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Japanese wooden sword used for trainingVarious types of bokkenA bokken (, bok(u), 'wood', and ken, '(double-edged) sword') or bokut (, boku, 'wood', and t, '(single-edged) sword') is a Japanese wooden sword used for training in kenjutsu. It is usually the size and shape of a katana, but is sometimes shaped like other swords, such as the wakizashi and tant. Some ornamental bokken are decorated with mother-of-pearl work and elaborate carvings. Sometimes, it is spelled "boken" in English.Bokken are traditionally composed of red oak or white oak, although any hardwood can be used. In comparison, practice swords made of flexible, soft wood such as bamboo are referred to as shinai.It is hard to determine precisely when the first bokken appeared due to secrecy in ancient martial arts training and loose record-keeping. While various mock weapons were surely used during the earlier periods of Japanese history, usage of bokken in their modern form first emerged during the Muromachi Period (13361600) for the training of samurai warriors in the various ry (schools of martial arts and swordsmanship) of the era.[1]If a steel katana is repeatedly used, it can easily become nicked and the edge flawed, potentially leading to a broken expensive sword. Bokken are safer than fighting with real swords, and are considerably more durable. A wielder can make contact with other trainee's swords with little fear of damage.[2]While bokken are safer for sparring and practice than katana, they are still lethal weapons in the hands of trained users. A famous legend to this effect involves Miyamoto Musashi, a ronin known to fight fully armed foes with only one or two bokken. According to the story, he agreed to a duel with Sasaki Kojiro, in the early morning on Ganryjima, a tiny sandbar between Kyushu and Honshu. Musashi overslept the morning of the duel, and made his way to the duel late. He carved a bokken from an oar with his knife while traveling on a boat to the duel.[3] At the duel, Sasaki was armed with his large nodachi, yet Musashi crushed Sasaki's skull with a single blow from his bokken, killing him. While many elements of the story are likely apocryphal, the potential danger of a bokken from the legend is real.[1]Before the Meiji era, bokken were very likely manufactured by woodworkers not specialized in bokken manufacture.[citation needed] At the beginning of the 20th century, bokken manufacture started more formally, mainly in Miyakonoj, a city on Kyushu Island. The four remaining bokken workshops of Japan are located in Miyakonoj.[citation needed]Another notable spot where bokken were manufactured and sold as tourist souvenirs was Aizuwakamatsu. The resulting bokken were frequently inscribed with the markings of the Byakkotai, a youth battalion that committed mass suicide nearby during the 1868 Battle of Aizu. During the late Showa era in the 1970s and 1980s, these suicides were romanticized as a bold and heroic act, and bokken marked with their emblem sold well.[4]The "standard bokken", mostly used in kendo, iaido, and aikido, was created by master Aramaki Yasuo, in collaboration with the All Japan Kendo Federation in the 1950s and was the first standardized bokken ever created.[5]Various styles of bokkenThe bokken is used as an inexpensive and relatively safe substitute for a real sword in several martial arts such as aikido, kendo, iaido, kenjutsu, and jodo. Its simple wooden construction demands less care and maintenance than a katana. Training with a bokken does not carry the same mortal risk associated with that of a sharp metal sword, both for the user and other practitioners nearby.While its use has several advantages over use of a live edged weapon, it can still be deadly, and any training with a bokken should be done with due care. Injuries occurring from bokken are very similar to those caused by clubs and similar battering weapons, and include compound fractures, ruptured organs, and other such blunt force injuries. In some ways, a bokken can be more dangerous, as the injuries caused are often unseen and inexperienced practitioners may underestimate the risk of harm.It is not a sparring weapon, but is intended to be used in kata, and to acclimate the student to the feel of a real sword. For sparring, a bamboo shinai is typically used instead, for obvious safety reasons.In 2003, the All Japan Kendo Federation (AJKF) introduced a set of basic exercises using a bokut called Bokut Ni Yoru Kend Kihon-waza Keiko-h. This form of practice is intended primarily for kendo practitioners up to Nidan ranking, but can be beneficial for all kendo students.[6]Suburit () are bokken designed for use in suburi. Suburi (), literally "bare swinging," are solo cutting exercises. Suburit are thicker and heavier than normal bokken and users of suburit must therefore develop both strength and technique. Their weight makes them unsuitable for paired practice and solo forms. Miyamoto Musashi's bokken made of an oar in his legendary duel with Sasaki Kojiro was presumably a suburit-sized bokken.As late as 2015, bokken were issued to the Los Angeles Police Mounted Unit for use as batons.[7][8]Bokken can be made to represent any style of weapon required such as nagamaki, nodachi, yari, naginata, kama, etc. The most widely used styles are:dait or tachi (katana-sized), long swordsht or kodachi or wakizashi b (wakizashi-sized), short swordtant b (tant-sized)suburit can be made in dait and sht sizesVarious koryu (traditional Japanese martial arts) have their own distinct styles of bokken which can vary slightly in length, tip shape, or in whether or not a tsuba (hilt guard) is added.The All Japan Kendo Federation specify the dimensions of bokken for use in the modern kendo kata, called Nippon kendo kata.[9]Tachi: Total length, approx. 102cm (40in); tsuka (handle) approx. 24cm (9.4in).Kodachi: Total length, approx. 55cm (22in); tsuka (handle) approx. 14cm (5.5in).Bokken are traditionally composed of red oak or white oak. White oak varieties are slightly more expensive and prestigious. Other common tree varieties used included ebony, biwa, and sunuke in Japan, and hickory, persimmon, ironwood, and walnut for trees native to the Americas. Biwa trees were used at least partially due to a folk superstition that wounds inflicted by biwa wood would never heal.[1]Aiki-kenIaidoJKendo and kenjutsuKinomichiWaster^ a b c Lowry, Dave (1986). Bokken: Art of the Japanese Sword. Ohara Publications. p.2127. ISBN978-0-89750-104-0.^ Ratti, Oscar; Westbrook, Adele (1991). Secrets of the Samurai; A Survey of the Martial Arts of Feudal Japan (1st pbk.ed.). Rutland, Vt.: C.E. Tuttle Co. p.272. ISBN978-0-8048-1684-7.^ Wilson, William Scott (2004). The Lone Samurai: The Life of Miyamoto Musashi (1sted.). Tokyo: Kodansha International. p.19. ISBN9784770029423.^ "". Z. October 25, 2018. 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Retrieved 2015-11-12.Wikimedia Commons has media related to Bokken (bokuto).A discussion of different woods with regard to bokken design, focusing particularly on durabilityInformation about making or selecting a bokken(Wayback Machine copy)Retrieved from " Skip to content Katana names, also known as Japanese sword names, typically have the following characteristics:Reflect the swords history or origin: Many katana names reflect the swords history or origin. For example, the name Bizen Osafune Nagamitsu indicates that the sword was made in the Bizen Osafune area of Japan and by the swordsmith Nagamitsu.Evoke a sense of power or strength: Katana names often evoke a sense of power or strength. For example, the name Masamune means correctness and truth, which implies a strong and powerful weapon.Utilize poetic language: Many katana names utilize poetic language, such as metaphors and similes. For example, the name Heshikiri Hasebe means chop the willow leaves, which is a metaphor for cutting through enemies with ease.Reference historical events or figures: Some katana names reference historical events or figures. For example, the name Kogarasu Maru means Little Crow, which references the legend of Minamoto no Yorimitsu, a famous samurai who was said to have fought and defeated a demon disguised as a crow.Use religious or spiritual references: Katana names sometimes use religious or spiritual references. For example, the name Shinogi-Zukuri refers to the ridge line on the blade, which is said to represent the spine of a dragon, a powerful and revered creature in Japanese mythology.Overall, katana names are carefully chosen to convey the swords history, power, and cultural significance.They often utilize poetic language, historical references, and religious or spiritual symbolism to create a name that is both meaningful and memorable. Katana NamesKatana Names:Masamune This is one of the most famous katana names, named after the legendary swordsmith Goro Nyudo Masamune. It means to become reality or to come true.Kogarasu Maru This katana name means Little Crow and is associated with the legendary samurai Minamoto no Yoshitsune, who was said to have owned the sword.Muramasa This katana name means Village Masa and is named after the famous swordsmith Sengo Muramasa, who was renowned for his sharp blades.Shusui This katana name means Autumn Water and was owned by the famous samurai Sakamoto Ryoma, who used it to bring about the Meiji Restoration in Japan.Onimaru This katana name means Demon Sword and is associated with the legendary samurai Benkei, who was said to have collected 999 swords before being defeated by the swords owner, Minamoto no Yoshitsune.Ame-no-Murakumo-no-Tsurugi This katana name means Sword of the Gathering Clouds of Heaven and is one of the three Imperial Regalia of Japan.Tomoe This katana name means Circular or Whirlpool and is associated with the famous samurai Miyamoto Musashi, who used it to defeat his rival Sasaki Kojiro.Kiku-Ichimonji This katana name means Chrysanthemum Blade and is associated with the famous samurai Taira no Kiyomori.Heshikiri Hasebe This katana name means Chop Down Hasebe and is associated with the legendary samurai Sasaki Takatsuna.Kotetsu This katana name means Iron Horse and is associated with the famous swordsmith Nagasone Kotetsu, who was renowned for his superior craftsmanship.Samurai Sword NamesSamurai Sword Names:Fudo Masamune This samurai sword name means Immovable Masamune and is associated with the legendary swordsmith Masamune.Juzumaru Tsunetsugu This samurai sword name means Ten Thousand Circles Tsunetsugu and is associated with the famous swordsmith Tsunetsugu.Bizen Osafune Nagamitsu This samurai sword name is associated with the famous swordsmith Nagamitsu from the Bizen Osafune school of swordsmiths.Kikuoka Mitsuyo This samurai sword name is associated with the famous swordsmith Mitsuyo Kikuoka.Rai Kunitoshi This samurai sword name is associated with the famous swordsmith Rai Kunitoshi.Soshu Masamune This samurai sword name is associated with the legendary swordsmith Masamune and is known for its superior quality and craftsmanship.Sanjo Munechika This samurai sword name is associated with the famous swordsmith Sanjo Munechika.Hizen Tadayoshi This samurai sword name is associated with the famous swordsmith Tadayoshi from the Hizen school of swordsmiths.Shintogo Kunimitsu This samurai sword name is associated with the famous swordsmith Shintogo Kunimitsu.Yamato Tegai This samurai sword name is associated with the famous swordsmith Yamato Tengai from the Tegai school of swordsmiths.Mutsu No Kami Yoshimitsu This samurai sword name is associated with the famous swordsmith Mutsu no Kami Yoshimitsu.Kotetsu This samurai sword name is associated with the famous swordsmith Kotetsu.Yasutsuna This samurai sword name is associated with the legendary swordsmith Yasutsuna and is known for its superior quality and craftsmanship.Hokke Saburo Kunisada This samurai sword name is associated with the famous swordsmith Hokke Saburo Kunisada.Taira Masakuni This samurai sword name is associated with the famous swordsmith Taira Masakuni.All Types of Japanese Swords (history and how they were used)Japanese Sword NamesJapanese Sword Names:Ame-no-Murakumo-no-Tsurugi Sword of the Gathering Clouds of Heaven, a legendary sword from Japanese mythology.Kusanagi-no-Tsurugi Grass Cutting Sword, a legendary sword from Japanese mythology, also known as one of the three Imperial Regalia of Japan.Totsuka-no-Tsurugi Sword of Ten Hands, another legendary sword from Japanese mythology.Kogarasu Maru Little Crow, a sword named after a famous samurai legend.Fudo Masamune Unrivaled Masamune, a sword made by the famous swordsmith Masamune.Rai Kunimitsu A sword made by the swordsmith Rai Kunimitsu.Yoshimitsu A sword made by the famous swordsmith Yoshimitsu.Kanesada A sword made by the swordsmith Kanesada.Osafune Kanemitsu A sword made by the swordsmith Kanemitsu in the Osafune region.Kotetsu A sword made by the swordsmith Nagasone Kotetsu.Parts of a Katana NamesBelow we provide the names of the parts of a katana:Tsuka: The handle of the katana, also known as the hilt.Tsuba: The guard between the blade and the handle, designed to protect the hand and to prevent the enemys blade from sliding down to the hand.Menuki: The ornamental grip fittings that are placed under the wrapping of the handle to provide better grip.Same: The rayskin that is wrapped around the handle, providing a non-slip grip.Tsuka-ito: The wrapping around the handle, traditionally made of silk or cotton.Kashira: The pommel at the end of the handle, which helps to balance the sword.Mekugi: The bamboo peg that holds the blade and the handle together.Habaki: A metal collar that sits at the base of the blade, providing a snug fit inside the scabbard.Seppa: The spacers that sit between the tsuba and the habaki.Saya: The scabbard that holds the blade. It is usually made of wood, lacquered, and decorated.Nagasa: The length of the blade, measured from the tip to the notch.Moto-haba: The width of the blade at the base.Sori: The curvature of the blade, which helps with cutting and slicing.Shinogi: The ridge line that runs along the length of the blade.Kissaki: The tip of the blade, which is usually pointed and sharpened.Samurai Sword: Names and Parts of Japanese Sword Part 1 Types of Japanese SwordsDifferent Types of Japanese Swords:Katana A long, curved sword with a single edge and a sharp point. It was traditionally used by samurai warriors and is considered the most iconic of Japanese swords.Wakizashi A shorter sword with a curved blade and a single edge, often worn alongside a katana as a backup weapon.Tanto A small dagger with a straight or slightly curved blade, used for stabbing or cutting.Nodachi An extra-long, two-handed sword with a straight blade, used primarily by foot soldiers.Naginata A long polearm with a curved blade on the end, used by samurai and warrior monks.Yari A long spear with a straight blade, used by foot soldiers and cavalry.Tachi A long sword with a curved blade and a longer handle than a katana, used primarily by samurai on horseback.Kodachi A shorter version of the tachi, used as a backup weapon or by women and children.Shirasaya A type of sword with a plain wooden scabbard, often used for storage or display.Shinai A bamboo sword used for training in Japanese martial arts.Cool Katana Names [Cool Sword Names]Cool Katana Names [Cool Sword Names]:Kusanagi-no-Tsurugi Grass Cutting Sword, a legendary sword from Japanese mythology.Onimaru Demon Slayer, a powerful sword said to have been used to defeat a demon.Rikugun Six Army, a sword said to have been wielded by a famous samurai warrior.Raijin Thunder God, a sword with a thunderbolt motif.Kaze no Tani no Naushika Nausicaa of the Valley of the Wind, a sword named after the heroine of a popular anime.Shishi-o Lion King, a sword with a lion motif.Shinken Real Sword, a sword used in Japanese martial arts training.Juzumaru Ten Thousand Generations, a sword said to bring good luck and fortune to its owner.Muramasa Demon Blade, a famous swordsmith who was said to imbue his swords with a curse.Ayame Iris, a sword named after the beautiful flower that grows in Japan.Japanese Katana NamesJapanese Katana Names:Kogarasu Maru Little Crow, a sword named after a famous samurai legend.Masamune Correctness or Truth, a famous swordsmith from the 14th century.Heshikiri Hasebe Chop the Willow Leaves, a sword named after a famous battle in Japanese history.Nio Deva Kings, a sword with a motif of two guardian deities.Juzumaru Tsunetsugu Ten Thousand Generations, a sword with a reputation for being a good luck charm.Bizen Osafune Nagamitsu A sword made in the Bizen Osafune region by the swordsmith Nagamitsu.Shinogi-Zukuri A type of katana with a distinctive ridge line on the blade.Shobu-Zukuri A type of katana with a blade shaped like a iris leaf.Tegai Kanenaga A sword made by the swordsmith Tegai Kanenaga in the 14th century.Kikuichimonji Chrysanthemum One, a sword named after the chrysanthemum flower.Katana Sword NamesKatana Sword Names:Honjo Masamune A famous katana sword once owned by the samurai Honjo Shigenaga.Dojigiri Hedge Cutter, a famous katana sword said to have been used to cut through a hedge during a battle.Tomonari A famous katana sword made by the swordsmith Tomonari.Bizen Ichimonji A type of katana sword made in the Bizen province.Heshikiri Hasebe Chop the Willow Leaves, a katana sword named after a famous battle in Japanese history.Izumi-no-Kami Kanesada A katana sword made by the swordsmith Izumi-no-Kami Kanesada.Aoe A famous katana sword made by the swordsmith Aoe.Awataguchi A famous katana sword made by the swordsmith Awataguchi.Masamune Correctness or Truth, a famous swordsmith from the 14th century who created many famous katana swords.Kotetsu A famous katana sword made by the swordsmith Nagasone Kotetsu.Famous Katana Names [Famous Japanese Sword Names]Famous Katana Names [Famous Japanese Sword Names]:Kogarasu Maru Little Crow, a sword named after a famous samurai legend.Masamune Correctness or Truth, a famous swordsmith from the 14th century who created many famous katana swords.Muramasa Demon Blade, a famous swordsmith who was said to imbue his swords with a curse.Tachi Kunimitsu A famous sword made by the swordsmith Kunimitsu.Onimaru Kunitsuna A famous sword said to have been used to defeat a demon.Onikiri Yasutsuna Demon Cutter, a famous sword said to have been used to cut down a demon.Kiku Ichimonji Chrysanthemum One, a sword named after the chrysanthemum flower, a symbol of the Imperial family.Bizen Osafune Norimitsu A famous sword made by the swordsmith Norimitsu in the Bizen Osafune region.Shishi-o Lion King, a sword with a lion motif.Kanesada A famous sword made by the swordsmith Kanesada.Legendary Katana NamesLegendary Katana Names:Ame-no-Murakumo-no-Tsurugi Sword of the Gathering Clouds of Heaven, a legendary sword from Japanese mythology.Kusanagi-no-Tsurugi Grass Cutting Sword, a legendary sword from Japanese mythology, also known as one of the three Imperial Regalia of Japan.Totsuka-no-Tsurugi Sword of Ten Hands, another legendary sword from Japanese mythology.Benkeis Nagamitsu A legendary sword owned by the Japanese warrior-monk Benkei.Sengo Muramasa A legendary sword made by the swordsmith Muramasa, said to be cursed and bring misfortune to its wielder.Fudo Masamune Unrivaled Masamune, a legendary sword made by the famous swordsmith Masamune.Kogarasu Maru Little Crow, a legendary sword named after a famous samurai legend.Kiku Ichimonji Chrysanthemum One, a legendary sword named after the chrysanthemum flower, a symbol of the Imperial family.Onimaru Kunitsuna A legendary sword said to have been used to defeat a demon.Onikiri Yasutsuna Demon Cutter, a legendary sword said to have been used to cut down a demon.Good Katana NamesGood Katana Names:Ryujin Dragon God, a popular name for a katana sword.Kagutsuchi Fire God, another popular name for a katana sword.Kagekiyo Shadow Kiyomaro, a name inspired by a legendary sword owned by a famous samurai.Kyokushin Ultimate Truth, a name that represents the power and strength of a katana sword.Shishi-o Lion King, a name that symbolizes the power and courage of the sword.Shura Demon, a name that represents the ferocity and strength of a katana sword.Shinken Real Sword, a name that emphasizes the authenticity and power of a katana sword.Musashi A name inspired by the famous samurai and swordsman Miyamoto Musashi.Juzumaru Ten Thousand Circles, a name that represents the strength and durability of a katana sword.Shichisei Seven Stars, a name that represents the seven virtues of a samurai warrior.Anime Katana NamesAnime Katana Names:Tensa Zangetsu Heaven Chain Slaying Moon, the name of the katana sword wielded by Ichigo Kurosaki in the anime series Bleach.Sakabato Reverse-Blade Sword, the name of the katana sword wielded by Kenshin Himura in the anime series Rurouni Kenshin.Kusanagi Grass Cutting Sword, the name of the katana sword wielded by Sasuke Uchiha in the anime series Naruto.Elucidator The name of the katana sword wielded by Kirito in the anime series Sword Art Online.Sounga The name of the katana sword wielded by Inuyasha in the anime series Inuyasha.Bakusaiga The name of the katana sword wielded by Sesshomaru in the anime series Inuyasha.Yoru Night, the name of the katana sword wielded by Dracule Mihawk in the anime series One Piece.Kikoku Demon Cutter, the name of the katana sword wielded by Byakuya Kuchiki in the anime series Bleach.Muramasa The name of a cursed katana sword wielded by Gin Ichimaru in the anime series Bleach.Zanpakuto Soul Slayer Sword, the term used to refer to Ichigo Kurosakis katana swords in the anime series Bleach.Totsuka no Tsurugi Sword of Totsuka, the name of a sealed katana sword found inside Ssuke Aizens body in the anime series Bleach.Kogitsune Maru Little Fox Circle, the name of a mythical katana sword that was wielded by Sanosuke Sagara in the anime series Rurouni Kenshin.Vorpal Sword The name of a magical katana sword wielded by Gilgamesh in the anime series Fate/stay night.Tsurumaru Kuninaga Crane Round Wheel, the name of a legendary katana sword found inside Yamamotos body in the anime series Bleach.Enma Koz Demon Child, the name of a magical katana sword wielded by Inuyashas father, Inu no Taish, in the anime series Inuyasha.Ame-no-Murakumo-no-Tsurugi Sword of the Gathering Clouds of Heaven, the name of a mythical katana that was once owned by Yamato Takeru in the anime series Inuyasha.Kusanagi-no-Tsurugi Grass Cutting Sword, the name of a mythical katana sword found inside Yamata no Orochis body in the anime series Naruto Shippuden.Chidori The name of the electrical lightning katana wielded by Sasuke Uchiha in the manga series Naruto.Sakuya The name of a magical katana wielded by Sakura Haruno in the anime series Naruto Shippuden.Sharp Weapon NamesSharp Weapon Names:Machete a large cleaver-like cutting tool, used for hacking through thick vegetation or chopping woodScimitar a curved sword of Middle Eastern origin, used for slashing and thrustingCutlass a short, curved sword with a single edge, used by sailors and pirates for close combatDirk a long, straight dagger with a pointed blade, used as a stabbing weaponFalchion a single-edged, slightly curved sword of medieval origin, used for hacking and choppingGladius a short sword used by Roman soldiers, designed for thrusting and stabbingSabre a curved sword with a single edge, used by cavalry and in fencingTomahawk a small axe-like weapon, used by Native American tribes for both hunting and fightingHalberd a weapon with a long handle and a blade mounted on the end, used for striking and thrustingRapier a slender, pointed sword used in fencing and duelingLong Katana NameLong Katana Names:Masamune a legendary Japanese swordsmith, whose blades are considered some of the finest ever madeMuramasa a famous Japanese swordsmith, known for creating swords with a reputation for bloodthirstinessTachi a type of long sword used by samurai warriors, often worn slung from the beltOdachi a very long sword, similar to the tachi but with an even longer blade, used by samurai for fighting on horsebackNodachi a large, two-handed sword with a long blade, used by samurai as a battlefield weaponShinken a real, sharp katana, as opposed to a practice or ceremonial swordBizen Osafune Nagamitsu a famous Japanese swordsmith from the 14th century, known for creating high-quality bladesFudo Masamune a legendary katana with a reputation for being almost indestructibleKanesada a type of katana made by a famous Japanese swordsmith of the same nameKiyomasa a type of katana made by a famous Japanese swordsmith of the same nameBlade NamesBlade Names:Excalibur the legendary sword of King Arthur, said to have magical powersAnduril the sword wielded by Aragorn in J.R.R. Tolkiens The Lord of the Rings seriesSting the sword wielded by Bilbo and Frodo in The Hobbit and The Lord of the Rings seriesHrunting the sword given to Beowulf by Unferth in the epic poem BeowulfGram the sword wielded by the hero Sigurd in Norse mythologyDurendal the sword wielded by the paladin Roland in the epic poem The Song of RolandClarent the sword used by Mordred in the legend of King Arthur, also known as the Sword of PeaceZulfiqar the sword of Ali, the cousin and son-in-law of the Prophet Muhammad, in Islamic traditionJoyeuse the sword of Charlemagne, considered one of the most important swords in French historyTizona the sword of El Cid, a medieval Spanish nobleman and military leaderBest Sword NamesBest Sword Names:Excalibur The legendary sword of King Arthur, said to possess magical powers.Masamune A famous swordsmith from Japan, known for creating some of the finest swords in history.Durandal The sword of the paladin Roland, said to have the power to cut through rocks.Joyeuse The sword of Charlemagne, said to have magical powers.Anduril The sword of Aragorn in J.R.R. Tolkiens The Lord of the Rings, forged from the shards of Narsil.Gram The sword of the hero Sigurd in Norse mythology, said to have the power to slay dragons.Clarent The sword of King Arthurs evil son Mordred, said to have the power to kill kings.Zulfiqar The sword of Imam Ali in Islamic mythology, said to have the power to split the moon in half.Durendal The sword of Roland in French mythology, said to be indestructible.Ascalon The sword of St. George in Christian mythology, said to have the power to slay dragons.Fantasy Sword NamesFantasy Sword Names:Stormbringer The sword of Elric of Melnibon in Michael Moorcocks novels, said to be cursed and bring death to its wielders enemies and loved ones alike.Dragonslayer A sword designed specifically for killing dragons, commonly found in fantasy literature and games.Glamdring The sword of Gandalf in J.R.R. Tolkiens The Lord of the Rings, said to have the power to glow in the presence of orcs.Orcrist The sword of Thorin Oakenshield in J.R.R. Tolkiens The Hobbit, said to be deadly to goblins and orcs.Narsil The sword of Elendil in J.R.R. Tolkiens The Lord of the Rings, said to have the power to cut through Saurons armor.Sting The sword of Bilbo and Frodo Baggins in J.R.R. Tolkiens The Hobbit and The Lord of the Rings, said to glow in the presence of goblins and orcs.Needle The sword of Arya Stark in George R.R. Martins A Song of Ice and Fire, said to be designed for quick and precise movements.Nightblood The sword from Brandon Sandersons Warbreaker, said to consume the souls of those it kills.Shadowfax The sword of Prince Caspian in C.S. Lewiss The Chronicles of Narnia, said to have the power to summon magical horses.Eragon The sword of the dragon rider Eragon in Christopher Paolinis Inheritance Cycle, said to be infused with the power of magic.Cool Minecraft Sword NamesCool Minecraft Sword Names:Diamond Blade A sword made from diamonds, one of the strongest materials in Minecraft.Netherite Sword A sword made from netherite, a rare and durable material found in the Nether dimension.Ender Blade A sword made from ender pearls, said to have the power to teleport its wielder.Obsidian Sword A sword made from obsidian, a strong material found in the Nether dimension.Enchanted Sword A sword that has been enchanted with powerful spells, increasing its strength and durability.Soul Blade A sword made from soul sand and soul soil, said to have the power to steal the souls of its enemies.Blaze Sword A sword made from blaze rods, said to be capable of unleashing fire and heat.Void Sword A sword made from void crystals, said to possess the power to destroy anything it touches.Excalibur The legendary sword of King Arthur, said to be able to cut through any material.Lightning Sword A sword that can call forth the power of lightning, said to be capable of destroying anything in its path.Mjlnir Thors hammer, a powerful weapon that can summon thunder and lighting at its wielders command.Gilded Blade A golden-hued sword with ornate patterns carved into it, said to grant its wielder extraordinary strength and skill in battle.Icebreaker A sword made from ice, said to be capable of freezing its enemies in place.Godslayer A powerful sword said to be able to slay even gods with a single strike.Morgul Blade A cursed blade that can steal the life force of any living creature it touches.Deathbringer An incredibly sharp and deadly blade that is said to bring death upon those who wield it.Celestial Sword A blade imbued with celestial power, granting its wielder amazing abilities in battle.Divine Sword A weapon crafted by the gods themselves, capable of destroying anything it strikes.Dragon Slayer A legendary sword said to have the power to cut through dragon scales and slay dragons.Sword LengthsSwords come in a variety of lengths depending on their intended use and historical period. Here are some common sword lengths and their descriptions:Dagger typically between 6 and 18 inches long, used as a close-combat weapon or for utility purposesShort Sword between 18 and 24 inches long, often used by infantry or for close-quarters combatGladius between 20 and 30 inches long, the standard sword used by Roman soldiersLongsword between 30 and 48 inches long, used in two-handed combat or by knights on horsebackBastard Sword between 48 and 60 inches long, used in two-handed combat or by knights on horsebackKatana between 24 and 30 inches long, the traditional Japanese sword used by samurai warriorsWakizashi between 12 and 24 inches long, a shorter sword often paired with a katana as part of a samurais equipmentTachi between 24 and 36 inches long, a longer sword often worn by samurai warriors on horsebackNodachi between 60 and 72 inches long, a very long Japanese sword used for battlefield combatZweihander between 60 and 80 inches long, a two-handed sword used in medieval Europe for fighting on foot or on horseback.Katana Name & Fantasy Weapon Name GeneratorA list of 100+ katana names and fantasy weapons names:MuramasaMasamuneTachiOdachiNodachiShinkenBizen Osafune NagamitsuFudo MasamuneKanesadaKiyomasaOnikiriKotetsuHeshikiriNamikiriRyumonRaijinFujinKirikazeKiku-ichimonjiKogarasumaruKumokiriOnikiriSakabatouAoi InazumaKikuichimonji NorimuneJuzumaru TsunetsuguYukimitsuKanemotoNagasone KotetsuTomonariBishamonSanosukes ZanbatouOyama Tadakatsus GunbaiKazekiriRaijintoFujin YumiSetsunaKenbuKusanagiSuzumebachiTsumugariJuzumaruYumitoriKanesada IIKogitsunemaruBizen Osafune KanemitsuKanesada IIISuishinshi MasahideSanjo MunechikaHonjo MasamuneSanada Yukimuras SpearNaganitaTeppekiyoNagayoshis MasamuneOkita Soujis SwordBizen Osafune MunemitsuKanesada IVBishuu Osafune NorimitsuSukesadaOotenta MitsuyoShichiseikenHizamaruHachisuka KotetsuKogarasu MaruYamanbagiri KunihiroIwatooshiUguisu MaruTaikogane SadamuneAizen MyououYasutsunaHachiman Taro YasutokiMutsunokami YoshiyukiIshikirimaruIchigo HitofuriHorikawa KunihiroKoryuu KagemitsuUchigatanaKurikaraIchimonjiHikariMasakuniNagasoneKusunoki Masashiges SwordShirasayaKamakura IchimonjiHizamaru TokuTengu-KiriKiku-Ichimonji NobufusaMasatsuneKanefusaKogarasu ZanKinomotoHachiman Taro NobuyukiTomoe Gozens SwordMurasameMikazuki MunechikaJuzumaru Tsunetsugu (short sword version)MiburiNodachiTachiFunny Sword NamesFunny Sword Names:The Tickler A sword that tickles its enemies instead of harming them.The Whopper A sword that makes exaggerated sound effects when swung.The Flimsy Blade A sword that appears to be made of paper or other weak materials.The Pogo Stick A sword that bounces up and down when swung, making it difficult to use.The Spork A sword that is part spoon and part fork, making it ineffective at both cutting and scooping.The Rubber Chicken A sword that looks like a giant rubber chicken, but is surprisingly effective at slicing through enemies.The Stinky Cheese A sword that emits a foul odor when swung, distracting enemies and making them easier to defeat.The Feather Duster A sword that looks like a feather duster, but can actually be used to knock enemies off balance.The Bubble Wand A sword that shoots bubbles instead of blades, making it a more playful weapon.The Confetti Cannon A sword that shoots confetti instead of dealing damage, making enemies more likely to laugh than fight.Swordsman NamesSwordsman Names:Miyamoto Musashi One of the most famous swordsmen in Japanese history, known for his undefeated record in duels.Johannes Liechtenauer The founder of the German school of swordsmanship, known for his emphasis on technique and footwork.Yagy Munenori A prominent swordsman in 17th-century Japan, known for his mastery of the short sword.Fiore dei Liberi An Italian fencing master from the 14th century, known for his comprehensive martial arts treatise.Thibault de Champagne A French swordsman from the 17th century, known for his innovative approach to swordsmanship.Sigmund Ringeck A German fencing master from the 15th century, known for his influential martial arts treatise.Salvator Fabris An Italian fencing master from the 16th century, known for his elegant and effective fencing style.Donald McBane A Scottish swordsman from the 18th century, known for his skill with the broadsword and other weapons.Antonio Manciolino An Italian fencing master from the 16th century, known for his treatise on swordsmanship.George Silver An English swordsman from the 16th century, known for his advocacy of the English short sword and his criticism of the rapier.Magic Sword NamesMagic Sword Names:Soulrender A sword that drains the life force of its enemies and adds it to the wielders own.Frostbite A sword that freezes enemies on contact, making them easier to shatter.Shadowstrike A sword that can phase through solid objects, allowing its wielder to strike from unexpected angles.Flame Tongue A sword that bursts into flames when swung, dealing additional fire damage.Thunderbolt A sword that crackles with lightning when swung, dealing additional electrical damage.Bloodthirst A sword that grows stronger with each enemy it slays, becoming a more deadly weapon over time.Nightfall A sword that casts darkness around its wielder, making it difficult for enemies to see and attack.Sunburst A sword that emits blinding light when swung, temporarily blinding enemies and making them vulnerable to attack.Spellbreaker A sword that can nullify magical spells and enchantments, making it an effective counter against wizards and other magical foes.Shatterpoint A sword that can identify the weakest point in an object.Badass Sword NamesBadass Sword Names:Soul Edge a demonic sword from the Soulcalibur video game seriesApocalypse a sword wielded by the villainous Darkseid in DC ComicsAnduril the sword reforged from the shards of Narsil in J.R.R. Tolkiens The Lord of the RingsThe Master Sword the legendary sword from The Legend of Zelda video game seriesRebellion the sword wielded by Dante in the Devil May Cry video game seriesTyrfing a cursed sword from Norse mythologyBloodbane a sword with the power to slay dragons from the Dragonlance fantasy novel seriesStormbringer a sentient sword that feeds on the souls of those it kills from Michael Moorcocks Elric of Melnibon seriesDragonslayer the sword wielded by Guts in the Berserk manga and anime seriesExcalibur the legendary sword of King Arthur in Arthurian legendCool Trident NamesCool Trident Names:Poseidons Trident the weapon of the Greek god of the seaThe Devils Trident a legendary trident said to have been used by Satan himselfThe Trident of Neptune a magical trident wielded by the DC Comics superhero AquamanTrishula a trident wielded by the Hindu god ShivaThe Trident of the Oracle a magical trident from the video game series God of WarThe Lightning Trident a powerful trident wielded by the Marvel Comics superhero ThorThe Dark Trident a mysterious trident from the Warhammer Fantasy Battles gameThe Trident of the Seas a magical trident from the Old School RuneScape video gameThe Tempest Trident a weapon from the Heroes of Might and Magic video game seriesThe Silver Trident a trident wielded by the underwater city of Atlantis in DC ComicsJapanese Dagger NamesJapanese Dagger Names:Tanto a short knife used by samurai warriors for close-quarters combatAikuchi a type of tanto with no guard on the handleWakizashi a short sword often paired with a katana as part of a samurais equipmentShobu-zue a hidden blade disguised as a walking stickKozuka a small knife stored in a samurais saya (scabbard)Kaiken a small tanto used for assassinations or suicideJitte a dagger-like weapon used by samurai to disarm opponentsKunai a throwing knife used by ninjasTanto of Yasutsuna a legendary tanto said to have been crafted by the Japanese swordsmith YasutsunaTanto of Hocho Toshiro a famous tanto crafted by the swordsmith Hocho ToshiroList of Types of Japanese SwordsSome types of Japanese swords:Katana a long, curved sword with a single edge and a distinctive grip that is traditionally used by samurai warriorsTachi a longer and more curved version of the katana that was used by samurai on horsebackWakizashi a shorter sword that is often worn alongside a katana as part of a samurais equipmentTanto a short dagger-like sword that was often used for close-quarters combat or for the ritual suicide known as seppukuUchigatana a type of katana that was worn with the blade facing upward rather than downwardKodachi a shorter version of the tachi that was used by samurai in confined spaces or for indoor fightingNagamaki a type of long sword with a two-handed grip and a blade that is longer than a katana but shorter than a naginataNaginata a polearm weapon with a curved blade on the end that was used by female samurai and other warriorsYari a type of spear that was commonly used by samurai in battleTsurugi a double-edged sword that was used in ancient Japan before the development of the katanaEvil Sword NamesEvil Sword Names:Dark Tempest A sword that can summon dark clouds and raging storms.Bloodletter A sword that drinks the blood of its enemies and becomes more powerful with each kill.Shadowbane A sword that can banish creatures of darkness and send them back to the underworld.Blackheart A sword that corrupts the hearts of its wielders, making them more ruthless and evil.Doombringer A sword that is said to bring about the end of the world when wielded by an evil hand.Cursed Blade A sword that is cursed to bring bad luck and misfortune to its wielders.Demon Fang A sword that has the power to summon demons and unleash them upon the world.Necroblade A sword that can raise the dead and turn them into undead servants.Hellfire A sword that burns with eternal flames, leaving nothing but ash in its wake.Deaths Kiss A sword that can kill its enemies with a single touch, leaving them paralyzed and unable to move on to the afterlife.Mythical Katana NamesMythical Katana Names:Masamune A legendary katana swordsmith from Japan, said to have crafted swords of unparalleled beauty and sharpness.Kusanagi-no-Tsurugi A mythical sword from Japanese legend, said to have been found in the tail of a dragon by the god Susanoo.Excalibur The legendary sword of King Arthur, said to have been given to him by the Lady of the Lake.Durandal The sword of the legendary French hero Roland, said to have been given to him by the archangel Michael.Dainsleif A sword from Norse mythology, said to be cursed to bring about the death of anyone who wielded it.Tyrfing A sword from Norse mythology, said to be cursed to bring about the death of three men every time it was unsheathed.Gram The sword of the legendary Norse hero Sigurd, said to have been used to slay the dragon Fafnir.Caladbolg A sword from Irish mythology, said to have been wielded by the hero Fergus mac Rich.Zulfiqar A sword from Islamic mythology, said to have been given to the prophet Muhammad by the archangel Gabriel.Joyeuse The sword of the legendary French emperor Charlemagne, said to have been imbued with magical powers.Awesome Sword NamesAwesome Sword Names:Thunderstrike A sword that crackles with lightning when swung, dealing extra damage to enemies.Dragonfire A sword that can breathe flames, allowing its wielder to roast their enemies.Venomfang A sword that drips with poison, weakening enemies and leaving them vulnerable to attack.Frostbite A sword that freezes enemies on contact, shattering them with a well-placed blow.Soulstealer A sword that can steal the souls of its enemies, leaving them weakened and vulnerable.Cyclone A sword that creates a powerful whirlwind when swung, knocking enemies off their feet.Sunstrike A sword that emits a blinding flash of light, temporarily blinding enemies and leaving them vulnerable.Reaper A sword that can cut through anything, allowing its wielder to slice through armor and other defenses.Shadowblade A sword that can turn its wielder invisible, allowing them to sneak past enemies undetected.Phoenix Blade A sword that can burst into flames and be reborn from its own ashes, making it an indestructibleEpic Sword NamesEpic Sword Names:Ragnarok a sword that is said to bring about the end of the world in Norse mythologyThe Vorpal Sword a magical sword from Lewis Carrolls poem JabberwockyThe Sword of Omens a powerful sword from the animated TV series ThunderCatsDurandal a sword wielded by the legendary French hero Roland in the epic poem The Song of RolandThe Sword of Gryffindor a magical sword from J.K. Rowlings Harry Potter book seriesThe Sword of Justice a legendary sword said to be wielded by the archangel MichaelThe Sword of Truth a magical sword from Terry Goodkinds Sword of Truth book seriesThe Sword of Damocles a metaphorical sword that represents imminent danger or impending doomThe Sword of the Spirit a spiritual weapon mentioned in the BibleThe Sword of Shadows a powerful sword from Raymond E. Feists Riftwar Cycle book seriesFantasy Sword NamesFantasy Sword Names:Orcrist a sword wielded by Thorin Oakenshield in J.R.R. Tolkiens The HobbitGlamdring a sword wielded by Gandalf in J.R.R. Tolkiens The Lord of the RingsLongclaw a sword wielded by Jon Snow in George R.R. Martins A Song of Ice and Fire book seriesNeedle a sword wielded by Arya Stark in George R.R. Martins A Song of Ice and Fire book seriesStormbringer a sentient sword from Michael Moorcocks Elric of Melnibon seriesDragonslayer a sword wielded by Guts in the Berserk manga and anime seriesAndril a sword reforged from the shards of Narsil in J.R.R. Tolkiens The Lord of the RingsThe Master Sword a legendary sword from The Legend of Zelda video game seriesExcalibur the legendary sword of King Arthur in Arthurian legendThe Black Sword a powerful sword from the Elric of Melnibon series by Michael MoorcockLong Sword NamesLong Sword Names:Claymore a long sword with a straight, double-edged blade that was used by Scottish HighlandersZweihnder a type of German longsword that was used in the 16th centuryFlamberge a type of sword with a wavy, flame-like blade that was used in the late medieval periodEstoc a long, narrow sword designed for thrusting attacksMontante a type of Spanish longsword that was used in the 16th centuryKatzbalger a type of short, sturdy longsword used by German mercenariesEspada ropera a type of long, slender sword used in Spain during the Renaissance periodDusack a type of longsword with a curved blade that was used in Central EuropeGrosse Messer a type of longsword with a broad, single-edged blade that was used in Germany in the 15th and 16th centuriesSpatha a type of longsword used by the ancient Romans and later by Germanic tribes in the early Middle Ages.Short Sword NamesShort Sword Names:Dirk A short sword with a straight blade and a pointed tip, used for stabbing.Gladius A short, straight sword used by Roman soldiers.Kris A short, wavy-bladed sword from Southeast Asia.Tanto A short, single-edged Japanese sword.Xiphos A short sword used by ancient Greek soldiers.Spatha A short sword used by ancient Roman cavalry.Main-gauche A short sword or dagger used in conjunction with a larger sword or rapier.Machete A short sword used for cutting through vegetation or for use as a weapon in some cultures.Scramasax A short, single-edged sword used by Germanic tribes.Wakizashi A short Japanese sword used by samurai.Dragon Sword NamesDragon Sword Names:Dracoslayer A sword specifically designed for slaying dragons.Dragons Bane A sword said to be able to kill dragons with a single blow.Wyrmfang A sword with a dragon-tooth blade.Dragonfire Blade A sword that can ignite flames and deal fire damage.Serpents Tongue A sword with a curved, serpentine blade.Scalebreaker A sword that can cut through dragon scales.Fafnirs Bane A sword that is said to be the only weapon capable of killing the dragon Fafnir.Dragons Roar A sword that emits a deafening roar when swung.Dragonheart A sword said to have been forged from the heart of a dragon.Fang of Jormungandr A sword with a blade made from the fang of the world serpent Jormungandr.Dark Sword NamesDark Sword Names:Nightblade A sword designed for use in low-light situations.Midnight A sword that can only be wielded at night.Shadowstrike A sword that can strike from the shadows.Darkstar A sword with a black, star-shaped blade.Shadowfang A sword that can drain the life force from its enemies.Blackblade A sword with a dark, obsidian-like blade.Darkmoon A sword that emits a cold, eerie light.Darkslayer A sword specifically designed for killing dark creatures.Nightshade A sword coated in a poison that only affects those in darkness.Shadowweaver A sword that can create illusions and weave shadows to confuse enemies.Samurai Blade NamesSamurai Blade Names:Masamune a legendary swordsmith who created some of the most famous samurai swordsKiku-Ichimonji a sword that belonged to the famous samurai Taira no KiyomoriOnimaru a sword with a cursed reputation that is said to drive its wielder insaneKogarasu Maru a sword that is said to have been forged by the legendary Japanese swordsmith AmakuniTombo-Kiri a sword that belonged to the famous samurai Honda Tadakatsu, also known as the Dragonfly CutterFudo Masamune a legendary sword that is said to have been created by the swordsmith Masamune for the deity Fudo MyooShichishito a seven-branched sword that is said to have been wielded by the mythical hero Yamato TakeruAma no Murakumo a legendary sword that is said to have been wielded by the Japanese sun goddess AmaterasuJuzumaru Tsunetsugu a sword that belonged to the famous samurai Hattori HanzoTsurugi a type of long, double-edged sword that was used by the ancient Japanese and later by samuraiGreat Sword NamesGreat Sword Names:Gram a legendary sword from Norse mythology, also known as BalmungCaliburn a sword associated with King Arthur in Arthurian legend, also known as ExcaliburZulfiqar a sword wielded by the Islamic prophet MuhammadDyrnwyn a sword associated with the Welsh hero Rhydderch HaelKladenets a sword from Slavic mythology that was said to have magical propertiesTizona a sword wielded by the Spanish hero El CidArondight a sword associated with Sir Lancelot in Arthurian legendJoyeuse a sword associated with Charlemagne, also known as the Sword of RolandAscalon a sword associated with Saint George in Christian traditionDurendal a sword associated with Roland in the epic poem The Song of RolandNinja Sword NamesNinja Sword Names:Ninjato a short sword that was often used by ninja in feudal JapanKusarigama a weapon that consists of a sickle attached to a chain, which can be used to attack from a distance or entangle an opponentShuko a type of metal hand claws that could be used for climbing or as a weaponChigiriki a weapon that consists of a weighted chain attached to a stick or other objectKyoketsu Shoge a weapon that consists of a blade attached to a rope, which can be used to entangle an opponent or throw the bladeTekko-Kagi a weapon that consists of a metal claw with spikes, which can be used for climbing or as a weaponTessen a folding fan that could be used as a concealed weaponFukiya a blowgun that could be used to shoot poison darts or other projectilesShuriken throwing stars that could be used as a weapon or distractionKusari Fundo a weapon that consists of a length of chain with a weight on each end, which can be used to attack or entangle an opponent.Fictional Sword NamesFictional Sword Names:Anduril The sword wielded by Aragorn in The Lord of the Rings.Excalibur The legendary sword of King Arthur.Glamdring The sword wielded by Gandalf in The Lord of the Rings.Longclaw The sword wielded by Jon Snow in Game of Thrones.Needle The sword wielded by Arya Stark in Game of Thrones.Sting The sword wielded by Bilbo and Frodo in The Hobbit and The Lord of the Rings.Stormbringer The sword wielded by Elric of Melnibon in Michael Moorcocks novels.Tizona The sword wielded by El Cid, the legendary Spanish warrior.Tyrfing A cursed sword from Norse mythology.Zulfiqar The sword of Imam Ali, a central figure in Shia Islam.Edgy Sword NamesEdgy Sword Names:Bloodletter A sword that leaves a bloody trail in its wake.Deathbringer A sword that brings death wherever it goes.Doomblade A sword that brings doom to its enemies.Gorefist A sword that is always covered in blood.Heartseeker A sword that is said to strike at the heart of its enemies.Nightfall A sword that brings darkness wherever it goes.Ravager A sword that is said to ravage its enemies.Skullsplitter A sword that can split skulls with ease.Soulreaper A sword that can reap the souls of its enemies.Voidblade A sword that creates a void wherever it strikes.Fancy Sword NamesFancy Sword Names:Chrysanthemum Cutter A sword with a blade resembling the petals of a chrysanthemum.Diamond Edge A sword with a blade made of diamond.Dragonfly A sword with a blade shaped like a dragonflys wings.Emerald Flash A sword with a blade embedded with emeralds.En Garde A sword with an elegant, slender blade.Gilded Rose A sword with a gilded hilt and blade.Golden Saber A sword with a golden hilt and blade.Ivory Fang A sword with a blade made of ivory.Silver Sun A sword with a silver hilt and blade.Velvet Night A sword with a black velvet hilt and blade.FAQs Japanese Sword NamesWhat is a Japanese sword called?A Japanese sword is commonly called a katana.What are some different names for a katana?Different names for a katana include uchigatana, tachi, and nodachi, depending on their length, curvature, and historical period.What is a short katana called?A short katana is commonly referred to as a wakizashi.What is the small katana called?The small katana is called a tanto.What is a straight katana called?A straight katana is called a chokuto or tsurugi.What are some legendary Japanese weapons?Some legendary Japanese weapons include:Kusanagi-no-Tsurugi: a sword found in Japanese mythology, one of the Three Imperial Regalia of JapanOnimaru: a cursed sword said to drive its wielder insaneMuramasa: a legendary swordsmith whose blades were said to be cursedMasamune: a legendary swordsmith who created some of the most famous samurai swordsYata no Kagami: a mirror found in Japanese mythology, one of the Three Imperial Regalia of JapanAmenonuhoko: a spear found in Japanese mythology, used by the gods to create the worldTonbogiri: a legendary spear said to have been wielded by the famous samurai Honda TadakatsuKogarasu Maru: a sword said to have been forged by the legendary Japanese swordsmith AmakuniFuma Kotaros Sword: a legendary sword associated with the ninja Fuma KotaroJumonji Yari: a type of spear with a cross-shaped blade, used by samuraiWhat is a Japanese weapon that starts with NU-?Nunchucks.Conclusion Names for a KatanaThe names for a katana, Japanese sword names, and weapon names often reflect the characteristics of the weapon and the culture in which it was used.These names may describe the length, shape, curvature, or intended use of the weapon, as well as historical and cultural references.The katana is a type of Japanese sword that is characterized by its distinctive curved blade, which is sharpened on one side and typically measures around 60-73 cm in length.The name katana itself means sword in Japanese, but there are several other names used to describe different types of Japanese swords, some of which are listed below.Uchigatana: a type of sword that preceded the katana, characterized by a slightly curved blade that was typically shorter and wider than the katana. The name uchigatana means striking sword, which reflects its primary use as a slashing weapon.Tachi: a type of sword that was used by the samurai class in Japan before the rise of the katana. Tachi swords were longer and more curved than uchigatana swords, with a blade length of around 70-80 cm. They were worn suspended from the waist with the cutting edge facing down, which made them easier to draw and use while on horseback.Nodachi: a type of oversized sword that was used by samurai warriors on foot. Nodachi swords had a blade length of over 90 cm, which made them difficult to wield but also gave them greater reach and cutting power. The name nodachi means field sword, which reflects their use in open battles and on open ground.Wakizashi: a short sword that was often paired with a katana as part of a samurais equipment. Wakizashi swords typically had a blade length of around 30-60 cm, and were used for close combat or as a backup weapon in case the katana was lost or broken. The name wakizashi means side insertion sword, which refers to the way it was worn tucked into the belt next to the katana.Tanto: a type of dagger or short sword that was used by samurai warriors for stabbing and thrusting. Tanto blades were typically around 15-30 cm in length, with a single edge and a pointy tip. The name tanto means short sword, which reflects its size and intended use.Chokuto: a type of straight sword that was used in ancient Japan before the development of the curved katana. Chokuto swords had a straight blade that measured around 70-80 cm in length, and were primarily used for stabbing and thrusting rather than slashing. The name chokuto means straight sword, which reflects its shape and design.In addition to these names for specific types of swords, there are also many names for legendary or mythical Japanese weapons that are associated with historical figures, folklore, and mythology.These names often reflect the extraordinary qualities and powers attributed to these weapons, as well as their cultural significance.Examples of legendary Japanese weapons include the Kusanagi-no-Tsurugi, a sword found in Japanese mythology that is one of the Three Imperial Regalia of Japan; the Onimaru, a cursed sword said to drive its wielder insane; and the Tonbogiri, a legendary spear said to have been wielded by the famous samurai Honda Tadakatsu.Related February 18, 2024 The bokken, also known as bokuto in Japan, is a wooden sword used for training in various martial arts. This essential piece of martial arts training equipment is designed to mimic the size, shape, and weight of a real katana, providing practitioners a safe way to hone their skills. Below, we explore the intricacies of the bokken, including its dimensions, usage, and even how you can craft one yourself.Discover our selection of training swords, including the Polypropylene Bokken Katana and Polypropylene Bokken with Scabbard, perfect for those looking to enhance their martial arts practice.How Long is a Bokken?The standard bokken measures approximately 102 cm (40 inches) in length, mirroring the traditional length of a katana. However, sizes can vary depending on the specific martial arts discipline and the practitioner's height and preferences. For younger students or those practicing techniques requiring shorter swords, a mini katana or wooden wakizashi might be more appropriate.Mastering the Grip: How to Hold a BokkenProperly holding a bokken, the traditional Japanese wooden sword used for training, is foundational to mastering martial arts techniques. To begin, stand with your feet shoulder-width apart, and grip the bokken's handle (tsuka) with your dominant hand near the end of the handle. Your thumb and index finger should form a ring around the tsuka, providing control, while the remaining fingers wrap securely but not too tightly. Place your other hand directly in front of the dominant one, ensuring both palms face each other, with a slight space between them for balance and flexibility. This grip, balanced between firm control and fluid motion, is essential for executing precise strikes and blocks, mirroring the way one would wield a katana. By practicing this grip, martial artists can enhance their skill with both the bokken and its live-blade counterpart, the katana, fostering a deeper understanding of traditional and modern martial arts disciplines.How to Use a BokkenThe bokken is utilized in a variety of martial arts, including Kendo, Iaido, and Aikido, for both kata (form practice) and sparring. Here are the basics on how to use a bokken:Stance and Grip: Hold the bokken in both hands, maintaining a firm but relaxed grip, similar to how you would hold a real katana.Kata Practice: Perform kata to practice form, technique, and the flow of movements. This is essential for mastering the art of the sword.Sparring: While contact is typically minimal, some disciplines practice controlled sparring with bokken, emphasizing technique over strength.How to Make a BokkenCrafting your own bokken is a rewarding project that allows for a personalized connection to your training tool. Heres a simplified guide:Materials and Tools Needed:A hardwood plank (oak is traditionally used)SawPlaneSandpaperWood finish (oil or varnish)Steps:Outline the Shape: Trace the outline of a bokken on your wood plank. Include the curve of the blade, handle, and guard if desired.Cut and Carve: Use a saw to cut out the basic shape, then refine it with a plane and sandpaper until smooth.Sand for Smoothness: Smooth the entire bokken with fine-grit sandpaper, ensuring there are no sharp edges or splinters.Apply Finish: Seal the wood with your choice of finish to protect it and give it a polished look.Crafting a bokken requires patience and precision, mirroring the dedication needed in martial arts practice itself.

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