Japanese Language Training Course - Starter

・For those who have never taken a Japanese lesson before.
・Recently arrived in Japan with little to no knowledge of the language.
・No understanding of Japanese letters (Hiragana, Katakana, or Kanji).

Starter Course Goals		Class Approach
★Target Level★ JLPT N5	Gain the ability to engage in very basic conversations, such as greetings and simple self-introductions, within the workplace with colleagues.	Focus on acquiring essential vocabulary and practical phrases for everyday conversation, enabling you to communicate effectively in various situations by using We situation 101 and Shigoto no hihongo
	Develop an understanding of essential Japanese cultural norms and basic survival phrases to navigate everyday life situations.	Explore Japanese culture, history, and behavioral patterns using engaging materials like articles from Hiragana Times, enhancing your cultural understanding and communication skills.
	Learn to communicate basic personal information, such as name, nationality, and simple likes/dislikes, fostering initial connections within the workplace.	Practice introducing yourself and expressing simple opinions and impressions to promote active participation and confidence in using Japanese in real-life situations.

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: [002]** Greeting someone, **[005]** Making small talk and encouraging conversation, **[006]** Showing understanding	**Kanji Words**	例：名前・国など	
					Sentence structure	- Nは？ - ~です。	- お名前は？ - (わたしは)ジョンです。
					Tips for life in Japan	◦ Greeting gestures ◦ Sayounara	
Phase-2 Flying High	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：日本・本国など	
					Sentence structure	- Nに住んでます。	- どこに住んでますか？ - お元気ですか？
					Tips for life in Japan	◦ When to use sumimasen	
	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: [012]** Requesting to ask a question, **[014]** seeking clarification ■ **My Story:** My favorite food	**Kanji Words**	例：お手洗い・入口など	
					Sentence structure	- Nが好きです。 - N、お願いします。	- 肉と野菜が好きです。 - ホットコーヒー、お願いします。
					Tips for life in Japan	◦Coffee / tea ◦Drink bars ◦Nihonshu (Hiragana times)	
	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：名前・国 ・日本・楽天・お手洗い・入口など	
					Sentence structure	- お名前は？ - (わたしは)ジョンです。 - どこに住んでますか？ - お元気ですか？ - 肉と野菜が好きです - ホットコーヒー、お願いします。	
	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：円など	
					Sentence structure	- Nをください。 - Nを [amount] です。	- これをください。 - これを二つです。
					Tips for life in Japan	◦ Japanese supermaket ◦ Japanese Bills and Coins	
	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:** at public facilities (ward office, post office, etc.) ■ **Situation 101: [035]** Thanking and responding ■ **My Story:** My Career and Specialty	**Kanji Words**	例：私・住所など	
					Sentence structure	- ~でいいです？	- ローマじでいいですか？ - 英語でいいですか？
					Tips for life in Japan	◦ When do you need 'hanko'/ 'inkan'? ◦ 在留カード	
	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：バス停・電車など	
					Sentence structure	- Nは adj.です。	- 鎌倉はにぎやかです。
					Tips for life in Japan	◦ Railway System in Japan	
	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・生年月日・電話番号・住所・バス停・電車など	
					Sentence structure	- これをください。 - これを二つです。 - ローマじでいいですか？ - 英語でいいですか？ - 鎌倉はにぎやかです。	
	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: [046]** Expressing emotion: Surprise ■ **My Story:** My Hobbies / Habits	**Kanji Words**	例：趣味・病院など	
					Sentence structure	- Nは Nを Vことです。 - ~たいです	- 趣味は映画を見ることです。 - お花見がしたいです。
					Tips for life in Japan	◦ Lifestyle in Japanese Homes	
	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：酒・飲み会など	
					Sentence structure	- N が欲しい。	- これが欲しい。
					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: [073]** Hesitating ■ **My Story:** My Future Plan	**Kanji Words**	例：休み・大丈夫など	
					Sentence structure	- [date/time] で大丈夫？ - [date/time] に合うよ。	- 土曜日で大丈夫？ - 火曜日に会おうよ。 - よし、やろう
					Tips for life in Japan	◦ Japanese Presentation manner (発表会)	
	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：趣味・病院・酒・飲み会・休み・大丈夫など	
					Sentence structure	- 趣味は映画を見ることです。 - お花見がしたいです。 - これが欲しい。 - 土曜日で大丈夫？ - 火曜日に会おうよ。 - よし、やろう	
	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: [084]** Disagreeing with yes or no questions	**Kanji Words**	例：時間など	
					Sentence structure	- ~ましょう。 - ~に行きませんか？	- ちょっと休みましょう。 - これからランチを食べに行きませんか？
					Tips for life in Japan	◦ Dressing appropriate	
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	**Self-Introduction Basics:** Practice simple self-introductions. **Basic Speech Preparation:** Learn to structure a basic speech with simple sentences. **Cultural Insights:** Introduce basic facts about Japanese history and society. **Group Practice:** Practice with peers and receive basic feedback.		
	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	**Speech Delivery:** Practice delivering short, simple speeches. **Basic Feedback:** Learn to give and receive simple, constructive feedback. **Positive Conclusions:** Practice concluding speeches with simple, positive remarks. **Wrap-Up:** Group activity to reinforce skills and provide encouragement.		

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