

# Shotokan Dojo Kun

The Dojo Kun is a verbal affirmation that is recited by all of Shotokan karate-ka at the end of each training session. It is recited out loud, one line at a time, first by the dojo's sensei or senior sempai, and then repeated immediately afterwards, in unison, by all attendance prior to the final bows at the end of each training. When you leave your dojo, always be sure and take the meaning of those words out into the world with you. It is in the everyday world that is outside of those four walls that you train behind each day, that the true meaning of the dojo kun is truly meant to be practiced.

FIRST! (Most Important)	<b><i>SEEK PERFECTION OF CHARACTER!</i></b>
HITOTSU!	JINKAKU KANSEI NI TSUTOMURU KOTO
<i>English Phonetic Pronunciation:</i>	
Stuts	Ging cocka kahn say knee stoe muro co toe
FIRST! (Most Important)	<b><i>BE FAITHFUL!</i></b>
HITOTSU!	MAKOTO NO MICHIO MAMORU KOTO
<i>English Phonetic Pronunciation:</i>	
Stuts	Ma co toe no me chee oh mom mur oh co toe
FIRST! (Most Important)	<b><i>ENDEAVOR!</i></b>
HITOTSU!	DORYOKU NO SEICHIN O YASHINAU KOTO
<i>English Phonetic Pronunciation:</i>	
Stuts	durry oh coe no say sheen oh ya she now co toe
FIRST! (Most Important)	<b><i>RESPECT OTHERS!</i></b>
HITOTSU!	REIGIO OMONZURU KOTO
<i>English Phonetic Pronunciation:</i>	
Stuts	day gee oh oh moans zur oh co toe
FIRST! (Most Important)	<b><i>REFRAIN FROM VIOLENT BEHAVIOR!</i></b>
HITOTSU!	KEKKI NO YU O IMASHIMURU KOTO
<i>English Phonetic Pronunciation:</i>	
Stuts	kick kih no you oh ee mash ee mrow co toe