

Sabi / Rust, Patina

Sabi no mono no hoh ga ii desu
(Sah-bee no moh-nono hoh gah ee dess)
I prefer rustic things

Shikata / Method, Way

Sono shikata wa dame desu
(So-no she-kah-tah wah dah-may dess)
That way is no good

Sake / Rice Wine

Sake o suki desu ka?
(Sah-kay oh ski dess kah?)
Do you like sake?

Shincho ni / Carefully

Shinchoh ni shimasu
{Sheen-choh nee she-mahss}
I will handle it carefully

Seppuku / Sape-puu-kuu

Togoh Kaigun-Taisho wa seppuku
wo shimashita
(Toh-goh Kie-guun-Tai-show wah sape-
puu-kuu oh she-mahss-tah)
Admiral Togoh committed harakiri

Sokaiya / Hoodlum Enforcer

Shi-go sokaiya wa kenka o gen-in
shimashita
(She-go so-kie-yah wah ken-kah wo
gane-een she-mahss-tah)
For or five sokaiya caused a fight

Shibumi / Taste, Refined Simplicity

Nihon bunka wa shibumi o
hagemashimasu
(Nee-hone boon-kah wo she-buu-me hah-
gay-mah-she-mahss)
Japanese culture encourages shibumi

Tai Ku Naku / Without Great Pain

Nihon seifu wa tai ku naku o
sakete mimasu
(Nee-hone say-e-fuu wah tie kuu nah-
kuu oh sah-kay-tay me-mahss)
The Japanese government tries to avoid
(causing) great pain