

Japanese 6: Plain Form & Informal Speech

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In this course, you will learn how to use Japanese Plain Form and Informal Speech with confidence. You will master key grammar points, including verb conjugations like **ない (NAI)**, **た (TA)**, and **なかった (NAKATTA)** forms, as well as their application in informal conversations. The course helps you understand how to express opinions, give advice, and share intentions using natural Japanese. By the end, you will be able to confidently use informal speech patterns in various contexts, making your Japanese sound more fluent and authentic.

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