

Online Japanese Language Course (for schoolchildren, students, and adults)

Japanese language courses are conducted using the *Minna no Nihongo* system. Each level is designed for 60 study hours (60 minutes each). By studying the material of the first three levels, students acquire all the necessary vocabulary and grammar required to pass the JLPT (Japanese Language Proficiency Test) level N5.

The Japanese textbook *Minna no Nihongo* is a modern language learning resource used for teaching foreigners around the world, including in Japan itself. The textbook is written in kanji, which are transcribed using the hiragana syllabary.

Minna no Nihongo 1 consists of 50 lessons. Grammar is presented schematically in tables and examples with dialogues. At the end of each lesson, there are listening exercises, written exercises, and reading comprehension texts. In the first lesson, students receive an introductory session on hiragana and katakana—two Japanese syllabaries that sound the same phonetically but are written differently.

Japanese Language Course for Beginners

Minna no Nihongo 1

Upon completion of this level, students will be able to:

- introduce themselves, ask about age, profession, nationality;
- point to objects and people, ask about locations;
- ask about prices of goods, working hours of institutions and shops, phone numbers;
- use numbers from 1 to a million;
- know the days of the week, months, and dates;
- ask about events, talk about life and daily routines, food, shopping, education;
- use prompts for joint actions, give and take;

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- use: completed or ongoing actions, invitations, adjectives;
- ask about the condition of things or people, express sympathy, inquire and explain reasons, talk on the phone;
- express regret/disappointment, bitterness;
- count objects of different shapes and count people;
- express preference or judgment between two things;
- express desire, explain the purpose of actions;

Main grammar in this section:

- auxiliary verbs;
- conditional particles for objects, possession;
- point in time and space;
- place of action, means of action;
- direct and indirect objects;
- object, purpose;
- pronouns – personal, possessive, demonstrative, interrogative, indeterminate, negative;
- adverbs – often, little, not much, more or less;
- predicative and semi-predicative adjectives, their usage and forms;
- ways to use constructions with words like “I like,” “I’m good at,” “I understand,” “I have/own”;
- verbs;
- numerical suffixes/classifiers;
- present, future, and past tense of verbs and adjectives;
- comparative degree of adjectives and constructions for comparing two things;
- superlative degree of adjectives and constructions for expressing preference for one item in a group;
- subjunctive mood of verbs;