

# Japanese 1: Basic Japanese for Beginners

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The course is completely self-paced. Once enrolled, the course is yours and there is NO time limit to complete the course. Repeat any lessons anytime. You can learn Japanese at your own pace in your spare time. The instructor is always there to answer your questions and support your successful learning.

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Romaji is provided in every lesson so you can learn Japanese without knowing Hiragana & Katakana (Japanese alphabets).

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## Introduction

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

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## 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**

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## Japanese Letters

**Lesson 8: Hiragana, Katakana & Kanji?**

Supplementary - Hiragana Chart (PDF)

Supplementary - Katakana Chart (PDF)

Break Time - Do you understand this TV commercial?

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## 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**

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## Culture Time!

**Lesson 12: Do You Know These Facts About Japan?**

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## Vocabulary

**Lesson 13: Your Nationality in Japanese**

Supplementary - List of Vocabulary (PDF)

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## 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 yourself in Japanese!**

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

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

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## 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 - Your Name in Japanese

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### 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”

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

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

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### Sample Dialogue

Lesson 26: Sample Dialogue “Me too! What a coincidence!”

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### Your Hobbies in Japanese

Lesson 27: ごと KOTO “My hobby is watching anime!”

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### End-of-the Course Assignment

Self-Introduction Essay ... You write an essay in Japanese and send it to me. You may  
handwrite or type, either in Romaji or Hiragana/Katakana. A sample essay is provided in PDF.

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