

# Japanese Proverbs

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1. In your printer dialog, choose Print on both sides / Duplex.
2. Set flip on the LONG edge (portrait / top binding).
3. Print the whole PDF in order – each front page is followed by its matching back page on the next sheet side.
4. Optional: print the cover page single-sided if your printer offers it.
5. Cut along the card borders.

猿も木から落ちる

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花より団子

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石の上にも三年

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郷に入っては郷に従え

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塵も積もれば山となる

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出る杭は打たれる

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七転び八起き

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二兎を追う者は一兎をも得ず

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猫に小判

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Perseverance pays off  
over time.

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Prefer practical value  
over appearance or  
decoration.

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Even experts make  
mistakes.

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People who stand out are  
often criticized or  
pressured to conform.

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Small efforts add up to  
big results.

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When in another place or  
culture, follow local  
customs.

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Something valuable is  
wasted on someone who  
cannot appreciate it.

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Trying to pursue two  
goals at once often means  
failing at both.

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Keep trying despite  
repeated failures.

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井の中の蛙大海を知らず

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覆水盆に返らず

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蛙の子は蛙

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継続は力なり

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急がば回れ

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案ずるより産むが易し

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知らぬが仏

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笑う門には福来る

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十人十色

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Children often resemble  
their parents in  
character or ability.

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What is done cannot be  
undone.

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A person with a narrow  
view does not understand  
the wider world.

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Worrying is often worse  
than the actual result.

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The safest or smartest  
route is often the  
quickest in the end.

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Steady continuation is a  
source of strength.

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Everyone has different  
tastes or personalities.

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A cheerful home or person  
attracts good fortune.

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Sometimes not knowing is  
better than knowing  
unpleasant facts.

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三人寄れば文殊の知恵

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能ある鷹は爪を隠す

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Truly capable people do  
not show off their  
abilities.

Three people together can  
come up with wise ideas.

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