

LET'S MAKE
LEARNING JAPAN EASY

日本語



Japanese Elementary Course Curriculum

Level 1

Our Japanese for Absolute Beginners course syllabus provides a first contact with the language for those students with no previous knowledge or studied it a long time ago. The syllabus is based on different topics that will help you get by when meeting Japanese speaking people. At the same time, it introduces the workings and sounds of the language and it provides the necessary tools to enable students to make sentences from scratch.

Module # 1: Topics & Vocabulary:

➤ **Topics:**

- Introduce yourself with greetings in Japanese
- Exchanging business card in Japanese
- Asking about of services in stores
- Shopping
- Describing about the whereabouts of things and people
- Transportation
- Time and numbers – telling and asking the time, counting cardinal numbers
- Everyday objects
- Places – shops, important buildings
- Daily life – routines, free time
- Job
- Home
- Culture
- Existence of People and Things
- Ordinal numbers
- Talking about self & others, inc. family – key personal information
- Expressing gratitude
- Invitations
- Talking about plans
- Making a request
- Holidays
- Hotels & restaurants
- Exchanging
- Town & country

- Home
- Talking about self & others, incl. family – key personal information
- Japanese festivals
- Travel
- Holidays
- Health/illness
- Meetings
- Leisure Time
- Money & shopping
- Studying language
- Socializing

Module # 2: Grammar:

➤ Topics:

- Basic Japanese grammar rules – particles : ? (ka), ? (wa), ? (no), ? (to), ? (o), ? (ni), ?(mo), ? (ga), ? (ya) .
- Pronouns – subject, object, possessive
- Singular vs. Plural
- Word order – sentence, question, negative
- Question formation
- Modal verbs
- Revisiting previous level's grammar
- Understand Japanese aspect and use 'give' and 'receive' verbs
- Making Suggestion -including acceptance and refusal
- Use general action verbs to describe habits
- Use verbs with negative, past and past negative sentences
- Basic Japanese grammar rules – particles ? (o), ? (to), ? (ni), ? (de), ? (mo).
- Adjectives : past negative , negative past using both -? (-i) and ? (na) adjectives.
- Numbers and Counters rules
- Revisiting previous level's grammar
- Attributive sentences
- Offers and suggestions -??????
- Connect a few actions in one sentence (-? -?)
- Continuous: past, present & future -????
- Permission – Asking permission to do something -?? ????? ?
- The -?? form (negative verbs)
- Polite forms – please do not -???????
- Present Progressive and Habitual Actions

- Preference and Desire -? ???? (????)
- Express desires :verb –tai desu ??????(????)

Module # 3: Cultural Content:

➤ Topics

- Three writing systems in Japanese (Hiragana, Katakana, Kanji)
- How to bow
- Japanese currency
- Shops in Japan
- Transportation
- Excursions to Japanese spas (??onsen)
- Japanese cuisine
- Japanese sweet
- Visiting a Japanese home
- Festival
- Business outside Tokyo
- Museum in Japan
- Working office in Japan
- Socializing
- Sports in Japan

Module # 4: Skills Work:

➤ Topics:

- Lots of speaking-inc. situational exercises & interaction
- Basic pronunciation rules
- Listening activities
- Numbers and Counters rules
- Writing practice (Hiragana)
- Lots of speaking – incl. situational exercises and interaction
- Pronunciation – key sounds
- Listening activities
- Write and Read sentences in Japanese without using Roman Alphabet
- Writing practice (Hiragana and Katakana)
- Extensive speaking/active practice• Extensive listening
- Pronunciation – keyWrite and Read sentences in Japanese without using Roman
- Alphabet