

Names - Family Size ~~and~~ Origin of ①  
Fresno Assembly Center <sup>evacuee</sup> ~~resident~~  
and Center address

All Japanese names, with few exceptions, end in a vowel. They have a rhythm and flow with a poetry like constancy of syllables. Unlike American names every syllable in Japanese names, with rare exclusions, also ends in a vowel. Usually they are pronounced with uniform accent on each syllable and added emphasis on the ending vowel.

When you accurately pronounce the names they flow in a smooth rhythm, off of the tongue.

You can enunciate them best with only slight use of the lips. Talking within the cavity of your mouth while the lips are scarcely parted, helps.

In most cases Japanese names have a vowel between ~~every~~ every consonant. The occasional use of double consonants is limited almost entirely to sh-sh-ts and nn. and the use of double vowels seems to be generally confined to ii-ai-oo-oo<sup>ui</sup> and ou.

The 1942 Directory of residents within the Fresno Assembly Center reveals that only ~~four~~ few family names were exceptions to the rule of ending in a vowel and they ended in n or k.

"Yamamoto" which was the Japanese equivalent of "Jones" in the U.S. led the last name list with nineteen families registered under that