

Japanese 1: Basic Japanese for Beginners

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In this course, you will learn the fundamentals of Japanese pronunciation along with useful daily expressions. You will also discover how to introduce yourself using essential vocabulary, helping you to start speaking Japanese with simple grammar. The course will teach you to form basic sentences, ask questions, and express negation in Japanese, while also providing insights into Japanese culture. By the end of the course, you will be able to confidently introduce yourself, talk about the people in your life, and discuss your hobbies.

NOTE: Romaji is included in every lesson, allowing you to learn Japanese without knowing Hiragana and Katakana, the Japanese alphabet.

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Introduction

Welcome! - A Japanese Song for You - ほたるのひかり Hotaru no Hikari (Light of Fireflies)

Japanese Pronunciation

Lesson 1: Japanese Sounds: Vowels, K, N

Supplementary - 46 Japanese Syllable Chart (PDF)

Lesson 2: Japanese Sounds: S & T

Lesson 3: Japanese Sounds: N, H & M

Lesson 4: Japanese Sounds: Y, R & W

Supplementary - Bonus Material "A Complete Hiragana Lessons" (Video)

Lesson 5: Japanese Voiced Sounds: G, Z, D, B & P

Lesson 6: Japanese Glides

Lesson 7: Double Consonants

Japanese Letters

Lesson 8: Hiragana, Katakana & Kanji?

Supplementary - Hiragana Chart (PDF)

Supplementary - Katakana Chart (PDF)

Break Time

Japanese TV Commercials - Do you understand what's going on in the commercial?

Daily Expressions

Lesson 9: Daily Expressions (Part 1) - [Watch a Sample Lesson](#)

Supplementary - List of Expressions (PDF)

Lesson 10: Daily Expressions (Part 2)

Lesson 11: ありがとう？ありがとうございます？ How to Thank People in Japanese

Quiz 1 - Romaji Version

Quiz 1 - Hiragana Version

Culture Time!

Lesson 12: Do You Know These Facts About Japan?

Vocabulary

Lesson 13: Your Nationality in Japanese

Supplementary - List of Vocabulary (PDF)

Let's Try Self-Introduction!

Lesson 14: Talk about yourself: "I am a nurse."

Lesson 15: TWO Key points for natural conversation

Lesson 16: Self-Introduction - Sample Dialogue

Lesson 17: Let's introduce Ourselves in Japanese!

Supplementary - Audio File for Self-Introduction Practice 1 (MP3)

- Audio File for Self-Introduction Practice 2 (MP3)

Numbers

Lesson 18: Number 1 to 99

Supplementary - Japanese Number Chart (PDF)

Lesson 19: Why are there two ways to say 4, 7, and 9?

Lesson 20: さい Age "I am 20 years old"

Quiz 2 - Romaji Version

Quiz 2 - Hiragana Version

Break Time

How to Write Your Name in Japanese

Sentence Structure

Lesson 21: Connect Sentences "My best friend is Taiwanese AND 25 years old"

Lesson 22: Talk More About Yourself! "I'm originally from Kyoto"

How to Ask Questions

Lesson 23: Yes/No Questions "Sensei, are you Japanese?"

Let's Learn More Particles

Lesson 24: Particle の (NO) "My girlfriend is a math teacher"

Lesson 25: Particle も (MO) "Mike is also a Nintendo employee."

Quiz 3 - Romaji Version

Quiz 3 - Hiragana Version

Negative Form

Lesson 26: じゃない (Ja Nai) - Negative Form of です (desu)

Sample Dialogue

Lesson 27: Sample Dialogue “Me too! What a coincidence!”

Your Hobbies in Japanese

Lesson 28: こと KOTO “My hobby is watching anime!”

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