")

Japanese Term	Sen	Sei	
Pronunciation	Sen	Say	"Instructor" "Teacher"
Kanji Character(s)	先	生	"Schoolmaster" "Master" "Doctor" (Literally: "One who has lived before you",
Original Meaning(s) of the Kanji Characters	Preceding, Beyond, Earlier than, Head (of a line, etc.), The First	Birth, Live, Life, Prior, Existence, Cultivation, To Create, To Produce	in other words, "One who has knowledge and experience that you do not yet have.")
Japanese Term	De	Shi	
Pronunciation	Deh	Shee	
Kanji Character(s)	弟		"Pupil" "Student" "Disciple" "Follower" "Apprentice"
Original Meaning(s) of the Kanji Characters	Younger Brother, Faithful Service to those who are Older, Brotherly Affection	Child, Offspring, The Young, A Youngster, Small	
	0	D-!	
Japanese Term	Sen	Pai	
Pronunciation	Sen (or Sem)	Pie	
Kanji Character(s)	先	事	"(One's) Senior or Elder" "(a) Senior Student" "One who Out-Ranks You"
Original Meaning(s) of the Kanji Characters	Preceding, Beyond, Prior, Earlier than, Head (of a line_etc.) The First	Fellow, Companion, Man	
Innanana Tama	V.5	lla:	
Japanese Term	Kō	Hai	
Pronunciation Kanji Character(s)	Koh 後	High	"(One's) Junior or Subordinate" "(a) Junior Student" "One who is Below your Rank"
Original Meaning(s) of the Kanji Characters	Rear, Back, Successor, Following	Fellow, Companion, Man	
Japanese Term	Rei	Shiki	
Pronunciation	Ray	SheeKee (or Shkee)	
Kanji Character(s)	礼	T T	"(Bowing) Ceremony" "(a) Rite"
Original Meaning(s) of the Kanji Characters	Salute, Bow, Show Courtesy, Appreciation, Propriety, Etiquette, Manners	Ceremony, Rite, Function	()

Japanese Term	Sei	Za	
Pronunciation	Say	Zah	"Sit Straight"
		حــلـــ	Sit Straight
Kanji Character(s)	1	丛人	"Sit Correctly"
		/	"Sit Quietly"
Original Meaning(s) of the Kanji Characters	Straight, Right, Proper, Correct, Perfectly	Sit Down, Squat, Settle, Seat, Be Stable	"Be Seated"

Japanese Term	Moku	Sō	
Pronunciation	Moh Koo	Soh	
Kanji Character(s)	黙	想	"Closing One's Eyes in Silent Meditation"
Original Meaning(s) of the Kanji Characters	Keeping Silence, Saying Nothing	Thought, Idea, Imagination, Consideration	"Quiet Reflection"

Japanese Term	O Tagai ni	
Pronunciation	Oh Tah Gah Ee Nee	
Kanji Character(s)	お互いに	"Toward Each Other" "Mutually" "Together"
Original Meaning(s) of	Respectfully Toward Each Other,	
the Kanji Characters	Mutually to Each Other, Reciprocally	

Japanese Term	Rei	
Pronunciation	Ray	
Kanji Character(s)	礼	"(to) Respectfully Bow (towards)"
Original Meaning(s) of the Kanji Characters	Salute, Bow, Show Courtesy, Appreciation, Show Respect, Propriety, Etiquette, Manners	

Japanese Term	Shōmen ni Taishite	
Pronunciation	Shoh Men Ni Tai Shee Teh	
Kanji Character(s)	正面に対して	"(Please) Face (toward) the Front"
Original Meaning(s) of the Kanji Characters	Toward or in the direction of the Front (of the Dojo where the Founders Pictures are displayed in the honored stand called the "Kamiza")	

Japanese Term	Sensei ni Taishite	
Pronunciation	Sen Say Nee Tai Shee Teh	
Kanji Character(s)	先生に対して	"(Please) Face (toward) the Teacher"
Original Meaning(s) of the Kanji Characters	Toward (in the direction of) the Teacher or Instructor	

Japanese Term	Υō	i	
Pronunciation	Yoh	Ee	
Kanji Character(s)	用	意	(Used as a Command) "Get Ready!" ("Be Prepared!")
Original Meaning(s) of the Kanji Characters	Business, Work, Function, Errand,	Will, Intention, Thought, Idea, Desire	(Be Frepared:)

Japanese Term	Hajime (or Haijimeru)	
Pronunciation	Hah Jee Meh (Haji Meh Roo)	
Kanji Character(s)	始め (始める)	(Used as a Command) "Begin!" "Start!" "Begin at Your Own Pace"
Original Meaning(s) of the Kanji Characters	To Start, Begin, Commence	Begin at Tour Own Pace

Japanese Term	Yame (or Yameru)	
Pronunciation	Yah Meh (Yah Meh Roo)	
Kanji Character(s)	止め (止める)	(Used as a Command) "Stop!" "Cease!"
Original Meaning(s) of the Kanji Characters	To Stop, Cease, Quit, End, Terminate	-

Japanese Term	Narande	
Pronunciation	Nahrah n Deh	
Kanji Character(s)	並んで	(Used as a Command) "Line up!"
Original Meaning(s) of the Kanji Characters	To line up, to form a line, to arrange side-by-side	

Japanese Term	Sei	Retsu	
Pronunciation	Say	Reh Tsoo	
Kanji Character(s)	整	列	"(to) Line Up (by Rank)"
Original Meaning(s) of the Kanji Characters	Arrange, Assemble	Line, Row	

Japanese Term	Mawatte	
Pronunciation	Mah Wah 'Teh	
Kanji Character(s)	回って	(Used as a Command) "Turn Around!"
Original Meaning(s) of the Kanji Characters	To Turn Around, Spin, Rotate, Go Around	

Japanese Term	Ki	Ai	
Pronunciation	Kee	Eye	%(-) E: -1-4: - X-1122
Kanji Character(s)	気	合	"(a) Fighting Yell" "(a) Striking Shout" "(a) Forceful Puff of Breath" "(a) Focused Shout from one's
Original Meaning(s) of the Kanji Characters	Spirit, Force, Energy, Mind, Heart, Feeling, Temper, Mood, Disposition, Intention	Meet, Join Together, Match (with), Unite, Add Up, Mix, Combine	Spiritual Energy"

Japanese Term	Kara	Te	Ka	
Pronunciation	KahRah	Teh	Kah	
Kanji Character(s)	空	手	家	"(a) Practitioner of Karate"
Original Meaning(s) of the Kanji Characters	Empty, Sky, Open, Vacant,	Hand(s)	Person, Profession	

Japanese Term	Shi	Han	
Pronunciation	Shee	Hahn	
Kanji Character(s)	師	範	"Master Instructor" "Model Instructor of Technical Skills"
Original Meaning(s) of the Kanji Characters	Teacher, Master, Example, Model, Pattern, Exemplary Person	Example, Model, Pattern	3.20.00.00

Japanese Term	Gi	
Pronunciation	Ghee	
Kanji Character(s)	着	"(one's) Karate Uniform"
Original Meaning(s) of the Kanji Characters	Clothing; What One Wears	

Japanese Term	Obi	
Pronunciation	Oh Bee	
Kanji Character(s)	带	"(one's) Karate Belt" (Signifying your Rank)
Original Meaning(s) of the Kanji Characters	Belt, Sash, Band	

Japanese Term	Hai	
Pronunciation	High	
Kanji Character(s)	はい	"Yes" "Yes Sir" "I Agree" "I Understand (and I'll Do it)"
Original Meaning(s) of the Kanji Characters	Yes, Acknowledgement, Affirmative	,

Japanese Term	lie	
Pronunciation	Ee Ee Eh	
Kanji Character(s)	いいえ	"No" "No Way" "No Sir" "I Don't Agree"
Original Meaning(s) of the Kanji Characters	No, Not, Negative	

Japanese Term	Kumi	Te	
Pronunciation	Koo Mee	Teh	((T: 1 :: 2)
Kanji Character(s)	組	手	"Fighting" "Sparring" (Jiyu Kumite = Freestyle Sparring)
Original Meaning(s) of the Kanji Characters	To Cross, Unite with, Grapple with, Braid Together	Hand or Hands	(siya itamice = freestyle spuring)

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Japanese Term	Ki	Hon	
Pronunciation	Kee	Hohn	
Kanji Character(s)	基	本	"Basic" "Basis" "Standard"
Original Meaning(s) of the Kanji Characters	Origin, Basis, Foundation	Main, True, Real, Regular, Normal, Source The Root of	"Fundamental"
Japanese Term	I	Dō	
Pronunciation	Ee	Doh	
Kanji Character(s)	移	動	"Movement"
Original Meaning(s) of the Kanji Characters	Move, Change, Shift, Drift, Transfer, Divert, Pour into	Stir, Move, Shift, Shake, Set in Motion, Mobilize, Activity, Fluctuate	
Japanese Term	Mae		
Pronunciation	Mah Eh		
Kanji Character(s)	前		"Front" "In Front"
Original Meaning(s) of the Kanji Characters	Front, Before, A	Ahead, Forepart	
Japanese Term	Ushiro		
Pronunciation	Uu Shee		
Kanji Character(s)	後ろ		"Back" "Behind"
Original Meaning(s) of the Kanji Characters	Back, Rear, Behind		
Japanese Term	Yoko		
Pronunciation	Yoh Koh		
Kanji Character(s)	横		"(to the) Side" "Sideways"
Original Meaning(s) of the Kanji Characters	Side, Flank, Horizontal Direction		

Japanese Term	Migi	
Pronunciation	Mee Ghee	
Kanji Character(s)	右	"(to one's) Right" "(the) Right" "(the) Right Side"
Original Meaning(s) of the Kanji Characters	Right, Right-hand, Rightward	(* 1) & 1 1 1
Japanese Term	Hidari	
Pronunciation	Hee Dah Ree	

Japanese Term	Hidari	
Pronunciation	Hee Dah Ree	
Kanji Character(s)	左	"(to one's) Left" "(the) Left" "(the) Left Side"
Original Meaning(s) of the Kanji Characters	Left, Left-hand, Leftward	, ,

Japanese Term	Mawashi	
Pronunciation	Mah Wah Shee	
Kanji Character(s)	回し	"Around" "Roundhouse (kick, etc.)"
Original Meaning(s) of the Kanji Characters	To Rotate, Go Around	

Japanese Term	Dai	Ichi	
Pronunciation	Die	Ee Chee	
Kanji Character(s)	第		"The First (of a series)"
Original Meaning(s) of the Kanji Characters	Numeral, Number, The (First, Second, etc.), Primary, Foremost, The Greatest	One, First	

Japanese Term	Dai	Ni	
Pronunciation	Die	Nee	
Kanji Character(s)	第		"The Second (of a Series)"
Original Meaning(s) of the Kanji Characters	Numeral, Number, The (First, Second, etc.), Primary, Foremost, The Greatest	Two, Second	

Japanese Term	Jō	Dan	
Pronunciation	Jyoh	Dahn	
Kanji Character(s)	上	段	"Upper (Face) Level"
Original Meaning(s) of the Kanji Characters	Up, Upper, Upward, Top	Level, Stage, Degree, Extent, Class, Rank	

Japanese Term	Chū	Dan	
Pronunciation	Chew	Dahn	
Kanji Character(s)	中	段	"Middle (Chest & Stomach) Level"
Original Meaning(s) of the Kanji Characters	Middle, Center, Core	Level, Stage, Degree, Extent, Class, Rank	

Japanese Term	Ge	Dan	
Pronunciation	Geh	Dahn	
Kanji Character(s)	下	段	"Lower (Groin & Leg) Level"
Original Meaning(s) of	Lower, Bottom,	Level, Stage, Degree,	
Original Meaning(s) of the Kanji Characters	Lower, Bottom, Downward	Level, Stage, Degree, Extent, Class, Rank	

Names of Stances Used in Gōjūryū Karate

Japanese Term	Dachi	
Pronunciation	Dah Chee	
Kanji Character(s)	立ち	"Stance"
Original Meaning(s) of the Kanji Characters	Way of Standing, Stance	

Japanese Term	Kamae	
Pronunciation	Kah Mah Eh	
Kanji Character(s)	構え	"(Take a) Posture" "Pose"
Original Meaning(s) of the Kanji Characters	Posture, Pose, Assume a Stance, Be Ready For	

Japanese Term	Heisoku	Dachi	
Pronunciation	Hay Soh Koo	Dah Chee	
Kanji Character(s)	閉足	立ち	"(The) Closed Foot Stance" (Placing feet together parallel with no distance between them, with heels and toes and knees
Original Meaning(s) of the Kanji Characters	Closed Feet	Stance	close together)

Japanese Term	Musubi	Dachi	
Pronunciation	Moo Soo Bee	Dah Chee	"(The) V Stance"
Kanji Character(s)	結び	立ち	"(The) Bound Stance" (Placing the balls of both feet out at 45°. Heels remain together. Your feet are in a "V"
Original Meaning(s) of the Kanji Characters	Joined Together, Bound Together	Stance	position. Your knees are straight and instead of being locked are in a natural relaxed position. Used when standing at attention.)

Japanese Term	Heikō	Dachi	
Pronunciation	Hay Koh	Dah Chee	"(The) Parallel Stance"
Kanji Character(s)	平行	立ち	(Your feet are one foot length apart or even better, feet should be placed at about shoulder distance. Knees are straight and instead of
Original Meaning(s) of the Kanji Characters	Parallel Rows	Stance	being locked are in a naturally relaxed position.)

Japanese Term	Soto	Dachi	
Pronunciation	Soh Toh	Dah Chee	"(The) Outward Stance"
Kanji Character(s)	外	立ち	(Starting from the Heikō Dachi [Parallel Stance] Lift the ball of the feet and place your toes 45° outward (this stance is traditionally called Soto Hachi Monji Dachi). Your knees again are straight
Original Meaning(s) of the Kanji Characters	Outside of, Outward, Away (from)	Stance	and instead of being locked are in a natural relaxed position.)

Japanese Term	Uchi	Dachi	
Pronunciation	Uu Chee	Dah Chee	
Kanji Character(s)	内	立ち	"(The) Inside Stance" (Traditionally called Uchi Hachi Monji Dachi, this stance is further moved out with the heels but deeper past a parallel stance [heels spread out 45°]. The
Original Meaning(s) of the Kanji Characters	Inside of, Within, Inward, In Toward	Stance	front of the feet are turned 45° inward.)

Japanese Term	Shiko	Dachi	
Pronunciation	Shee Koh	Dah Chee	"(The) Horse Stance" or
Kanji Character(s)	四股	立ち	"Straddle Leg Stance" (In the standard Shiko Dachi in this posture, the upper legs (thigh area) are bent far past 45°
Original Meaning(s) of the Kanji Characters	Literally "Four Thighs" (In Reference to the Quadriceps Muscles of the Thighs)	Stance	and showing a strong and deep stance. The knees should be directly above the feet and the back should be slightly arched but straight and the hips should be pushed back into a sitting position. In Shiko Dachi the feet are pointed slightly outward to

Japanese Term	Sanchin	Dachi	
Pronunciation	Sahn Cheen	Dah Chee	"(The) Immovable Stance"
Kanji Character(s)	三戦	立ち	(The root and substance to Gōjūryū, the stance absorbs energy from the ground up and into your body and using its energy to your advantage, not just gripping and holding onto the floor. Starting from Heiko Dachi, place the right foot one-foot length ahead of the spot it was at (right heel just on the imaginary line that its toe ended
Original Meaning(s) of the Kanji Characters	Three Battles (The Battle of Mastery between the Mind, Body and Spirit)	Stance	at). Turn the right heel out 45°, next bring the right foot back a bit until the heel rests on the same horizontal line as the toes of the left foot. While grabbing the ground with the feet in a twisting out motion, the knees should be slightly bent inward as to protect the groin area from attack; the buttocks pushed forward, the inside and outside of the thighs tightened. Your center of gravity is located at the point midway between both feet.)

Japanese Term	Zenkutsu	Dachi	
Pronunciation	Zen Koo Tsoo	Dah Chee	"(The) Forward Leaning Stance"
Kanji Character(s)	前屈	立ち	or "Front Stance" (One of the strongest stances, with the center of gravity being midway between both feet. One way to achieve this position is to start from Shiko Dachi. Turn the right leg straight, without raising the head level, square the hips and shoulders into a linear
Original Meaning(s) of the Kanji Characters	Front Bend, Lean	Stance	posture with the left leg that will be considered the front. Bend the left knee so as the front foot cannot be seen if looking down, all the while keeping the right leg (back leg) straight. Keep the back sustained in a straight position perpendicular to the floor. The front foot should be turned slightly inward. Be careful not to place too much weight on the front foot, and the front foot and back foot are not on the same imaginary line they are about four foot lengths in distance apart, and about shoulder width.)

Japanese Term	Kōkutsu	Dachi	
Pronunciation	Koh Koo Tsoo	Dah Chee	"(The) Rear Leaning Stance"
		7	or "Back Stance"
Kanji Character(s)	後屈	立ち	(This stance begins directly from Zenkutsu Dachi. From this position, turn to the right 90° [as in Sanseiru] on the balls of both feet. Both feet should
			now be facing to the right of the original direction however the head stays turned in the direction it was
Original Meaning(s) of the Kanji Characters	Rear Bend, Lean	Stance	originally. Kōkutsu Dachi is also the name of a back stance more often found in the Shotokan style however is performed completely different)

Japanese Term	Han Zenkutsu	Dachi	
Pronunciation	Hahn Zen Koo Tsoo	Dah Chee	"(The) Half-Forward
		1 7 .	Leaning Stance" or "Half-Front Stance"
Kanji Character(s)	半前屈	立ち	(Begins from Heiko Dachi. Step out with the
			right side, Te Obi between one half the distance and one footstep less than Zenkutsu Dachi. This position is close to the same
Original Meaning(s) of the Kanji Characters	Half Front Bend, Lean	Stance	posture of Zenkutsu Dach . Leg tension shall remain the same as shall back and hip position.)

Japanese Term	Neko Ashi	Dachi	
Pronunciation	NehKoh Ah Shee	Dah Chee	"(The) Cat Foot Stance"
Kanji Character(s)	猫足	立ち	(Neko Ashi Dachi is the essential fighting stance of Gōjūryū, being one of the two major stances [the other being Sanchin Dachi]. Place the right exactly one-foot length forward. Then lift the heel of the front foot off of the ground, and bending the knee of the front leg. Bending the back leg, push the hips back as if to sit down in a
Original Meaning(s) of the Kanji Characters	Cat Foot	Stance	chair. 70% to 80% of your weight should be distributed on the back leg while 20% to 30% remains on the front. From the side and front view, this posture resembles that of a cat in combat or of a person sitting in a chair that's not there.)

Japanese Term	Moto	Dachi	
Pronunciation	Moh Toh	Dah Chee	
Kanji Character(s)	元	立ち	"(The) Base Stance" or "Rooted Stance" (This stance has the foot placement similar to Neko Ashi Dachi, but with both feet flat on the ground.)
Original Meaning(s) of the Kanji Characters	Basis, Foundation, Source, Root, Origin	Stance	

Japanese Term	Ti Ji	Dachi	
Pronunciation	Tee Jee	Dah Chee	
Kanji Character(s)	T字	立ち	"(The) Inverted "T' Stance" (This stance is in the posture of an inverted "T". From Heisoku Dachi place the left foot horizontally behind the right foot so as the heel of the right foot is in the center of the left foot [a 90° angle].)
Original Meaning(s) of the Kanji Characters	T Letter, Character (The Letter T)	Stance	

Japanese Term	Kōsa	Dachi	
Pronunciation	Koh Sah	Dah Chee	
Kanji Character(s)	交差	立ち	"(The) Cross-Leg Stance" or "Twist Stance" (Used for turning in many items from Kihon Ido to Advanced Kata. The front of your left knee will be fitted into the back of your right knee.)
Original Meaning(s) of the Kanji Characters	Intersection, Crossing	Stance	

Names of Blocks Used in Gōjūryū Karate

Japanese Term	Uke	
Pronunciation	Uu Keh Uu Keh	
Kanji Character(s)	受 or 受け	"(a) Block" (of a strike, kick, etc.)
Original Meaning(s) of the Kanji Characters	Receive, Catch, Undergo, Be Exposed (to), Preparedness, Stop or Parry a Blow, Block, Sustain (a hit)	

Japanese Term	Uke	Waza	
Pronunciation	Uu Keh	Wah Zah	
Kanji Character(s)	受け	技	"Blocking Techniques"
Original Meaning(s) of the Kanji Characters	Receive, Catch, Undergo, Be Exposed (to), Preparedness, Stop or Parry a Blow, Block, Sustain (a hit)	Technique, Craft, Skill, Feat, Performance	"Blocking Skills"

Japanese Term	Age	Uke	
Pronunciation	Ah Geh	Uu Keh	
Kanji Character(s)	上げ	受け	"Upward Block"
Original Meaning(s) of the Kanji Characters	Raising, Upward, Rising	Receive, Catch, Undergo, Be Exposed (to), Preparedness, Stop or Parry a Blow, Block, Sustain (a hit)	"Rising Block"

Japanese Term	Jōdan	Uke	
Pronunciation	Joh Dahn	Uu Keh	
Kanji Character(s)	上段	受け	"Upper Level Block"
Original Meaning(s) of the Kanji Characters	Upper Level	Receive, Catch, Undergo, Be Exposed (to), Preparedness, Stop or Parry a Blow, Block, Sustain (a hit)	Opper Level Block

Japanese Term	Yoko	Uke	
Pronunciation	Yoh Koh	Uu Keh	
Kanji Character(s)	構	受け	"Middle Block"
			"Side Block"
Original Meaning(s) of the Kanji Characters	Side, Flank, Horizontal Direction	Receive, Catch, Undergo, Be Exposed (to), Preparedness, Stop or Parry a Blow, Block, Sustain (a hit)	"Sideways Block"

Japanese Term	Chūdan	Uke	
Pronunciation	Chew Dahn	Uu Keh	
Kanji Character(s)	中段	受け	"Middle Block" "Mid-Level Block"
Original Meaning(s) of the Kanji Characters	Middle Level	Receive, Catch, Undergo, Be Exposed (to), Preparedness, Stop or Parry a Blow, Block, Sustain (a hit)	

Japanese Term	Chūdan Soto	Uke	
Pronunciation	Chew Dahn Soto	Uu Keh	
Kanji Character(s)	中段外	受け	"Middle Outside-In Block"
Original Meaning(s) of the Kanji Characters	Middle Level Outer	Receive, Catch, Undergo, Be Exposed (to), Preparedness, Stop or Parry a Blow, Block, Sustain (a hit)	

Japanese Term	Chūdan Uchi	Uke	
Pronunciation	Chew Dahn Uu Chee	Uu Keh	
Kanji Character(s)	中段内	受け	"Middle Inside-Out Block"
Original Meaning(s) of the Kanji Characters	Middle Level Inside	Receive, Catch, Undergo, Be Exposed (to), Preparedness, Stop or Parry a Blow, Block, Sustain (a hit)	

Japanese Term	Gedan	Barai	
Pronunciation	Geh Dahn	Bah Rah Ee	
Kanji Character(s)	下段	払い	"Lower Sweeping Block"
Original Meaning(s) of the Kanji Characters	Bottom, Lower Level	Sweep Out of the Way, Clear Out, Wipe Off, Brush Off, Drive Away, Wield Sideways	

Japanese Term	Harai	Otoshi	Uke	ENGLISH TRANSLATION(S)
Pronunciation	Hah Rai	Oh Toh Shee	Uu Keh	
Kanji Character(s)	払る	落とし	受け	"Dropping Circular Block"
Original Meaning(s) of the Kanji Characters	Sweep Out of the Way, Clear Out, Wipe Off, Brush Off, Drive Away, Wield Sideways	Dropping, Going Downward	Receive, Catch, Undergo, Be Exposed (to), Preparedness, Stop or Parry a Blow, Block, Sustain (a hit)	"Descending Sweeping Block"

Japanese Term	Soto	Uke	
Pronunciation	Soh Toh	Uuo Keh	
Kanji Character(s)	外	受け	"Outside Block"
Original Meaning(s) of the Kanji Characters	Outside of, Outward, Away (from)	Receive, Catch, Undergo, Be Exposed (to), Preparedness, Stop or Parry a Blow, Block, Sustain (a hit)	"Outside Forearm Block"

Japanese Term	Uchi	Uke	
Pronunciation	Uu Chee	Uu Keh	
Kanji Character(s)	内	受け	"Inside Block"
Original Meaning(s) of the Kanji Characters	Inside of, Within, Inward, In Toward	Receive, Catch, Undergo, Be Exposed (to), Preparedness, Stop or Parry a Blow, Block, Sustain (a hit)	"Inside Forearm Block"

Japanese Term	Shutō	Uke	
Pronunciation	Shoo Toh	Oo Keh	
Kanji Character(s)	手刀	受け	"Knife Hand Block"
Original Meaning(s) of the Kanji Characters	Hand Knife	Receive, Catch, Undergo, Be Exposed (to), Preparedness, Stop or Parry a Blow, Block, Sustain (a hit)	

Japanese Term	Shutō	Jōdan	Uke	ENGLISH TRANSLATION(S)
Pronunciation	Shoo Toh	Jyoh Dahn	Uu Keh	
Kanji Character(s)	手刀	上段	受け	
Original Meaning(s) of the Kanji Characters	Hand Knife	Up, Upper, Upward, Top	Receive, Catch, Undergo, Be Exposed (to), Preparedness, Stop or Parry a Blow, Block, Sustain (a hit)	"Upper Knife Hand Block"

Japanese Term	Shutō	Gedan	Uke	ENGLISH TRANSLATION(S)
Pronunciation	Shoo Toh	Geh Dahn	Uu Keh	
Kanji Character(s)	手刀	下段	受け	
Original Meaning(s) of the Kanji Characters	Hand Knife	Down, Lower Level	Receive, Catch, Undergo, Be Exposed (to), Preparedness, Stop or Parry a Blow, Block, Sustain (a hit)	"Lower Knife Hand Block"

Japanese Term	Omote	Kote	Uke	ENGLISH TRANSLATION(S)
Pronunciation	Oh Moh Teh	Koh Teh	Uu Keh	
Kanji Character(s)	表	小手	受け	((O) E DI 13
Original Meaning(s) of the Kanji Characters	Surface, Exterior	Forearm	Receive, Catch, Undergo, Be Exposed (to), Preparedness, Stop or Parry a Blow, Block, Sustain	"Outer Forearm Block"

Japanese Term	Shō	Tei	Uke	ENGLISH TRANSLATION(S)
Pronunciation	Shoh	Tei	Uu Keh	
Kanji Character(s)	掌	底	受け	"Palm Heel Block"
Original Meaning(s) of the Kanji Characters	Rule, Administer, Conduct	Bottom, Base, Sole	Receive, Catch, Undergo, Be Exposed (to), Preparedness, Stop or Parry a Blow, Block,	"Heel of the Palm Block"

Japanese Term	Shō Tei	Jōdan	Uke	ENGLISH TRANSLATION(S)
Pronunciation	Shoh Teh Ee	Jyoh Dahn	Uu Keh	
Kanji Character(s)	掌底	上段	受け	"Upper Palm Block"
Original Meaning(s) of the Kanji Characters	Rule, Bottom Administer, Base Conduct Sole	Up, Upper, Upward, Top	Receive, Catch, Undergo, Be Exposed (to), Preparedness, Stop or Parry a Blow, Block, Sustain (a hit)	opper runn Bioek

Japanese Term	Shō	Tei	Chūdan	Uke	ENGLISH TRANSLATION(S)
Pronunciation	Shoh T	Teh Ee	Chew Dahn	Uu Keh	
Kanji Character(s)	掌原	氏	中段	受け	"Middle Palm Block"
Original Meaning(s) of the Kanji Characters	Administer,	Bottom Base Sole	Middle, Mid-Level	Receive, Catch, Undergo, Be Exposed (to), Preparedness, Stop or Parry a Blow, Block, Sustain (a hit)	Wilder I alli Block

Japanese Term	Shō Tei	Otoshi	Uke	ENGLISH TRANSLATION(S)
Pronunciation	Shoh Teh Ee	Oh Toh Shee	Uu Keh	
Kanji Character(s)	掌底	落とし	受け	"On an Hand
Original Meaning(s) of the Kanji Characters	Rule, Bottom Administer, Base Conduct Sole	Dropping, Going Downward	Receive, Catch, Undergo, Be Exposed (to), Preparedness, Stop or Parry a Blow, Block, Sustain (a hit)	"Open Hand Dropping Block"

Japanese Term	Ко	Ken	Uke	ENGLISH TRANSLATION(S)
Pronunciation	Koh	Ken	Uu Keh	"Arch Fist Block"
Kanji Character(s)	弧	拳	受け	Or "Chicken Wrist Block"
Original Meaning(s) of the Kanji Characters	Arc, Arch	Fist	Receive, Catch, Undergo, Be Exposed (to), Preparedness, Stop or Parry a Blow, Block, Sustain (a hit)	(Note: Sometimes this is just called "Ko-Uke" [Wrist Block], without using the "Fist" [Ken] character)

Japanese Term	Hai	Τō	Uke	ENGLISH TRANSLATION(S)
Pronunciation	High	Toh	Uu Keh	"Ridgehand Block"
Kanji Character(s)	背	刀	受け	(Using the portion of the hand between the knuckles of the index finger to the web of the thumb; not to be confused with
Original Meaning(s) of the Kanji Characters	Back, Back Side, Ridge	Sword, Saber, Knife	Receive, Catch, Undergo, Be Exposed (to), Preparedness, Stop or Parry a Blow, Block, Sustain (a hit)	"Shuto," the outer edge of the hand along the little finger and outer palm)

Japanese Term	Jōdan	Jūji	Uke	ENGLISH TRANSLATION(S)
Pronunciation	Jyoh Dahn	Jyuu Jee	Uu Keh	
Kanji Character(s)	上段	十字	受け	"Upper Cross Block"
Original Meaning(s) of the Kanji Characters	Up, Upper, Upward, Top	Cross, X-Shape	Receive, Catch, Undergo, Be Exposed (to), Preparedness, Stop or Parry a Blow, Block, Sustain (a hit)	opper cross block

Japanese Term	Gedan	Jūji	Uke	ENGLISH TRANSLATION(S)
Pronunciation	Geh Dahn	Jyuu Jee	Uu Keh	
Kanji Character(s)	下段	十字	受け	"Lower Cross Block"
Original Meaning(s) of the Kanji Characters	Down, Lower Level	Cross, X-Shape	Receive, Catch, Undergo, Be Exposed (to), Preparedness, Stop or Parry a Blow, Block, Sustain (a hit)	Eower Cross Block

Japanese Term	Hiki	Uke	
Pronunciation	Hee Kee	Uu Keh	
Kanji Character(s)	引き	受け	"Pulling/Grasping Block"
Original Meaning(s) of the Kanji Characters	Pulling; Influence, Draw, Jerk, Drag, Lead, Haul, Tug	Receive, Catch, Undergo, Be Exposed (to), Preparedness, Stop or Parry a Blow, Block, Sustain (a hit)	Tuning, Grusping Brock

Japanese Term	Hiji	Uke	
Pronunciation	Hee Jee	Uu Keh	
Kanji Character(s)	肘	受け	"Elbow Block"
Original Meaning(s) of the Kanji Characters	The Elbow	Receive, Catch, Undergo, Be Exposed (to), Preparedness, Stop or Parry a Blow, Block, Sustain (a hit)	Zioo ii Biock

Japanese Term	Hiji	Uchi	Uke	ENGLISH TRANSLATION(S)
Pronunciation	Hee Jee	Uu Chee	Uu Keh	
Kanji Character(s)	肘	打ち	受け	"Elbow Strike Block"
Original Meaning(s) of the Kanji Characters	The Elbow	Hit, Strike, Blow	Receive, Catch, Undergo, Be Exposed (to), Preparedness, Stop or Parry a Blow, Block, Sustain (a hit)	

Japanese Term	Hiza	Uke	ENGLISH TRANSLATION(S)
Pronunciation	Hee Zah	Uu Keh	
Kanji Character(s)	膝	受け	"Knee Block"
Original Meaning(s) of the Kanji Characters	The Knee or Lap	Receive, Catch, Undergo, Be Exposed (to), Preparedness, Stop or Parry a Blow, Block, Sustain (a hit)	Tence Block

Japanese Term	Sune	Uke	
Pronunciation	Suu Neh	Uu Keh	
Kanji Character(s)	脛	受け	"Shin Block"
Original Meaning(s) of the Kanji Characters	The Shin, The Lower Front of the Leg	Receive, Catch, Undergo, Be Exposed (to), Preparedness, Stop or Parry a Blow, Block, Sustain (a hit)	Sim Block

Japanese Term	Yumi	Uke	
Pronunciation	Yoo Mee	Uu Keh	
Kanji Character(s)	弓	受け	"Bow Block"
Original Meaning(s) of the Kanji Characters	Bow (for shooting Arrows),Bow-Shape	Receive, Catch, Undergo, Be Exposed (to), Preparedness, Stop or Parry a Blow, Block, Sustain (a hit)	Bow Block

Japanese Term	Soku	Tei	Uke	ENGLISH TRANSLATION(S)
Pronunciation	Soh Koo	Teh Ee	Uu Keh	
Kanji Character(s)	足	底	受け	"Sole of the Foot Block" (Note: In some Karate Glossaries,
Original Meaning(s) of the Kanji Characters	The Foot, Feet	Bottom, Base, Sole	Receive, Catch, Undergo, Be Exposed (to), Preparedness, Stop or Parry a Blow, Block, Sustain (a hit)	the first two characters "Soku" and "Tei" are sometimes reversed in order to read as "Tei Soku Uke")

Japanese Term	Chūdan	Uchi	Uke	Gedan	Barai	ENGLISH TRANSLATION(S)
Pronunciation	Chew Dahn	Uu Chee	Uu Keh	Geh Dahn	Bah Rah Ee	
Character(s)	中段	内	受け	下段	払い	05111
Original Meaning(s) of the Kanji Characters	Middle, Mid-Level	Inside, Inward	Receive, Catch, Undergo, Be Exposed (to), Preparedness, Stop or Parry a Blow, Block, System (a hit)	Bottom, Lower Level	Sweep Out of the Way, Clear Out, Wipe Off, Brush Off, Drive Away, Wield	"Middle Inside-out Block & Lower Sweeping Block"

Japanese Term	Gedan	Uchi	Barai	ENGLISH TRANSLATION(S)
Pronunciation	Geh Dahn	Uu Chee	Bah Rah Ee	
Kanji Character(s)		下具	炎 内	"Outside downward block
Original Meaning(s) of the Kanji Characters			FAV Sweep Out of the	(open hand)"

Japanese Term	Sune	Uke	
Pronunciation	Suu Neh	Uu Keh	
Kanji Character(s)	脛	受け	"Shin Block"
Original Meaning(s) of the Kanji Characters	The Shin, The Lower Front of the Leg	Receive, Catch, Undergo, Be Exposed (to), Preparedness, Stop or Parry a Blow, Block, Sustain (a hit)	Shin Block

Japanese Term	Ura	Uke
Pronunciation	Uu Rah	Uu Keh
Kanji Character(s)	裏	受け
Original Meaning(s) of the Kanji Characters	The Back, The Reverse Side	Receive, Catch, Undergo, Be Exposed (to), Preparedness, Stop or Parry a Blow, Block, Sustain (a hit)

Japanese Term	Mawashi	Uke
Pronunciation	Mah Wah Shee	Uu Keh
Kanji Character(s)	回し	受け
Original Meaning(s) of the Kanji Characters	To Rotate, Go Around	Receive, Catch, Undergo, Be Exposed (to), Preparedness, Stop or Parry a Blow, Block, Sustain (a hit)

Japanese Term	Moro	Те	Uke	ENGLISH TRANSLATION(S)
Pronunciation	Moh Roh	Teh	Uu Keh	"Augmented (Two-
Kanji Character(s)	双	手	受け	Hand) Block"
Original Meaning(s) of the Kanji Characters	A Set, A Pair	Hands	Receive, Catch, Undergo, Be Exposed (to), Preparedness, Stop or Parry a Blow, Block, Sustain (a hit)	(Note: the two characters for "Morote" are also pronounced "Sōshu", meaning "Both Hands")

Japanese Term	Sukui	Uke	ENGLISH TRANSLATION(S)
Pronunciation	Soo Koo Ee	Uu Keh	
Kanji Character(s)	すくい	受け	"Scoop Block"
Original Meaning(s) of the Kanji Characters	Scoop; Scooping	Receive, Catch, Undergo, Be Exposed (to), Preparedness, Stop or Parry a Blow, Block, Sustain (a hit)	"Scooping Block"

Japanese Term	Nagashi	Uke	ENGLISH TRANSLATION(S)
Pronunciation	Nah Gah Shee	Uu Keh	
Kanji Character(s)	流し	受け	"Sweeping Block"
Original Meaning(s) of the Kanji Characters	Dashing, Shedding, Washing Away, Flowing, Swaying	Receive, Catch, Undergo, Be Exposed (to), Preparedness, Stop or Parry a Blow, Block, Sustain (a hit)	5 weeping Block

Japanese Term	Kōsa	Uke	ENGLISH TRANSLATION(S)
Pronunciation	Koh Sah	Uu Keh	
Kanji Character(s)	交差	受け	"Cross Block"
Original Meaning(s) of the Kanji Characters	Intersection, Crossing	Receive, Catch, Undergo, Be Exposed (to), Preparedness, Stop or Parry a Blow, Block, Sustain (a hit)	(Arms crossed at the wrist)

Japanese Term	Soku	Tei	Osae	Uke	ENGLISH TRANSLATION(S)
Pronunciation Character(s) Kanii	Soh Koo	Teh Ee	Oh Sah Eh 押え	Uu Keh 受け	"Pressing Block with the Sole of the Foot"
Original Meaning(s) of the Kanji Characters	The Foot, Feet	Bottom, Base, Sole	Hold Down, Press Down, Suppress	Receive, Catch, Undergo, Be Exposed (to), Preparedness, Stop or Parry a Blow, Block, Sustain (a hit)	(Using the sole of the foot to press down hard against the attacker's ankle, as in a yoko geri.)

Japanese Term	Soku	Tei	Harai	Uke	ENGLISH TRANSLATION(S)
Pronunciation	Soh Koo	Teh Ee	Hah Rah Ee	Uu Keh	
Kanji Character(s)	足	底	払い	受け	"Sole of the Foot Block"
Original Meaning(s) of the Kanji Characters	The Foot, Feet	Bottom, Base, Sole	Sweep Out of the Way, Clear Out, Wipe Off, Brush Drive Away,	Receive, Catch, Undergo, Be Exposed (to), Preparedness, Stop or Parry a Off, Blow, Block, Sustain	(Foot swung from outside to inside)

Japanese Term	Hai	Soku	Barai	Uke	ENGLISH TRANSLATION(S)
Pronunciation	High	Soh Koo	Bah Rah Ee	Uu Keh	
Character(s) Kanji	背	足	払い	受け	"Instep Block"
Original Meaning(s) of the Kanji Characters	Back, Back Side, Ridge	The Foot, Feet	Sweep Out of the Way, Clear Out, Wipe Off, Brush Drive Away,	Receive, Catch, Undergo, Be Exposed (to), Preparedness, Stop or Parry a Blow, Block, Sustain	(Foot swung from inside to outside)

Japanese Term	Otoshi	Uke	
Pronunciation	Oh Toh Shee	Uu Keh	
Kanji Character(s)	落とし	受け	"Dropping Block"
Original Meaning(s) of the	Dropping, Descending,	Receive, Catch, Undergo, Be Exposed (to),	Or "Descending Block"
Kanji Characters	Going Downward	Preparedness, Stop or Parry a Blow, Block, Sustain	

Japanese Term	Kake	Uke	
Pronunciation	Kah Keh	Uu Keh	
Kanji Character(s)	掛け	受け	"Hook Block"
Original Meaning(s) of the Kanji Characters	To Hang On, Trap, Hang up, Play Against, Put On, Hook onto, Catch onto, Snag	Receive, Catch, Undergo, Be Exposed (to), Preparedness, Stop or Parry a Blow, Block, Sustain (a hit)	or "Hooking Block"

Japanese Term	Uchi	Yoko	Uke	ENGLISH TRANSLATION(S)
Pronunciation	Uu Chee	Yoh Koh	Uu Keh	
Kanji Character(s)	内	横	受け	"Inside Forearm Block"
Original Meaning(s) of the Kanji Characters	Inside, Inward	Side, Sideways	Receive, Catch, Undergo, Be Exposed (to), Preparedness, Stop or Parry a Blow, Block, Sustain (a hit)	more roteum block

Japanese Term	Tettsui	Uke	ENGLISH TRANSLATION(S)
Pronunciation	Teh 'Tsoo Ee	Uu Keh	
Kanji Character(s)	鉄槌	受け	"Hammerfist Block"
Original Meaning(s) of the Kanji Characters	Iron, Hammer Steel Mallet	Receive, Catch, Undergo, Be Exposed (to), Preparedness, Stop or Parry a Blow, Block, Sustain (a hit)	

Japanese Term	Osae	Uke	ENGLISH TRANSLATION(S)
Pronunciation	Oh Sah Eh	Uu Keh	
Kanji Character(s)	押え	受け	"Pressing Block"
Original Meaning(s) of the Kanji Characters	Hold Down, Press Down, Suppress	Receive, Catch, Undergo, Be Exposed (to), Preparedness, Stop or Parry a Blow, Block, Sustain (a hit)	_

Japanese Term	Kuri	Uke	ENGLISH TRANSLATION(S)
Pronunciation	Koo Ree	Uu Keh	
Kanji Character(s)	繰り	受け	"Inside-Out Circular Elbow Block"
Original Meaning(s) of the Kanji Characters	Reel, Wind, Spin, Turn	Receive, Catch, Undergo, Be Exposed (to), Preparedness, Stop or Parry a Blow, Block, Sustain (a hit)	

Japanese Term	Tora	Guchi	
Pronunciation	Toh Rah	Goo Chee	
Kanji Character(s)	虎		"Two-Hand Roundhouse Block" "Double open hand circular block with palm heel strike"
Original Meaning(s) of the Kanji Characters	Tiger	Mouth, Maw	(Tora guchi is very common technique in Okinawan-style karate, with roots from Chinese style fighting arts. It is always performed in neko-ashi dachi (cat stance). Point here is to use your hands in close distance confrontation to block and then strike or grab the opponent's throat and testicles. This is very effective response in close distance.)

Japanese Term	Kō	Geki	Waza	
Pronunciation	Koh	Geh Kee	Wah Zah	
Kanji Character(s)	攻	撃	技	"Striking Techniques" (NOTE: The nuance of the word "kogeki" is not simply to "attack" but rather to crush," "cut
Original Meaning(s) of the Kanji Characters	Attack, Assault, Offensive	Destroy, Conquer, to Defeat	Technique, Craft, Ability, Feat, Skill, Performance	down," or "destroy in a devastating way.")

Japanese Term	Tsuki	Waza	
Pronunciation	Tsoo Kee	Wah Zah	
Kanji Character(s)	突き	技	"Punching Techniques"
Original Meaning(s) of the Kanji Characters	Thrust, Punch, Strike Against, Poke, Stab, Knock	Technique, Craft, Ability, Feat, Skill, Performance	

Japanese Term	Sei	Ken	Tsuki	
Pronunciation	Say	Ken	Tsoo Kee	
Kanji Character(s)	正	拳	突き	"Squared Fist Strike" "Full, Regular Fist Strike"
Original Meaning(s) of the Kanji Characters	Straight On, Straightforward, Exactness, Correct Proper	Fist	Thrust, Punch, Strike Against, Poke, Stab, Knock	, 5

Japanese Term	Shita	Tsuki	
Pronunciation	Sh ' Ta	Tsoo Kee	
Kanji Character(s)	下	突き	"Upside-Down Punch" Or "Reverse Strike" (Striking fist remains palm up. When contact is made
Original Meaning(s) of the Kanji Characters	Down	Thrust, Punch, Strike Against, Poke, Stab, Knock	your knuckles should, in a whip like motion, push up and into the opponent's diaphragm then pull back down and out.)

Japanese Term	Hai	Τō	Tsuki	
Pronunciation	High	Toh	Tsoo Kee	"Open Ridge Hand Strike, with
Kanji Character(s)	背	刀	突き	palm facing down" (Using the portion of the hand between the knuckles of the index finger to the web of the
Original Meaning(s) of the Kanji Characters	Back, Back Side, Ridge	Sword, Saber, Knife	Thrust, Punch, Strike Against, Poke, Stab, Knock	thumb; not to be confused with "Shuto," the outer edge of the hand along the little finger and outer palm)

Japanese Term	Ura	Ken	
Pronunciation	Uu Rah	Ken	
Kanji Character(s)	裏	拳	"Back Fist (Strike)" (NOTE: Also referred to as "Ura Uchi"[裏打ち] or "Back Strike")
Original Meaning(s) of the Kanji Characters	The Back, The Reverse Side	Fist	Ura Ucm [表行 り] Or Back Sirike)

Japanese Term	Shu	Τō	Tsuki	
Pronunciation	Shoo	Toh	Tsoo Kee	
Kanji Character(s)	手	刀	突き	"Sword Hand Strike" or "Knifehand Strike"
Original Meaning(s) of the Kanji Characters	The Hand	Sword, Saber, Knife	Thrust, Punch, Strike Against, Poke, Stab, Knock	(Palm facing up, with the striking surface being the outside edge of the hand)

Japanese Term	Furi	Uchi	
Pronunciation	Foo Rhee	Uu Chee	
Kanji Character(s)	振り	打ち	"Swinging Strike" or "Whiplike Strike" (Using the back of the knuckle as
Original Meaning(s) of the Kanji Characters	Wave, Shake, Wag, Swing	Hit, Strike, Beat, Knock, Smite, Pound in, Punch	the striking point.)

Japanese Term	Tettsui	Uchi	
Pronunciation	Teh 'Tsoo Ee	Uu Chee	
Kanji Character(s)	鉄槌	打ち	"Hammer Strike" (Resembling swinging a hammer, this closed fist technique is executed using the fleshy side of the fist
Original Meaning(s) of the Kanji Characters	Iron, Hammer Steel Mallet	Hit, Strike, Beat, Knock, Smite, Pound in, Punch	as the striking point.)

Japanese Term	Ippon	Ken	
Pronunciation	Eep 'pohn	Ken	
Kanji Character(s)	一本	拳	"One Knuckle Fist"
Original Meaning(s) of the Kanji Characters	One Cylindrical Object (Finger)	Fist	(A fist with one knuckle[the first knuckle] extended beyond the others of the fist.)

Japanese Term	Ippon	Ken	Naka Daka	ENGLISH TRANSLATION(S)
Pronunciation	Eep'pohn	Ken	Nah Kah Dah Kah	
Character(s) Kanji	一本	拳	中高	"Middle Knuckle Fist" (A fist with one middle knuckle
Original Meaning(s) of the Kanji Characters	One Cylindrical Object (Finger)	Fist	Middle High (i.e., Extended Higher in the Middle)	extended beyond the others of the fist.)

Japanese Term	Nuki	Te	
Pronunciation	Noo Kee	Teh	
Kanji Character(s)	貫	手	"Spearhand Strike" (The sharp strike of the fingers extended into the soft body parts of your opponent)
Original Meaning(s) of the Kanji Characters	Penetrate, Perforate, Shoot Through, Pierce, Braced	Hand(s)	

Japanese Term	lp	pon	Nuki	Te	
Pronunciation	Еер	'pohn	Noo Kee	Teh	
Character(s) Kanji		本	貫	手	"Single Finger Spearhand Strike" (The sharp strike using only one finger
Original Meaning(s) of the Kanji Characters	One	Cylindrical Object (Finger)	Penetrate, Perforate, Shoot Through, Pierce, Braced	Hand(s)	extended into the soft body parts of your opponent)

Japanese Term	Nihon	Nuki	Te	
Pronunciation	Ni Hohn	Noo Kee	Teh	
Character(s) Kanji	二本	貫	手	"Two-Finger Strike" (The sharp strike using only two fingers
Original Meaning(s) of the Kanji Characters	Two Cylindrical Object(s) (Fingers)	Penetrate, Perforate, Shoot Through, Pierce,	Hand(s)	extended into the eyes of your opponent)

Japanese Term	Ura	Ken	Mawashi	Uchi	ENGLISH TRANSLATION(S)
Pronunciation	Uu Rah	Ken	Mah Wah Shee	Oo Chee	
Character(s) Kanji	裏	拳	回し	打ち	"Flailing Reverse Punch"
Original Meaning(s) of the Kanji Characters	The Back, The Reverse Side	Fist	To Rotate, Go Around	Hit, Strike, Beat, Knock, Smite, Pound in, Punch	

Japanese Term	Ura	Tei	Ago	Uchi	ENGLISH TRANSLATION(S)
Pronunciation	Uu Rah	Teh Ee	Ah Goh	Oo Chee	
Character(s) Kanji Original Meaning(s) of the Kanji Characters	裏 打 <i>1</i>	底	顎		"Palm Strike to the Jaw"

Japanese Term	Hiji	Yoko	Uchi	
Pronunciation	Hee Jee	Yoh Koh	Oo Chee	
Kanji Character(s)	肘	横	打ち	"Side Elbow Strike"
Original Meaning(s) of the Kanji Characters	The Elbow	Side, Sideways	Hit, Strike, Beat, Knock, Smite, Pound in Punch	

Japanese Term	Geri	
Pronunciation	Geh Ree Geh Ree	
Kanji Character(s)	蹴 or 蹴り	"Kick(s)" "Kicking"
Original Meaning(s) of the Kanji Characters	To Kick	Ricking

Japanese Term	Mae	Geri	
Pronunciation	Mah Eh	Geh Ree	
Kanji Character(s)	前	蹴り	"Front Kick" (Toes are pointed up and the ball of the foot
Original Meaning(s) of the Kanji Characters	Front, Forward	To Kick	is used as the contact point)

Japanese Term	Gedan	Geri	
Pronunciation	Geh Dahn	Geh Ree	
Kanji Character(s)	下段	蹴り	"Groin Kick" (NOTE: Also referred as "Kin Geri" or "Kogen Geri". The foot and the toes are
Original Meaning(s) of the Kanji Characters	Lower, Groin-Level	To Kick	pointed straight to the ground as the knee and leg are brought up for the kick.)

Japanese Term	Soto	Geri	
Pronunciation	Soh Toh	Geh Ree	
Kanji Character(s)	外	蹴り	"Outside Kick" "Outer Reap Kick"
Original Meaning(s) of the Kanji Characters	Outer, Outside	To Kick	_

Japanese Term	Yoko	Geri	
Pronunciation	Yoh Koh	Geh Ree	
Kanji Character(s)	横	蹴り	"Side Snap Kick"
Original Meaning(s) of the Kanji Characters	Side, Sideways	To Kick	

Japanese Term	Mawashi	Geri	
Pronunciation	Mah Wah Shee	Geh Ree	
Kanji Character(s)	回し	蹴り	"Roundhouse Kick" or
Original Meaning(s) of the Kanji Characters	To Rotate, Go Around	To Kick	"Crescent Kick"

Japanese Term	Kansetsu	Geri	
Pronunciation	Kahn Seh Tsoo	Geh Ree	
Kanji Character(s)	関節	蹴り	"Stomping (Knee) Joint Kick"
Original Meaning(s) of the Kanji Characters	Joint (like the knee, elbow, etc.)	To Kick	

Japanese Term	Sokutō	Geri	
Pronunciation	Soh Koo Toh	Geh Ree	
Kanji Character(s)	足刀	蹴り	"Blade Edge Kick" (The snap kick that strikes with
Original Meaning(s) of the Kanji Characters	Foot Blade The Outer Edge of the Foot	To Kick	the outer edge of the foot)

Japanese Term	Ushiro	Geri	
Pronunciation	Oo Shee Roh	Geh Ree	
Kanji Character(s)	後ろ	蹴り	"Back Kick" "Backward Kick"
Original Meaning(s) of the Kanji Characters	Back, Backward, Behind	To Kick	

Names of Kata Used in Gōjūryū Karate

Japanese Term	Kata	
Pronunciation	KahTah	
Kanji Character(s)	型	"A set pattern or sequence of defensive and offensive
Original Meaning(s) of the Kanji Characters	Set Form or Format, Set Pattern, Particular Style, Model, Type NOTE: It is interesting to know that the upper portion of the character (刑 or Kei) means "punishment". As it is placed over the other character for "ground", "earth" or "Soil" (土 or Doh), this combined meaning connotes an image of strictly imposed standards, physically demanding practice, or physically punishing routines performed outside on the ground.	movements and techniques, performed alone against imaginary opponents"

Japanese Term	Tai	Kyoku	ENGLISH TRANSLATION(S)
Pronunciation	Tie	Kyoh Kuu	
Kanji Character(s)	太	極	"First Course" "Beginner Series" "Main Grounding"
Original Meaning(s) of the Kanji Characters	(From the "Tai" character in "Tai Chi Chuan") Large, Big, Fat, Noble, Burly, Deep, Thick, Great, Grand, Primary, Upper (First)	The Poles, Polar, Polarity, Highest Rank, Extremity, Reach an Extreme, The Acme or Height (of Something), Exceedingly, Very	"Maximum" "The Absolute" "The Great Supporting Pillar"

Japanese Term	Geki	Sai	ENGLISH TRANSLATION(S)
Pronunciation	Geh Kee	Sigh	
Kanji Character(s)	撃	砕	"To Attack & Destroy" "Smash and Crash" (The Gekisai katas are geared to
Original Meaning(s) of the Kanji Characters	Attack, Defeat, Conquer, Destroy	Break, Smash, Crush, Pulverize, Crumble	destroying the attacker's body.)

Japanese Term	Sai	Fa	ENGLISH TRANSLATION(S)
Pronunciation	Sigh	Fah	
Kanji Character(s)	砕	破	"To Smash and Tear to Pieces" (The first of the classical
Original Meaning(s) of the Kanji Characters	Break, Smash, Crush, Pulverize, Crumble	Tear, Rip, Rend, Frustrate, Defeat, Crush, Destroy, Burst, Rupture, Breakdown, Wear Out.	combative Kata. Kanryo Higaonna Sensei was taught this Kata, along with the other Kata of Goju-Ryu, while he studied in China)

Japanese Term	San	Chin	ENGLISH TRANSLATION(S)
Pronunciation	Sahn	Cheen	
Kanji Character(s)		戦	"(The) Three Battles" (Sanchin is seen as the corner stone of Gōjūryū Karate, representing a quest
Original Meaning(s) of the Kanji Characters	Three	Battle or Conflict	of mastery over Mind, Body and Spirit [thus the "three battles"]. Sanchin requires control of both internal and external mechanisms, breath control, muscle control, etc.)

Japanese Term	Sei	Yun	Chin	
Pronunciation	Say	Yoon	Cheen	
Kanji Character(s)	制	릿	戦	"Control, Suppress and Pull" "Grasping, Pulling and
Original Meaning(s) of the Kanji Characters	Control, Regulation, Suppress, Restrain, Hold Back, Limit	Pull, Draw, Tug, Haul, Jerk, Drag, Bend, Catch	Battle or Conflict	Unbalancing" (The name Seiyunchin implies the use of techniques to off balance, throw and grapple. Seiyunchin contains close-quartered striking, sweeps, takedowns and throws, but no kicking techniques.)

Japanese Term	Shi	So	Chin	
Pronunciation	Shee	Soh	Cheen	
Kanji Character(s)	兀	白	戦	"Four Directions of Conflict" "To Destroy in Four Directions"
Original Meaning(s) of the Kanji Characters	Four	Direction	Battle or Conflict	(Shisochin means "battle in four directions". It is of Chinese origin, taught to Kanryo Higaonna by RyuRyuko in China. It employs joint locking and close-quarter fighting. Favored by Miyagi Sensei in his later years, Shisochin also translates as "Four Gates of Conflict". The idea of four directions can come from the performance of the four shotei in four directions. It can also represent the four elements represented in Chinese medicine (Acupuncture is one) of Wood, Fire, Metal and Water with man representing Earth)

Japanese Term	San Se Ru	
Pronunciation	Sahn Sheh Roo	
Kanji Character(s)	三十六	(Literally) "Thirty Six" "(The) 36 Hands or Movements"
Original Meaning(s) of the Kanji Characters	Three Ten Six = Thirty Six (36) (Note: The pronunciation "Sanseru" is actually closer to the original Chinese language pronunciation than Japanese. In Japanese, this would normally be pronounced as "Sanjyuroku")	(This kata employs many entry, joint attacks and defenses against kicking. An explanation of this and the other numerically named Kata is that they refer to a systematic method and understanding of certain groupings of vital acupressure points. It is this science that the martial arts was based upon and developed. Feng Yiquan, who lived during the Ming Dynasty (1522-1567) developed this particular method of using variations of "36" forbidden points to defeat his opponents.)

Japanese Term	Se Pai	
Pronunciation	Seh Pie	
Kanji Character(s)	十八	(Literally) "Eighteen" "(The) 18
	Ten Eight = Eighteen (18) (Note:	Hands or Movements"
Original Meaning(s) of the Kanji Characters	The pronunciation "Sepai" is actually closer to the original Chinese language pronunciation than Japanese. In Japanese, this would normally be pronounced as "Jyuhachi")	(This kata uses many movements that require coordination between the hips and hands, with many varied techniques.)

Japanese Term	Ku	Ru	Run	Fa	
Pronunciation	Koo	Roo	Roon	Fah	
Kanji Character(s)	久	留	順	破	"Holding on Long and Striking Suddenly" "Holding Your Ground"
Original Meaning(s) of the Kanji Characters	Long	Hold, remain, stay behind, detain	Sudden, Abrupt	Tear, Rip, Rend, Frustrate, Defeat, Crush, Destroy, Burst, Rupture, Breakdown, Wear Out.	(This kata employs a great deal of neko-ashi movements and close-quarter evasive fighting techniques. Kururunfa epitomizes the ideals of Go-"hard" and Ju-"soft". Stance transitions are quick and explosive while the hands techniques are employed using "muchimi" or a heavy, sticky movement. The 4 kanji for "Kururunfa" suggest a strategy of a reception to an attack, a sense of "sucking" the attack in, perhaps to invite an over-extension of the attack, and then suddenly and abruptly, with devastating effect, destroy the opponent with your own counter strike.)

Japanese Term	Sei San	
Pronunciation	Say Sahn	
Kanji Character(s)		(Literally) "Thirteen" "(The) 13 Hands or Movements"
Original Meaning(s) of the Kanji Characters	Ten Three = Thirteen (13) (Note: The pronunciation "Seisan" is actually closer to the original Chinese language pronunciation than Japanese. In Japanese, this would normally be pronounced as "Jyusan")	(Seisan is believed to be the oldest of all Okinawan Goju- Ryu Kata, and demonstrates the difference between Go (Hard) and Ju (Soft).)

Japanese Term	Su	Pa	Rin	Pei	
Pronunciation	Suu	Pah	Reen	Pay	
Kanji Character(s)	壱	百	雰	八	"108 Hands or Movements" (The most advanced kata in Gōjūryū Karate, it
Original Meaning(s) of the Kanji Characters			Fog eciation of the ch se pronunciation	Eight (8) aracters is used	contains the greatest number of intricate techniques and variations. It is also known by the older name of "Pitchurrin".)

Japanese Term	Ten	Sho	
Pronunciation	Tehn	Sho	
Kanji Character(s)	転	掌	"Turning Palms" "Rotating Palms" (The second "heishu" kata in Goju-Ryu, Tensho is
Original Meaning(s) of the Kanji Characters	Rotate, Turn, Remove, Change, Roll Over, Shift, Transfer	Palm of the Hand, Hollow of the Hand, to Rule, to Administer, to Conduct	derived from the Chinese form "Rokkishu". Unlike Sanchin, which is almost identical to its Chinese counterpart, Tensho is uniquely Okinawan. From his understanding of the Kata of Goju-Ryu and the "nature of man", Miyagi Sensei developed Tensho to further complete his Goju-Ryu system where Sanchin left off. Tensho has many of the same principles of Sanchin but goes further to include more intricate concepts of the techniques of Goju-Ryu.)

Miscellaneous Terms

Japanese Term	Ji	Υū	Kumi	Te	ENGLISH TRANSLATION(S)
Pronunciation	Jee	Yuu	Koo Mee	Teh	
Character(s) Kanji	自自	由	組	手	"Freestyle Sparring"
Original Meaning(s) of the Kanji Characters	Oneself; Itself Freedo	Means; Way; Intent om, Liberty	To Cross, Unite with, Grapple with, Braid Together	Hand or Hands	"Freestyle Fighting"

Japanese Term	Yakusoku	Kumi	Te	ENGLISH TRANSLATION(S)
Pronunciation	YahKoo SohKoo	Koo Mee	Teh	
Character(s) Kanji	約束	組	手	"Pre-Arranged Sparring"
Original Meaning(s) of the Kanji Characters	Promise; Agreement	To Cross, Unite with, Grapple with, Braid Together	Hand or Hands	

Japanese Term	Taoshi	Waza	
Pronunciation	Tah Oh Shee	Wah Zah	
Character(s) Kanji	倒し	技	"Take-Down Techniques"
Original Meaning(s) of the Kanji Characters	Fall, Collapse, Drop, Succumb, Bring down, Throw down, Knock down, Trip up, Defeat, Overthrow	Technique, Craft, Ability, Feat, Skill, Performance	

Japanese Term	Nage	Waza	
Pronunciation	Nah Geh	Wah Zah	
Character(s) Kanji	投げ	技	"Throwing Techniques"
Original Meaning(s) of the Kanji Characters	Throw, Pitch, Heave, Toss, Hurl, Throw Away,	Technique, Craft, Ability, Feat, Skill, Performance	

Japanese Term	Ne	Waza	
Pronunciation	Neh	Wah Zah	
Character(s) Kanji	寝	技	"Ground Techniques"
Original Meaning(s) of the Kanji Characters	Lying Down, Prostrated, Sprawl, Sleeping	Technique, Craft, Ability, Feat, Skill, Performance	

Japanese Term	Gyaku	Waza	
Pronunciation	GeeYahKoo	Wah Zah	
Character(s) Kanji	逆	技	"Reversal Techniques"
Original Meaning(s) of the Kanji Characters	Reverse, Inverse, Opposite, Traitorous, Act Contrary to Contrariwise, Visa-Versa	Technique, Craft, Ability, Feat, Skill, Performance	"Reversing Techniques"

Japanese Term	Kokyū	Hō	
Pronunciation	Koh KeeYuu	Hoh	
Character(s) Kanji	呼吸	法	"Methods of Breathing"
Original Meaning(s) of the Kanji Characters	Breathe/Breathing, Respiration	Method, Law, Rule, Principle, Technique	

Japanese Term	Не	eikō	(or)	Kin	kō	ENGLISH TRANSLATION(S)
Pronunciation	Нау	Koh		Keen	Koh	
Character(s) Kanji	平行	衡	(or)	均	衡	"Balance"
Original Meaning(s) of the Kanji Characters		cale, Ieasuring Ro Either Ter		To Level, To Average alance or Equilib	Scale, Measuring Rod rium	

Japanese Term	Bu	Shi	Dō	ENGLISH TRANSLATION(S)
Pronunciation	Воо	Shee	Doh	((TC) XX
	- 1>	1	776	"The Way of the Warrior"
Character(s) Kanji	此	士	追	"The Warrior's Way"
Original Meaning(s) of the Kanji Characters	Military Arts, Chivalry, Military Power, Military Glory	Samurai, Man, Gentleman, Scholar	Way, Path, Road, Journey, Teachings, Course, Duty, Morality	"The Samurai Code of Chivalry"

Japanese Term	Hisshō	
Pronunciation	Hees Shoh	
Character(s) Kanji Original	必勝	"Certain Victory" "Certain Success"
Meaning(s) of the Kanji Characters	Certainly, Win, Victory Positively, Prevail, Surpass Invariably	

Japanese Term	Yoke	
Pronunciation	Yoh Keh	
Character(s) Kanji	避け	"(a) Dodge"
Original Meaning(s) of the Kanji Characters	Avoid, Avert, Keep Aloof From, Stay Away From, Evade, Shirk, Shun	"Evade"

Japanese Term	Aite	
Pronunciation	Eye Teh	
Character(s) Kanji	相手	"(Your) Opponent/Adversary" "The Other Party"
Kanji	·	The other rurty
Original Meaning(s) of the Kanji Characters	Each Other, Hand(s) Fellow, Together	"(One's) Partner/Companion"

Japanese Term	Shime	
Pronunciation	Shee Meh	
Character(s) Kanji	絞め	"(a) Choke (hold)"
Original Meaning(s) of the Kanji Characters	Strangle, Constrict, Wring, Squeeze, Close Tight	"Shimeru = (to) Choke (Someone)"

Japanese Term	Mamori	
Pronunciation	Mah Moh Ree	
	立 り	"(a) Defense"
Character(s) Kanji	1 7	"(one's) Guard"
Original Meaning(s) of the Kanji Characters	Protect, Guard, Defense	"Mamoru = (to) Defend (Yourself)"

Japanese Term	Teki	
Pronunciation	Teh Kee	
Character(s) Kanji	商攵	"(one's) Enemy"
Original Meaning(s) of the Kanji Characters	Enem,; Rival, Opponent	

Japanese Term	Tatakai	
Pronunciation	Tah Tah Kah Ee	
Character(s) Kanji	戦い	"(a) Fight"
Original Meaning(s) of the Kanji Characters	Battle, Struggle, Fight, Skirmish	

Japanese Term	Kumiuchi	
Pronunciation	Koo Mee Uu Chee	
Character(s) Kanji	組み討ち	"Grappling"
Original Meaning(s) of the Kanji Characters	Grapple or Struggle (with)	

Japanese Term	Osaekomi	
Pronunciation	Oh Sah Eh Koh Mee	
Character(s) Kanji Original Meaning(s) of the Kanji Characters	押さえ込み Press Down, Hold Down Suppress Into, Towards, Load	"(a) Hold (as in wrestling, etc.)" "Osaekomu = (to) Hold"

Japanese Term	Makiwara	
Pronunciation	Mah Kee Wah Rah	
Character(s) Kanji	老 章	"(a) Punching Board" (Literally, "a Bundle of Tightly Packed
Original Meaning(s) of the Kanji Characters	Wind up, Bind Up, A Roll, A Bundle	Straw" used as a target for striking practice)

Japanese Term	Mushin	
Pronunciation	Muu Sheen	
Character(s) Kanji	無心	"(having) No Thought"
Original Meaning(s) of the Kanji Characters	None Heart, Mind Absence (of)	"(having) No Emotion"

Japanese Term	Kamiza	
Pronunciation	Kah Mee Zah	
Character(s) Kanji	上座	"The Seat of Honor" The Kamiza is found at the head of the mat or workout area. The Kamiza can be as simple as a picture the founders
Original Meaning(s) of the Kanji Characters	Upper Seat Superior Top Highest	(Such as Higaonna Sensei, Miyagi Sensei, Yamaguchi Sensei, etc.), or it can be an elaborate shrine. The Kamiza is not merely a decoration. It is a gentle reminder of the source of our art. When a Karateka is at the dojo there are several times when he or she will face the Kamiza and bow. The bow is a sign of respect to the Founders, and to thank them for what they have passed down to us. The Karateka will bow to the Kamiza when entering the dojo, when stepping onto the mat, at the beginning of class, at the end of class, when stepping off the mat, and when leaving the dojo.

Japanese Term	Shiai	
Pronunciation	Shee Eye	
	計合	"Sparring Match"
Character(s) Kanji	叶口	"Sparring Tournament"
Original Meaning(s) of the Kanji Characters	Testing, Meet, Join Together, Trial, Match With, Mix, Ordeal Combine	"Contest" "Game"

Primary Schools of Japanese Martial Arts

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合気道	Aikidō
合気会	Aikikai
昭道館	Shōdōkan
富木流	Tomiki-ryu
養神館	Yōshinkan
合気柔術、合気武術	Aikijuujutsu, Aikibujutsu
大東流	Daitō-ryu
居合道	Iaidō
柔道	Jūdō
講道館	Kōdōkan
柔術	Jūjutsu
双水執流	Sōsuishitsu-ryu
発光流	Hakkō-ryu
古武術	Kobujutsu
空手道	Karatedō
剛柔流	Gōjū-ryu
一心流	Isshin-ryu
極真会	Kyokushinkai
誠道会	Seidōkai
糸東流	Shitō-ryu
尚礼館	Shōreikan
少林寺流	Shōrinji-ryu
松濤館	Shotokan
上地流	Uechi-ryu
和道流	Wadō-ryu
剣道	Kendō
真剣道	Shingendō
拳法	Kenpō
少林寺 弓道	Shōrinji Kyūdō
薙刀道	Naginatadō
忍術、忍法、体術	Ninjutsu, Ninpō, Taijutsu
武神館	Bujinkan
玄武館	Genbukan
自然館	Jinenkan
忍柔会	Ninjuukai
伊賀流	Iga-ryu
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