Japanese Language Training Course - Upper Beginner

・For those who have a foundational understanding of Japanese and can use basic phrases and sentences.
・Comfortable with Hiragana and Katakana, and have basic recognation of essential Kanji.
・Able to engage in simple conversations but need to improve fluency and understanding of more complex structures.

Upper Beginner Course Goals		Class Approach
★Target Level★ JLPT N4	Achieve the ability to engage in more complex conversations, including detailed small talk and professional interactions with colleagues and external clients and partners.	Focus on learning more advanced vocabulary and constructing complex sentences to enhance fluency and accuracy in communication by using We situation 101 and Listening comprehension from NHK
	Deepen the understanding of Japanese culture, history, and behavioral norms to navigate a variety of more nuanced life situations, including social gatherings and formal events.	Explore intricate aspects of Japanese culture, history, and social norms through detailed articles, case studies, and discussions, deepening your cultural competence.
	Learn to communicate personal information, thoughts, and feelings in more detail, fostering stronger and more meaningful connections within the workplace and with external clients and partners.	Participate in real-life scenario simulations, advanced role-playing, and discussions to practice expressing thoughts, feelings, and opinions in a professional context, boosting confidence and proficiency.

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, **[003]** Introducing someone	**Kanji Words**	例：名刺・職業など	
					Sentence structure	- はじめまして。[name] です。[occupation] です。 - [name] と申します。 - [place] から来ました。	- はじめまして。シンです。エンジニアです。 - お仕事は？
					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：ホウ(報告） レン(連絡） ソウ(相談)など	
					Sentence structure	- V-ています - [point in time](に) 来ました	- 楽天では、何をしていますか？ - 楽天の仕事はどうですか？ - 去年の9月に来ました。
					Tips for life in Japan	◦ Japanese bow (Ojiki)	
	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: [018]** Clarifying oneself and asking for clarification ■ **My Story:** My favorite food	**Kanji Words**	例：味・料理・税別など	
					Sentence structure	- V-てみます - Adj. です。	- この卵焼き美味しそうですから食べてみます。 - 美味しいです。
					Tips for life in Japan	◦ Obento (Japan Savvy, Hiragana Times) ◦Ochazuke (Japan Savvy, Hiragana Times) ◦Oshibori	
	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：名刺・仕事・ホウ (報告） レン(連絡） ソウ(相談)・味・料理・税別など	
					Sentence structure	- はじめまして。シンです。エンジニアです。 - お仕事は？ - 楽天では、何をしていますか？ - 楽天の仕事はどうですか？ - 去年の9月に来ました。 - この卵焼き美味しそうですから食べてみます。 - 美味しいです。	
	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：受付など	
					Sentence structure	- V-てもいいですか？ - 他のNありますか？ - もっとAdj.のがありますか？	- 試着してもいいですか？ - 他のいろありますか？ - もっと小さいのがありますか？
					Tips for life in Japan	◦Seals ◦Paid leave ◦Credit Cards in Japan	
	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: [039]** Apologizing and responding ■ **My Story:** My Career and Specialty	**Kanji Words**	例：運転・事故など	
					Sentence structure	- Nに行きたいんですが … - どう行けばいいですか？ - N1じゃなくて、N2です。	- マルイチデパートに行きたいんですが…。 - 1つ目の信号じゃなくて、2つ目の信号です。
					Tips for life in Japan	◦Traffic lights ◦Temples and shrines	
Phase-2 Flying High	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：券売機・旅行など	
					Sentence structure	- [place] までどうやって行きますか？ - ~までお願いします。	- 東京駅までどうやって行きますか？ - このホテルまでお願いします。
					Tips for life in Japan	◦ Taxis 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：受付・運転・事故・券売機・旅行など	
					Sentence structure	- 試着してもいいですか？ - 他のいろありますか？ - もっと小さいのがありますか？ - マルイチデパートに行きたいんですが …。 - 1つ目の信号じゃなくて、2つ目の信号です。 - 東京駅までどうやって行きますか？ - このホテルまでお願いします。	
	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: [060]** Expressing no preferences ■ **My Story:** My Hobbies / Habits	**Kanji Words**	例：病院・週末・予定など	
					Sentence structure	- ~は [place] に行く - [time/season] は取る予定？	- この冬はスノボに行く。 - 夏休みは取る予定？
					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：居酒屋・興味など	
					Sentence structure	- Nに興味はありません。	- 辛い料理に特に興味はありません。
					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: [078]** Deferring a decision or option ■ **My Story:** My Future Plan	**Kanji Words**	例：用事・理由など	
					Sentence structure	- [date/time] はご都合よろしいですか？	- 月曜日はご都合よろしいですか？ - 都合わるいだ。
					Tips for life in Japan	◦ Onsen (Japan Savvy, Hiragana Times)	
	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・予定・居酒屋・興味・用事・理由など	
					Sentence structure	- この冬はスノボに行く。 - 夏休みは取るよて？ - 辛い料理に特に興味はありません。 - 月曜日はご都合よろしいですか？ - 都合わるいだ。	
	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: [087]** Asking for a reason	**Kanji Words**	例：招待・計画など	
					Sentence structure	- [Plan] を変更したいです。 - 申し訳ないですが、[Event] をキャンセルします。	- 卒業式の計画を変更したいです。 - 申し訳ないですが、結婚式をキャンセルします。
					Tips for life in Japan	◦ Popular Tourist Spot	
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-Introductions:** Craft detailed and engaging self-introductions. **Speech Preparation:** Structure speeches with detailed content and smooth transitions. **In-Depth Cultural Insights:** Explore deeper aspects of Japanese history, politics, and society. **Group Work:** Collaborate with peers to prepare detailed speeches.		
	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:** Deliver confident speeches using detailed slides. **Detailed Feedback:** Provide and receive comprehensive, constructive feedback. **Effective Conclusions:** Learn to conclude speeches effectively with encouraging remarks. **Wrap-Up:** Reflect on progress and practice final speeches with peer feedback.		

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