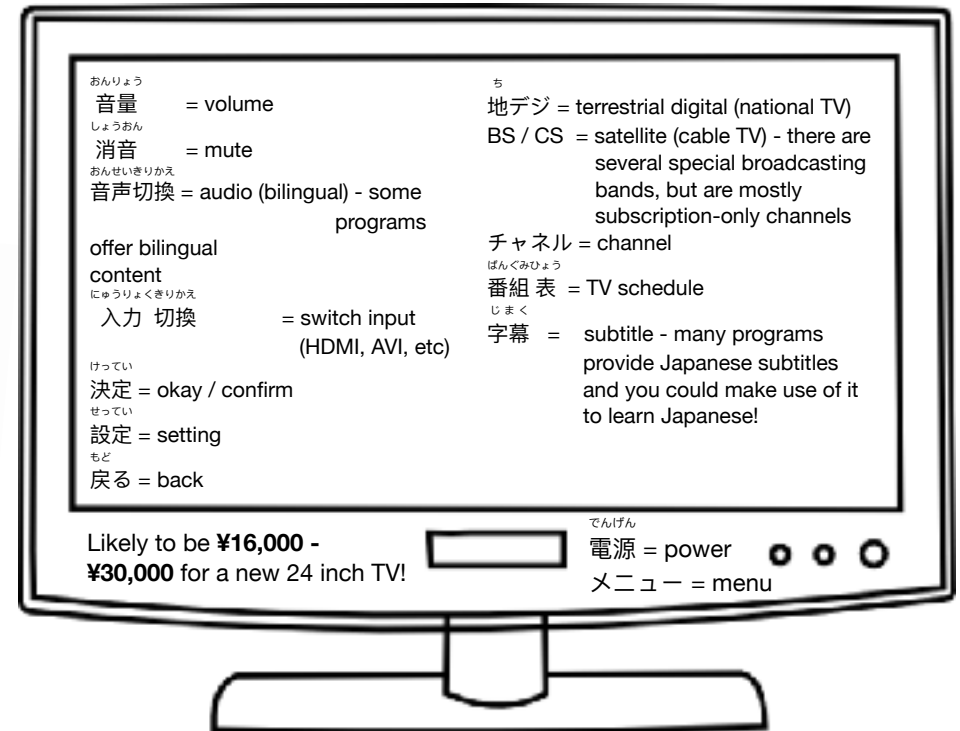
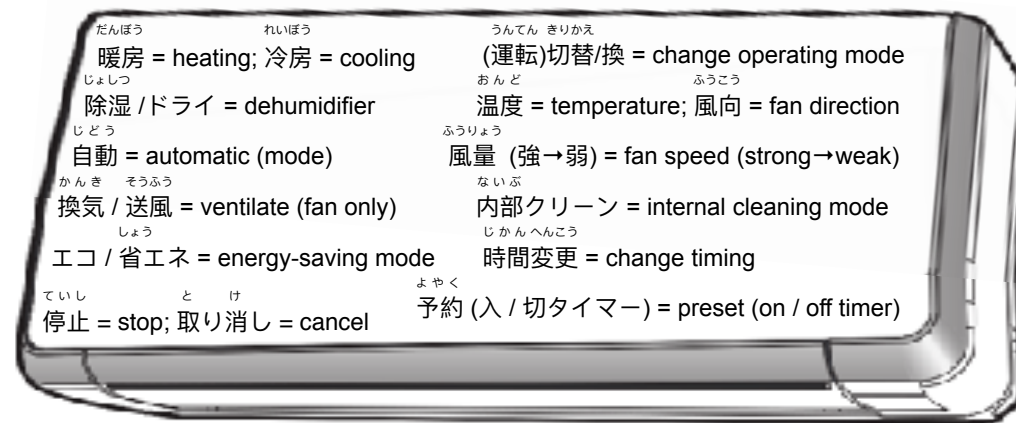


Stores

<u>Electronics stores</u> (wide range of good quality appliances)	<u>Discount stores</u> (Supermarkets that may sometimes also offer a limited range of affordable household appliances)	<u>Second hand stores</u> (Also look out for other smaller リサイクル (recycle) shops near you)
1. Best Denki - 28 stores in Kumamoto Prefecture, including 7 in Kumamoto City	1. Direx - 29 stores in Kumamoto Prefecture, including 9 in Kumamoto City	1. 2nd street - 10 stores in Kumamoto Prefecture, including 7 in Kumamoto City (Though the one along Kamitori, Kumamoto City only sells clothes.)
2. EDION - 24 stores in Kumamoto Prefecture, including 7 in Kumamoto City	2. Don Quijote - 6 stores in Kumamoto Prefecture, including 4 in Kumamoto City	2. Hard Off / Off House - 5 stores in Kumamoto Prefecture, including 3 in Kumamoto City
3. K's Denki - 12 stores in Kumamoto Prefecture, including 2 in Kumamoto City	3. Trial - 10 stores in Kumamoto Prefecture, including 1 in Kumamoto City	
4. Yamada Denki - 11 stores in Kumamoto Prefecture, including 2 in Kumamoto City	4. MrMax - 5 stores in Kumamoto Prefecture, including 3 in Kumamoto City	
5. Applied - 1 store in Kumamoto City. Has more specialized, high-tech computer components / gear.		

TV テレビ

Air-conditioning (/heating) エアコン



Washing machine 洗濯機 (せんたくき)



A new washing machine (about 4.2kg load) is likely to cost **¥8000 - ¥12,000**.

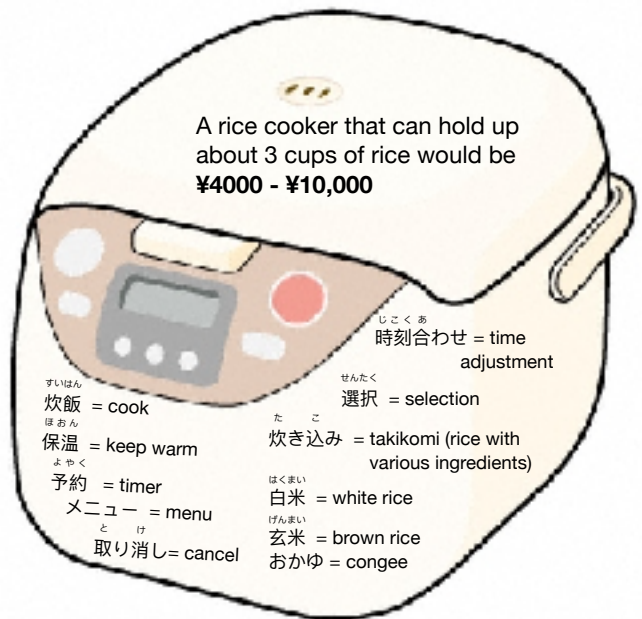
Maintenance: There is a lint filter that has to be emptied regularly. Ideally, run the cleaning function (槽洗浄) once a month to prevent mould from growing in the washing machine.

Load the washing machine cleaner (洗濯機クリーナー)

into the washing machine. It can be found in most supermarkets, drugstores, and 100-yen stores. Some machines may have a specific sequence to follow, so you may have to check the manual.

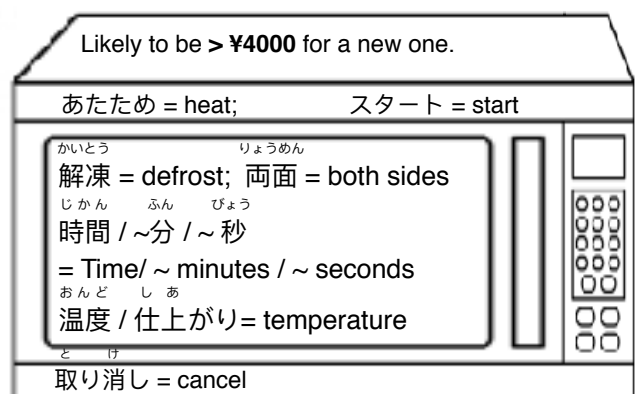
Alternative to getting a washing machine: Coin laundry. You don't have to buy detergent too. They also have dryers that will be useful during the rainy season and winter.

Rice Cooker 炊飯器 (すいはんき)



Microwave 電子(でんし)レンジ

Toaster ovens トースター オーブン (Full-sized convection ovens are rare)



Utility bills (average per month)

	Electricity 電気 (でんき)	Gas ガス	Water 水道 (すいどう)
Summer	¥2800 - 5000	¥2200 - 4000	¥1600 - 3000
Winter	¥3500 - 8000	¥2700 - 6000	¥2000 - 4500