

Japanese Elementary 1

Course Content

Japanese Elementary 1 is an introductory course for those who are studying Japanese for the first time. The goal of the course is to acquire basic Japanese skills, mainly through conversation practice. In the first half of the course, course students will use a textbook to study basic words, grammar, and conversational expressions. By the end of the course, students will be able to introduce themselves in Japanese, talk about their hobbies and how they spend their holidays.

Elementary 1 is for those who are learning Japanese for the first time.

In the class, you will learn the followings:

- Introduce yourself.
- Ask about prices.
- Ask for the time.
- Ask your classmates what they eat, drink, see, make, do every day.
- Talk about what you think about studying Japanese.
- Numbers, time (-ji-fun/pun) ,prices(-yen), dates(-gatsu -nichi), days(-youbi)
- Present, negative, past, past-negative forms of verbs and adjectives.
- Interrogative sentences including basic question words (What, When, Where and Who).

Course Focus

Speaking & Listening

Textbook

Tokyo University of Foreign Studies Japanese Language Center for International Students (2017) *Daigaku no Nihongo Shokyū Tomodachi*

(大学の日本語初級ともだち) [Elementary Japanese for Academic Purposes Vol.], Tokyo University of Foreign Studies Press
(東京外国語大学出版会)

Students will study lessons 1 through 6 of this textbook.



Notes

Please follow the instructor's instructions and prepare for each class.

This course does not provide lessons in Japanese writing (*hiragana* and *katakana*). Please study *hiragana* and *katakana* by yourself before the first class. Guidance for self-study is available in the following websites.

Genki na Jishūhitsu (げんきな自習室)

http://genki.japantimes.co.jp/self_en

ONLINE NIHONGO

<http://onlinenihongo.com>

Learn Kana

<http://tell.cla.purdue.edu/hatasa/KanaExercise/>

Introduction of new kanji and Japanese writing lessons are not provided in the class.