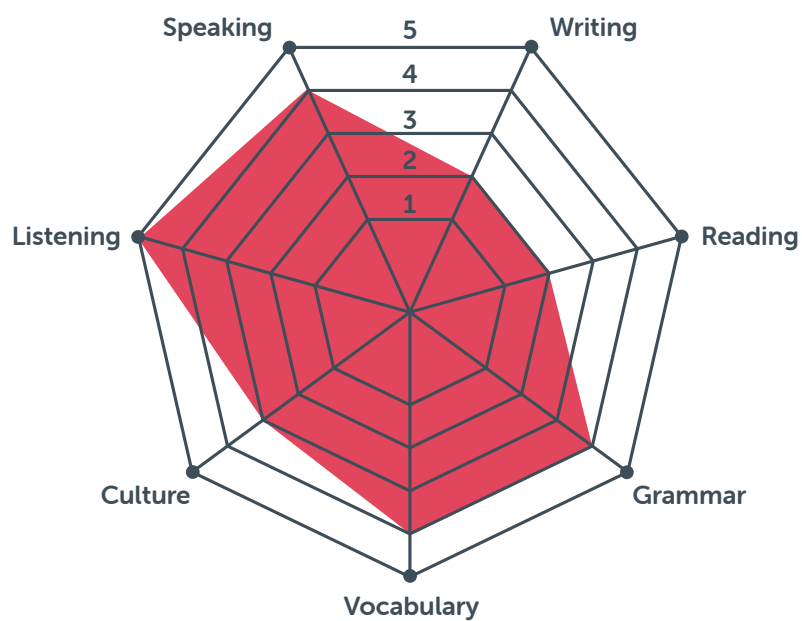


## COURSE INTRODUCTION

# Level 2 Japanese

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Level 2 Japanese is for learners who have studied [Level 1 Japanese](#) or equivalent.

To fully benefit from the course students should be comfortable with

- hiragana,
- numbers,
- time and date,
- particles such as *wa, ga, mo, ni, no, ka, kara, made, de, to, e, o,*
- interrogative pronouns such as *nani, nan, ikura, dare, doko, ikutsu, dō, nan-sai, donna, nan-ji,*
- the copula, *desu*, and its negation, *\*janai desu* (*de wa arimasen*),
- polite verb forms, *-masu* and *-masen*,
- the polite volitional verb form, *-mashō*,
- the verbs *arimasu* and *imasu*,
- constructions with *-wa* and *-ga*,
- na-adjectives and i-adjectives in affirmative and negative sentences (including the connective form, *-kute*),
- prepositional phrases, such as *-no mae* and *-no ushiro*,
- and constructions with *suki* and *kirai*.

It's also beneficial but not mandatory to be aware of

- particles *ne* and *yo*,
- the polite past form of verbs, *-mashita* and *-masen deshita*,
- the polite past forms of the copula, *deshita* and *janakatta desu*,
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- how to create informal forms of verbs, e.g. forming *taberu* from *tabemasu*,
- and how to use sentences as a modifier, e.g. *kami no ke ga nagai hito*, "a person with long hair."

This course is aligned with Level A2 as described by the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR).

### Can Do Statements & Course Outcomes

By the end of the course you'll be able to

- talk about ideas as distinguishable from simple facts,
- give opinions or make suggestions,
- make comparisons,
- make invitations,
- give a description of a past event,
- provide directions to a place,
- talk about the outcome of an event, such as a sporting event, or other information about it, including when the information is conveyed as part of a public announcement,
- understand and describe the status of a public service, including when the information is conveyed as part of a public announcement,
- make or describe appointments,
- and use language relevant to carrying out a complex transaction at the post office, the drug store, or other similar vendor.

By the end of this level, you will know all the Japanese associated with the N5 level of the Japanese Language Proficiency Test (JLPT).

## How to Use the Course

Start with the placement test. Depending on your score, you'll be recommended to start at one of two points in the course. Regardless of your score, feel free to start from the beginning, if you'd like.

This course is a collection of these series designed to help you achieve basic conversational fluency.

Inside of the course there are three groups of 25 lessons. Each of the three groups follows a storyline with characters. This story-based learning is designed to keep you engaged and expose you to natural Japanese.

## Topics

The topics and themes of these lessons are modeled after language you would encounter in everyday life.

## How to Use the Lessons

In general, we recommend listening to the audio lesson first, reviewing the content with the Basic and Premium tools on each lesson page. For a detailed step-by-step lesson plan, check out our Basic and Premium Lesson Checklists on each lesson page.

## Testing

Throughout the course, there are tests and quizzes designed to evaluate your proficiency. It's recommended to take these tests in the natural progression of the course.

## How to Take the Tests

Take the tests as you encounter them. They are multiple choice, and you will receive your score immediately upon completion. If a test is too hard, you can exit, review the previous material, and retry the test. You can also retake the tests as many times as you'd like.

These tests will help you determine whether or not you have reached a proficient understanding of the material learned in the course.