Japanese Language Training Course - Beginner

・For those who have some basic knowledge of Japanese but are not yet comfortable using it.
・Can recognize Hiragana but minimal Katakana. However, no knowledge of Kanji knowledge.
・Able to understand and use very basic phrases but struggle with constructing sentences.

Beginner Course Goals		Class Approach
★Target Level★ JLPT N5-N4	Enhance the ability to engage in simple conversations, including greetings, small talk, and basic workplace interactions with colleagues and clients.	Focus on expanding vocabulary and mastering basic sentence structures for more effective communication in various situations by using We situation 101 and Listening comprehension from NHK
	Develop the skills to handle common life scenarios, such as shopping, dining, and transportation, while understanding more about Japanese culture and basic history.	Dive deeper into Japanese culture and history through engaging materials and discussions, enhancing your contextual understanding and ability to navigate social scenarios.
	Learn to communicate more detailed personal information, thoughts, and feelings, enhancing connections within the workplace and with external clients.	Engage in role-playing and interactive exercises to practice conversations, ensuring you can introduce yourself, ask questions, and express opinions confidently.

Language Training Objective	Mission of We Languages
Learn Japanese to enhance overall communication and information sharing skills, including cross-cultural communication with local staff, thereby strengthening organizational capabilities and leading to the growth and development of the company.	Contribute to promoting cross-cultural communication among Rakuten employees through Japanese language courses, fostering a more inclusive and collaborative work environment.
Enjoy a safe, comfortable, and fulfilling daily life within Japanese society.	

Phase	#	Strategies: Theme	Strategies: Goals	Tactics	Contents		
Phase-1 Take off	1	**Understanding Basic Greetings and Street Signs:**	Develop the ability to understand basic greeting phrases in Japanese. Interpret Japanese gestures and signs related to daily life effectively.	■ **Japan Quiz:** Japanese Greeting manners ■ **Conversation:** Greetings, Gestures and Signs ■ **Situation 101: [001]** Introducing oneself	**Kanji Words**	例：出身・仕事など	
					Sentence structure	- Nです。 - [Name]と申します。	タムです。学生です。
					Tips for life in Japan	◦ Japanese characters	
	2	**Mastering Introduction and First Greetings(workplace):**	Achieve proficiency in greeting someone for the first time in Japanese. Convey basic information about oneself, including origin or background.	■ **Japan Quiz:** Salaryman ■ **Conversation:** First Meeting ■ **My Story:** My name, country, when I came to Japan, and where I live now	**Kanji Words**	例：今日・昨日・明日など	
					Sentence structure	- ~から来ました。 - [time] から [time] まで～ - role at Rakuten です。	- ブラジルから来ました。 - 仕事は9時から6時まで - 楽天のSystem Engineer です。
					Tips for life in Japan	◦ How to Greet People in Japan	
	3	**Navigating Restaurant Conversations and Discussing Favorite Foods:**	Master the skill of placing orders at restaurants in Japanese. Confidently discuss favorite foods and preferences.	■ **Conversation:** Restaurant conversation ■ **Situation 101: [019]** Checking comprehension in others ■ **My Story:** My favorite food	**Kanji Words**	例：注文・会計など	
					Sentence structure	- これ／それ／あれ　は何ですか。 - ~が好きです。	- これは何ですか？ - ラーメンが好きです。
					Tips for life in Japan	◦How to pay your bills in a restaurant ◦Smoking in restaurants ◦Restaurant coupons	
	4	**Reviewing and Connecting Previous Lessons:**	Consolidate previous learning to speak continuously and coherently. Comprehend speeches made by classmates and explore seasonal aspects of Japan.	■ **Review 1** (Structure, My Story, Coach Selection, Group Topic Option etc.)	**Kanji Words**	例：出身・場所・今日・昨日・明日・注文・会計など	
					Sentence structure	- タムです。学生です。 - ブラジルから来ました。 - 仕事は9時から6時まで - 楽天のSystem Engineer です。 - これは何ですか？ - ラーメンが好きです。	
	5	**Enhancing Shopping Conversation Skills:**	Develop the ability to have conversations with store clerks in shopping scenarios. Discuss desired purchases and preferences when shopping in Japan.	■ **Japan Quiz:** Shopping Place (Supermarket, Department Store, Amazon etc.) ■ **Conversation:** Shopping conversation ■ **My Story:** What I want to buy in Japan	**Kanji Words**	例：半額・割引など	
					Sentence structure	- Nがほしいんですが～ - すみません。この／その／あの　～はいくらですか。	- 電池がほしいんですが、どこですか？ - すみません。その絵はいくらですか。
					Tips for life in Japan	◦ Japanese Bills and Coins ◦ Types of Japanese store	
	6	**Handling Conversations for Procedures and Applications:**	Navigate necessary conversations at public facilities like ward offices or city hall Discuss occupation and job responsibilities effectively.	■ **Conversation:** Conversation at public facilities (ward office, post office, etc.) ■ **Situation 101: [036]** Congratulating and complimenting ■ **My Story:** My Career and Specialty	**Kanji Words**	例：お知らせ・場合など	
					Sentence structure	- ~て教えてもらえませんか？ - すみません。~てください。	- 日本語で教えてもらえませんか？ - すみません。ローマ字で書いてください。
					Tips for life in Japan	◦Festivals and mikoshi ◦Local bulletin boards / Kairanban (circular notices)	
	7	**Engaging in Asking and Giving Directions Conversations:**	Learn to ask for and give directions in various situations. Provide instructions to taxi drivers and describe one's hometown using location-related expressions.	■ **Japan Quiz:** Street signs ■ **Conversation:** Asking directions ■ **My Story:** My Hometown	**Kanji Words**	例：運転・事故など	
					Sentence structure	- V-る／V-ている／V-た とき、～ - この[vehicle] は [place] に行きますか。	- 道を歩いているとき、リスを見ました。 - この電車は池袋に行きますか ？
					Tips for life in Japan	◦Shinkansen tickets ◦Tourist destinations in Japan	
Phase-2 Flying High	8	**Reviewing and Consolidating Previous Learning:**	Review and connect previously learned conversations to maintain continuity. Understand classmates' speeches and continue exploring seasonal aspects of Japan.	■ **Review 2** (Structure, My Story, Coach Selection, Group Topic Option etc.)	**Kanji Words**	例：半額・割引・お知らせ・場合・運転・事故など	
					Sentence structure	- 電池がほしいんですが、どこですか？ - すみません。その絵はいくらですか。 - 日本語で教えてもらえませんか？ - すみません。ローマ字で書いてください。 - 道を歩いているとき、リスを見ました。 - この電車は池袋に行きますか ？	
	9	**Developing Conversational Skills for Health and Hobbies:**	Explain symptoms and discuss health-related topics at hospitals. Talk about hobbies, habits, or health practices confidently.	■ **Conversation:** Communicating symptoms and pain ■ **Situation 101: [057]** Showing interest or no interest ■ **My Story:** My Hobbies / Habits	**Kanji Words**	例：病院・週末など	
					Sentence structure	- ~とき（に）、~ - [object] を~ます。	- この薬は、痛くてがまんできないときに、飲んでください。 - 日本語を勉強します。
					Tips for life in Japan	◦ Going to a Japanese hospital ◦ Beauty of Various Places Around Japan	
	10	**Hanging out Conversation:**	Recommend drinks and food items confidently. Discuss favorite and least favorite things and places in Japan with ease.	■ **Japan Quiz:** Izagaya ■ **Conversation:** Expressing favorite food / drinks ■ **My Story:** What I like and do not like about Japan	**Kanji Words**	例：飲み会・居酒屋など	
					Sentence structure	- Nの方がいいな。	- ペプシよりコークの方がいいな。
					Tips for life in Japan	◦ let's first have beer (Japan Style, Hiragana Times)	
	11	**Planning Activities and Socializing:**	Inquire about friends' availability and discuss future plans. Share dreams and engage in social planning conversations.	■ **Conversation:** Making Plans ■ **Situation 101: [076]** Expressing skepticism and disbelief ■ **My Story:** My Future Plan	**Kanji Words**	例：休み・希望など	
					Sentence structure	- [date/time] にNをVくない？ - ~てみたいです。	- コントの土曜日に映画観たくない？ - 新幹線に乗ってみたいです。
					Tips for life in Japan	◦ Manga-kissa (comic book café) / Internet café ◦ Japanese mountains	
	12	**Reviewing Everyday Conversations and Applying Learning:**	Ask questions about daily-life conversations and engage in them effectively. Learn about Japanese life, including annual events and customs.	■ **Review 3** (Structure, My Story, Coach Selection, Group Topic Option etc.)	**Kanji Words**	例：病院・週末・飲み会・居酒屋・休み・希望など	
					Sentence structure	- この薬は、痛くてがまんできないときに、飲んでください。 - 日本語を勉強します。 - ペプシよりコークの方がいいな。 - コントの土曜日に映画観たくない？ - 新幹線に乗ってみたいです。	
	13	**Extending Social Invitations and Responding Appropriately:**	Invite friends or colleagues to activities confidently. Respond appropriately to invitations by accepting or declining.	■ **Japan Quiz:** Japanese event (wedding, gratuate cermmony etc.) ■ **Conversation:** Inviting someone to an event / Accepting / Declining ■ **Situation 101: [082]** Agreeing with an opinion	**Kanji Words**	例：今度・一緒になど	
					Sentence structure	- ～ませんか。 - Nに行きます - V-に行きます	- やってみませんか？ - 明日の忘年会に行きますか？ - みんなで、いっしょに焼肉を食べに行きませんか？
					Tips for life in Japan	◦ Summer festival ◦ Farewell Party	
Phase-3 Landing	14	**Preparing for Speeches and Expanding Knowledge:**	Prepare smooth self-introductions and speeches effectively. Broaden interest in Japanese history, politics, and society.	■ Speech Preparation ■ Group Selection	**Structured Self-Introductions:** Develop more detailed self-introductions. **Speech Preparation**: Learn to structure speeches with clear points and transitions. **Cultural Topics:** Discuss basic topics in Japanese history, politics, and society. **Group Selection:** Choose topics of interest for focused group discussions.	
	15	**Delivering Speeches and Providing Feedback:**	Give presentations about oneself confidently using slides. Provide constructive feedback on classmates' speeches. Conclude events or activities positively with encouraging remarks.	■ Speech ■ Wrap Up	**Presentation Skills:** Practice delivering speeches with basic slides. **Constructive Feedback:** Learn to provide helpful feedback to classmates. **Encouraging Remarks:** Practice positive conclusions for speeches. **Wrap-Up:** Final group activity to apply learned skills and receive feedback.	