

Foreign Language Training – Japanese (Intermediate)

Overview

The course is aimed at a wide range of students with an interest in improving their Japanese with one of the following:

- Completed the Babel Beginner Japanese Course
- Received approximately 90-120 hours' tuition
- A recent GCSE/O-level grade A*
- Babel assessment of the equivalent of A1/A2 of the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR)

Classes are delivered online or can be arranged for face-to-face if requested.

Course Objectives

The objective of this course is to develop existing language skills further and to achieve the equivalent of B1/B2 level of the CEFR.

By the end of the course, you will:

- be able to understand authentic speech with ease and communicate confidently on a variety of subjects using a wide range of vocabulary and complex grammatical structures
- be able to read extracts from authentic literature with almost 100% understanding
- be able to write a number of complex texts in different registers with high degree of accuracy, employing a wide range of structures and vocabulary
- have further developed intercultural competence and be conversant with a variety of issues in Japanese speaking countries

How is the course taught?

- A communicative approach is used. All four skills (speaking, reading, listening and writing) are practised, with the main emphasis on speaking.
- Students engage in interactive language activities, participating in group and pair work based on systematic grammatical progression.
- Students will also be offered guidance in self-study and set homework tasks.

Course Content

Topics

At a bank	Lost property
Interesting experiences	Gratitude for others
Japanese cuisine	Grumble and gossip
Chinese Zodiac	Lottery tickets
Valentine's Day	Manga and anime
Holiday plans	Biography
Trips to Japan	Sushi and Sake
Hot spring ONSEN	Special guests
Japanese accommodations	Formal occasions
Personal advice	Japanese Pop Culture

Crimes and accidents
Religion in Japan - Shinto and Buddhism

Functions

Listing up examples of actions
Stating your opinions
Conveying someone's message
Talking about job hunting
Expressing possibilities / abilities
Describing immediate impressions
Talking about opening an account / withdrawing and changing money / making a deposit, etc.
Giving and receiving presents
Giving advice / making suggestions
Expressing your intentions / plans
Describing actions in the future
Describing people / places / things familiar to you
Checking into a hotel
Making polite requests
Expressing wishes
Describing past actions and events
Making apologies

Grammar

Ta-form + KOTO GA ARU
Ta-form + RI SURU
Adverbial form of adjectives + NARIMASU
Verb potential-form
Use of SHI
- SOO DESU (it looks like ...)
Te-form + MIRU
Use of NARA
Counters: ICHINICHI, FUTSTUKA, MIKKA
Noun + GA HOSHII
- KAMO SHIREMASEN
Verbs, AGERU / KURERU / MORAU
Verb Ta-form + RA DOO DESU KA
Number MO / SHIKA + negative
Verb Volitional-form
Te-form + OKU
Nominal modification
Verb Te-form + KURERU / MORAU / AGERU
Verb Te-form + KURE MASEN KA / ITADAKE MASEN KA
Verb Dictionary form / Nai-form + TO II

Future dreams
Japanese proverbs

Reporting
Quoting messages
Making suppositions
Describing probable and hypothetical conditions
Describing uncertainty
Describing a sequence of actions
Expressing one's determination
Expressing sense of regret
Giving respectful advice
Using very formal or less formal expressions
Understanding conversations in very formal situations
Exchanging / returning purchased goods
Asking for / offering help to strangers
Expressing opinions on non-daily subject
Talking about unexpected events
Making and describing decisions
Talking about memories

- TOKI
Verb Te-form + SUMIMASEN
- SOO DESU (I hear)
Use of TTE
Verb Ta-form + RA
Verb Nai-form + KUTE MO II
Verb Plain form _ MITAI
Verb Dictionary form + MAE NI
Verb Te-form + KARA
Verbs: Transitive and Intransitive
Verb Te-form + SHIMAU / SHIMATTA
Verb Te-form + IMASU
Verb Dictional-form + TO
Verb Conditional-form + BA YOKATTA
Verb stem + NAGARA
Honorific verbs
Verb Te-form + ARIGATOO (GOZAI MASU / GOZAI MASHITA)
Verb Te-form + YOKATTA/ ARU/HOSHII
Verb Plain-form / adjectives / noun + HAZU / AIDA NI
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 Verb stem + NAIDE
 Verb Plain-form + KA / KA DOO KA
 Verb stem + NIKUI / YASUI
 Humble verbs
 Humble verbs: O + MASU-stem + SURU

Use of TO IU
 Use of verb SURU
 Verb Passive-form
 Verb Passive-form
 Verb / Adjective Conditional-form
 Verb Causative-form
 Verb Causative-Passive-form
 Verb Polite imperative
 - NO NI (links contradictions)
 - NO YOO NA / ~ NO YOO NI
 Verb Te-form + MO / i-adjective adverbial form + TEMO / noun+ DEMO
 Use of KOTO NI SURU
 Verb Dictionary-form + MADE
 - KATA

Course details

Duration	90-minutes per class (No. of classes based on needs)
Max delegates:	6 Face-to-face 6 Online

For prices and dates please get in touch

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