

# Budo Taijutsu/Ninjutsu Terms

Here is a short list of terms and their meanings. This list will be added as time goes, so ask you instructor for updates.

Aite- Opponent	Ganseki Nage- throwing the big rock
Anatoshi- Trapping	Garami- Entangle
Ashiko- Foot band with spikes	Gawa-Side
Ate- Strike	Gedan Uke- Low block
Bujutsu- Horsemanship	Genin- beginning ninja
Barai- Sweep	Genjutsu- Art of illusion
Bisento- Long battlefield halberd	Geri- Kick
Bojutsu- Bostaff fighting	Gi- Martial arts uniform
Bo Ryaku- Strategy	Godai- Five elements
Boshi Ken- Thumb strike	Gokui- Secret
Budo- Martial way	Gotono- using natural elements for evasion
Budoka- Student of the martial way	Gyaku- reverse
Bugie- Martial arts	Hai- Yes
Bujin- Warrior spirit	Haibu Yori- From behind
Bujutsu- Martial arts techniques	Hajime- Begin
Bushi- Warrior	Hajutsu- escaping techniques
Bushido- Way of the warrior	Han- Half
Chi- Earth	Hanbo- 3 foot staff
Chi Mon- Geography	Hanbojutsu- 3 foot staff fighting
Cho Ho- Espionage	Happa Ken- One handed strike
Chu- Middle	Hasso- Attack
Chunin- Intermediate ninja	Heiho- Combat strategy
Daisho- Pair of swords	Henka- Variation
Daito- Large sword	Hensojutsu- Disguise and impersonation arts
Dakenjutsu- Striking, kicking, blocking	Hicho- flying bird
Do- Way	Hidari- Left
Dojo- training hall	Hiji- Elbow
Doko- Angry tiger	Hiki- Pull
Dori- To capture or seize	Hishi- Dried water chestnut caltrops
Empi- Elbow strike	Hodoki- escapes
Fu- Wind	Hojo- Bind, tie up
Fudo Ken- immovable fist	Hojutsu- Firearm arts
Fudoshin- Immovable spirit	Iai- Sword drawing
Fudoza- Immovable seat	Igadama- Iron caltrops
Fukiya- Blowgun	Inpo- Hiding
Futari Dori- grappling with two Opponents	Intonjutsu- Escape and concealment
Gaeshi- Counter attack	Iri- Enter
Gake- Hook	

Itami- Pain	Kuzushi- Break opponents' balance
Jo- Four-foot staff	Kojitsu Tenkan Ho- Philosophy
Jodan Uke- High block	Kyoketsu- Cord and dagger
Junan Taiso- Body conditioning	Kyoman- Observation
Jutaijutsu- Grappling	Kyu- Green belt
Jutsu- Techniques	Kyusho- Pressure point
Ka- Fire	Mai Kaiten- Front roll
Kaeshi- Counter attack	Maki- Winding
Kagi- Hook	Makimono- Scrolls
Kaiten- Rolling breakfalls	Matte- Wait
Kaiten Ken- Open hand	Mawashi- Rotate
Kakusi Geri- Hidden Kick	Mawashi Geri- Round kick
Kamae- Posture or stance	Meiso- Meditation
Kamiza- Shrine	Meijin- Master
Kata- Set of movements	Metsubushi- Blinding powder
Katana- Sword	Meysubushi- Distraction
Katate- One hand	Men Uchi- Strike to the head
Kayakujutsu- Fire and explosive arts	Menkyo- Teaching certificate
Kenjutsu- Sword fighting	Migi- Right
Keppan- Blood oath	Mizu- Water
Keri- Kick	Mokuso- Meditate
Ki- Spirit	Morote- Both hands
Kiai- Focused shout	Mute- No hands
Kikaku Ken- Demon horns fist	Muto Dori- unarmed sword defense
Kiriage- Upwards cut	Nagare- To flow
Kiten Ken- Sword hand strike (shuto)	Nage- Throw
Ko Ashi- Small steps	Nagashi- Flow
Kodachi- Small sword	Naginata- Halberd
Kogoroshi- Finger breaking	Naname- Diagonal
Koho- Back	Neko te- Finger tip weapons
Koho Geri- Back kick	Nin- Endurance or stealth
Koho Kaiten- Back roll	Ninpo- Higher order of Ninjutsu
Koku- Tiger sky	Nuki Ashi- Sweeping step
Kokyu- Breath	Ninki- Specialized ninja tools
Koppo Ken- Thumb knuckle strike	Obi- Belt
Koppojutsu- (Bone) breaking techniques	Odashi- Long sword
Koryu- Traditional	Omote- Outside
Kuden- Oral Teachings	Oni- Devil
Kuji- Nine syllables	Oni Gedeki- Crushing the little devil
Kuji In- Hand posturing	Osae- Press down
Kujikiri- Protective grid slashing	Oshigiri- sword push cut
Kumiuchi- Grappling and close fighting	Osoto Gake- Great outside hook
Kunoichi- Female ninja	Oten- Cartwheel
Kusari Fundo- Chain with end weights	Randori- Sparring
Kusari Gama- Weighted chain with sickle	Rei- Bow
	Ryote- Two hands

Ryomune Dori- Two handed chest grab	Taijutsu- Unarmed/ Body skill
Ryu- School or dragon	Take- Bamboo
Sakki- Intuition of attack	Taisabaki- Natural body movement
Saya- Scabbard	Taiso- Body conditioning
Satori- Enlightenment	Taki Ori- Breaking bamboo
Seishin Teki Kyoyo- Spiritual Refinement	Tanto- Knife
Seiza- Kneeling	Tantojutsu- Knife fighting
Sempai- Senior student	Tatami- Straw mat
Sensei- Teacher	Te- Hand
Shaken- Throwing stars	Teki- Enemy
Shako Ken- Claw strike	Tenmon- Meteorology
Shi- Finger	Tesson- Iron war fan
Shihan- Senior instructor	Tetsubushi- Metal caltrops
Shikko- Walking on knees	Toamijutsu- Fish net techniques
Shikan Ken- Extended knuckle strike	Tobi- Leap
Shikomi Zue- Sword cane	Tobi Keri- Leap with a kick
Shin- Heart	Tori- One who executes
Shinai- Bamboo sword	Tsuba- Sword handguard
Shinken Gata- Real combat training	Tsugi Bune- Collapsible boat
Shinobi- Stealth	Tsuki- Thrust
Shinobi aruki- Ninja walking	Uchi Gata- Take down using legs
Shinpi- Mysticism	Uke- One who receives
Shishin Ken- Finger needle strike	Ukemi- Breakfalls
Shitan Ken- Thumb pressure	Ura- Inside
Shito Ken- Thumb strike (Boshi ken)	Wakizashi- Short sword
Shizen Ken- Natural body weapon	Waza- Techniques
Shomen- Front	Ya- Arrow
Shoten no jutsu- Tree climbing	Yamabushi- Mountain warrior priest
Shuki Ken- Elbow strike	Yame- Stop
Shurikenjutsu- Blade throwing	Yari- Spear
Shuko- Hand band with spikes	Yoi- Ready
Shuto Ken- Sword hand strike	Yoko Geri- Side kick
Soku Gyaku- Toe strike	Yoko Aruki- Sideways walking
Soke- Grandmaster	Yoroi- Armor
Sokki Ken- Knee strike	Yubi- Finger
Sukuho Geri- Side kick	Yumi- Bow
Sokuho Tobi- Side leap	Zenpo Kaiten- Front roll
Soku Yaku- Sole or heel strike	Zenpo Geri- Front kick
Sokugyaku Geri- Toe kick	
Sui- Water	
Sui Ren- Water training	
Sutemi Nage- Sacrificial throw	
Tabi- Traditional Japanese footwear	
Taihenjutsu- Body movement	
Tai Ken- Body, body hurtling strikes	

Ichi- One  
Ni- Two  
San- Three  
Shi- Four  
Go- Five  
Roku- Six  
Shichi- Seven  
Hachi- Eight  
Ku- Nine  
Ju- Ten