

Pronunciation

A bit *longish* explanation about pronunciation is [here](#) and even more about phonology, ie. the sound system in Japanese language, [here](#).

As shorter notes for the use here:

- I put the pronunciation, when necessary, between brackets [###].
- The letter or letters between parenthesis (#) are mute, not to be pronounced.
- Vowels: **a** as in **f**ather; **e** as in **g**et; **i** as in **m**acaron**i**; **o** as in **p**olo; **u** as in **p**ut or **b**ook.
- Long sound: the vowel is followed by “u”, う, except if it is an e, where the longer sound is done by an “i”, い, after (yep, the correct pronunciation of *sensei* is “sensee”, without saying the “i”) and I will try to write as often as possible with a stroke “-” over the letter: *ā, ī, ū, ē, ō*.
- **g** has a strong sound, something in between of **g**ive and **s**ing.
- When **nothing** it is specified it means no special rule applies, so just read it! 😊