

Japanese 7: Potential Form & Volitional Form

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In this course, you will learn to use the Potential Form (可能形・かのうけい) and Volitional Form (意向形・いこうけい) to express abilities, possibilities, intentions, and plans in Japanese in both formal and informal. You will also learn to apply related patterns like ～すぎて (“too ~ to do”) and additional meanings of できる. The course helps you build confidence through quizzes, listening exercises, and speaking sessions designed to enhance practical communication skills.

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Introduction

ようこそ、日本語7へ！ - How to navigate through this course

Supplementary - Blank Vocabulary Chart (for organizing) (PDF 1 page)

Potential Form 可能形 (かのうけい) - Basics

Lesson 1: How to Make Potential Form

Lesson 2: Potential Plain to Potential MASU

Supplementary - Potential Chart - (PDF 1 page)

Supplementary - Potential Exercise Table (PDF 1 page)

Supplementary - Potential Exercise Answers (PDF 1 page)

[Quiz 1] Potential Plain Form - **With** Verb Groups

[Quiz 1] Potential Plain Form - **Without** Verb Groups

[Quiz 2] Potential MASU Form - **With** Verb Groups

[Quiz 2] Potential MASU Form - **Without** Verb Groups

Lesson 3: Potential Conjugation for Everyday Conversation!

Supplementary - Potential Conjugation Formal & Informal (PDF 1 page)

Supplementary - Potential VS. Regular Verb - Formal (PDF 1 page)

Supplementary - Potential VS. Regular Verb - Informal (PDF 1 page)

ちょっと、一休み (ひとやすみ) Break Time

丁寧な暮らし (ていねいなくらし) : Young Japanese Going Back to Slow & Traditional Lifestyle

Potential Form 可能形 (かのうけい) - Communication

Lesson 4: "I can..." & "Can you...?"

Supplementary - List of Example Sentences (PDF 2 pages)

Lesson 5: Formal VS. Informal Conversation 《Potential Verb》

Supplementary - List of Example Sentences (PDF 2 pages)

Lesson 6: Speaking Session (1)

Supplementary - Questions [Formal] (MP3)

Supplementary - Script of the Questions [Formal] (PDF 1 page)

Supplementary - Questions [Informal] (MP3)

Supplementary - Script of the Questions [Informal] (PDF 1 page)

[Quiz 3] How do you say it with Potential Verb?

Lesson 7: できる - Other Meanings

Supplementary - List of Example Sentences (PDF 3 pages)

Lesson 8: すぎて "Vegetables are too expensive, so I can't buy them"

Supplementary - List of Example Sentences (PDF 2 pages)

Lesson 9: すぎて - Practice 《練習》

Supplementary - もう & まだ **Extra Video**

Supplementary - List of Example Sentences (PDF 3 pages)

Supplementary - Summary of もう & まだ

ちょっと、一休み (ひとやすみ) Break Time

まさみおばあちゃん : Grandma Masami 99 years old (in 2017)

Volitional Form 意向形 (いこうけい)

Lesson 10: How to make Volitional Form

Lesson 11: "Let's..." - Informal

Supplementary - List of Example Sentences (PDF 5 pages)

[Quiz 4] How do you say it with Volitional Verb?

Lesson 12: 上を向いて歩こう (うえをむいてあるこう) Sukiyaki Song

Lesson 13: "Shall we?" & "Shall I?"

Supplementary - List of Example Sentences (PDF 6 pages)

Lesson 14: 会話の聞き取り (かいわのききとり) Listen to Conversations!

Supplementary - Conversation Script (PDF 2 pages)

Supplementary - Conversation 1 between coworkers (MP3)

Supplementary - Conversation 2 between Boyfriend & Girlfriend (MP3)

Volitional Form 意向形 (いこうけい) - Express Intentions

Lesson 15: Difference? "I'm thinking of doing" VS. "I think I want to do"

Supplementary - List of Example Sentences (PDF 3 pages)

Supplementary - List of Verbs for Future Plans (PDF 1 page)

Lesson 16: Various Ways to Express Intentions

Supplementary - List of Example Sentences (PDF 4 pages)

Lesson 17: Speaking Session (2)

Supplementary - Questions [Formal] (MP3)

Supplementary - Script of the Questions [Formal] (PDF 1 page)

Supplementary - Questions [Informal] (MP3)

Supplementary - Script of the Questions [Informal] (PDF 1 page)

End-of-the Course Assignment

Worksheet ... Translate short passages in Japanese. Answer questions in Japanese.

Write a short paragraph explaining things you can and cannot do. (An example paragraph is provided)

Send your assignment to me via email. You may handwrite or type directly in the reply email.

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