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

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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 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

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