

# Basic Terms of Ninjutsu

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Aite - Opponent  
Anatoshi - Trapping  
Ashiko - Foot Band  
Ate - Strike  
Bajutsu - Horsemanship  
Barai - Sweep  
Bisento - Battlefield Halbred  
Bojutsu - Stick Fighting  
Bo Ryaku - Strategy  
Boshi Ken - Thumb Strike  
Budo - Martial Way  
Budoka - Student of the martial way  
Bugie - Martial arts  
Bujin - Warrior spirit  
Bujutsu - Martial arts techniques  
Bushi - Warrior  
Bushido - Way of the warrior  
Chi - Earth  
Chi Mon - Geography  
Cho Ho - Espionage  
Chu - Middle  
Chunin - Mid level Ninja agent  
Daisho - Pair of swords  
Daito - Large Sword  
Dakenjutsu - Striking, Kicking, Blocking  
Do - Way  
Dojo - Training hall  
Doko - Angry Tiger  
Dori - To seize or capture  
Empi - Elbow strike  
Fu - Wind  
Fudo Ken - Clench Fist (also known as Immovable fist)  
Fudoshin - Immovable spirit  
Fudoza - Immovable seat  
Fukiya - Blowgun  
Futari dori - Held by two opponents  
Gaeshi - Counter-attack  
Gake - Hook  
Ganseki Nage - Throwing the big rock  
Garami - Entangle  
Gawa - Side  
Gedan Uke - Low Block  
Genin - Low level Ninja agent  
Genjutsu - Art of illusion  
Geri - Kick  
Gi - Martial arts uniform

Godai - Five elements  
Gokui - Secret  
Gotono - Using natural elements for evasion  
Gyaku - Reverse  
Hai - Yes  
Haibu Yori - From behind  
Hajime - Beginning  
Hajutsu - Escaping techniques  
Han - Half  
Hanbo - 3' Staff  
Hanbojutsu - Stick fighting  
Happa Ken - One handed strike  
Hasso - Attack  
Heiho - Combat Strategy  
Henka - Variation  
Hensojutsu - Disguise and Impersonation arts  
Hicho - Flying bird  
Hidari - Left  
Hiji - Elbow  
Hiki - Pull  
Hishi - Caltrops made from dried water chestnuts  
Hodoki - Escape  
Hojo - Bind, Tie up  
Hojutsu - Firearms Arts  
Iai - Sword drawing  
Igadama - Caltrops made of spiked iron  
Inpo - Hiding  
Intonjutsu - Escape and Concealment  
Iri - Enter  
Itami - Pain  
Jo - 4' Staff  
Jodan Uke - High Block  
Junan Taiso - Body conditioning  
Jutaijutsu - Grappling  
Jutsu - Techniques  
Ka - Fire  
Kaeshi - Counter attack  
Kagi - Hook  
Kaiten - Rolling  
Kaiten Ken - Open hand  
Kakusi Geri - Hidden Kick  
Kamae - Stance  
Kamiza - Shrine  
Kata - Set of movements  
Kantana - Sword  
Katate - One hand  
Kayakujutsu - Fire and Explosives Arts  
Kenjutsu - Sword fighting  
Keppan - Blood oath  
Keri - Kick

Ki - Spirit  
Kiai - Focused shout  
Kikaku Ken - Head Strike  
Kinhon - Basic  
Kikaku Ken - Demon horns fist  
Kiriage - Upwards Cut  
Kiten Ken - Sword hand strike  
Ko Ashi - Small steps  
Kodachi - Small Sword  
Kogoroshi - Finger breaking  
Koho - Back  
Koho Geri - Backwards Kick  
Koho Kaiten - Backwards Roll  
Koku - Tiger Sky  
Kokyu Breath  
Koppo Ken - Thumb knuckle strike  
Koppojutsu - Bone Smashing Techniques  
Koryu - Traditional  
Koshijutsu - Organ and Muscle Striking  
Kote - Wrist  
Ku - Void  
Kudaki - Break or Smash  
Kuden - Oral Techings  
Kuji - Nine Syllables  
Kuji in - Hand Posturing  
Kuji-Kiri - Protective grid slashing  
Kumiuchi - Grappling and close fighting  
Kumitachi - Sword practice with a partner  
Kunoichi - Female Ninja  
Kusari fundo - Short Weighted Chain  
Kusari gama - Chain and Sickle  
Kuzushi - Breal opponents balance  
Kyojitsu Tenkan Ho - Philosophy  
Kyoketsu - Cord and dagger  
Kyoman - Observation  
Kyu - Grade below blackbelt  
Kyusho - Pressure points  
Mae Kaiten - Front Roll  
Maki - Winding  
Makimono - Scrolls  
Matte - Wait  
Mawashi - Rotate  
Mawashi Geri - Round Kick  
Meiso - Meditation  
Meijin - Master  
Metsubushi - Blinding Powder  
Meysubushi - Distraction  
Men Uchi - Strike to the head  
Menkyo - Teacing certificate  
Migi - Right

Mizu - Water  
Mokuso- Meditate  
Morote - Both hands  
Mute - No hands  
Muto Dori - Unarmed defense against a sword  
Nagare - to flow  
Nage - Throw  
Nagashi - Flow  
Naginata - Halberd  
Naname - Diagonal direction  
Neko te - Finger tip weapons (worn by Konoichi)  
Nin - Endurance or Stealth  
Ninpo - higher order of Ninjutsu  
Nuki Ashi - Sweeping step  
Ninki - Specialised ninja tools  
Obi - Belt  
Odashi - Long Sword  
Omote - Outside  
Oni - Devil  
Oni Gedaki - Crushing The Little Devil  
Osae - Press down  
Oshigiri - Push cut used with sword  
Osoto gake - Great outside hook  
Oten - Cartwheel  
Randori - Sparring  
Rei - Bow  
Ryote - Two hands  
Ryomune dori - Two handed chest grab  
Ryu - School or Dragon  
Sakki - Intuition of attack  
Saya - Scabbard  
Satori - Enlightenment  
Seishin Teki Kyoyo - Spiritual Refinement  
Seiza - Kneeling  
Sempai - Senior student  
Sensei - Teacher  
Shaken - Throwing stars  
Shako Ken - Claw Strike  
Shi - Finger  
Shihan - Senior Instructor  
Shikko - Walking on knees  
Shikan Ken - Extended Knuckle Fist  
Shikomi Zue - Sword Cane  
Shin - Heart  
Shinai - Bamboo Sword  
Shinken gata - Real combat training  
Shinobi - Stealth  
Shinobi aruki - Ninja walking  
Shinpi - Mysticism  
Shishin Ken - Finger Strike

Shitan Ken - Thumb Pressure  
Shito Ken - Thumb Strike  
Shizen Ken - Natural or Body Weapon  
Shomen - Front  
Shoten no jutsu - Tree Climbing  
Shuki Ken - Elbow Strike  
Shurikenjutsu - Blade throwing  
Shuko - Spiked hand  
Shuto Ken - Open Hand Strike  
Soka Gyaku - Toe Strike  
Soke - Grandmaster  
Sokki Ken - Knee Strike  
Sokuho Kaiten - Side Roll  
Sokuho Geri - Side Kick  
Sokuho Tobi - Sideways leap  
Soku Yako - Heel Strike  
Sokugyaku Geri - Toe kick  
Sui - Water  
Sui Ren - Water Training  
Sutemi Nage - Sacrificial throw  
Tabi - Traditional footwear  
Taihenjutsu - Body Movement  
Tai Ken - Total Body Weapon  
Taijutsu - Unarmed combat / Skill with the body  
Take - Bamboo  
Taisabaki - Natural body movements  
Taiso - Body Conditioning  
Taki Ori - Breaking Bamboo  
Tanto - Knife  
Tantojutsu - Knife Fighting  
Tatami - Straw Mat  
Te - Hand  
Teki - Enemy  
Tenmon - Meteorology  
Tesson - Iron war Fan  
Tetsubushi - Metal Caltrops  
Toamijutsu - Fish Net Skills  
Tobi - Leap  
Tobi Keri - Leap with Kick  
Tori - The one who executes  
Tsuba - Handguard on a sword  
Tsugi bune - Collapsible boat  
Tsuki - Thrust  
Uchi Gata - Take down using legs  
Uke - The one who receives  
Ukemi - Breakfalls  
Ura - Inside  
Wakizashi - Short Sword  
Waza - Technique  
Ya - Arrow

Yamabushi - Mountain warrior priest  
Yame - Stop  
Yari - Spear  
Yoi - Ready  
Yoko Geri - Sideways Kick  
Yoko Aruki - Sideways walking  
Yoroi - Armour  
Yubi - Finger  
Yumi - Bow  
Zenko Kaiten - Forward Roll  
Zenko Geri - Forward Kick

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