Basic Commands

Primary Gates to the Body

JodanUpper areaChudanMiddle areaGedanLower area

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Ashi kaete Change feet (other foot forward)

Choku Straight

Gambate! Don't give up! / Do your best!

Hajime Begin

Hidari To the left

Kamae Assume a defensive posture (guard up)

Keiko hajime! Begin training!

Kiai Emit an audible focus of energy

Kiotsuke Come to attention

Kiritsu Stand up

KokyuSingle Ibuki breathMaeFront, forward

Mokuso Meditate
Mate Wait

Mawashite Turn (in a circular direction)

MawateTurn aroundMigiTo the right

Mokuto Continuous Ibuki breathing

Mou ichi do Repeat (again) or "one more time"

Naka To the center

Otagai-ni Face your partner

Rei Bow

Seiza Assume formal kneeling position

Sensei-ni Face the teacher

Shomen-ni Face the head wall of the dojo

Te kaete Change hands (other hand forward)

Ushiro Back, rear

Yame End, finish, or STOP!

Yoi Ready Yoko Side