

Practical Japanese from basic to advanced communication skills.

◆International Language Services

International Language Services (ILS) has been offering Japanese language classes since 1993. In April 2000, ILS established a new division to dispatch instructors to the offices of expatriates employed at foreign capital enterprises. The distinctive features of our Japanese language lessons are:

- A program to study Japanese language which more speedily builds relations between expatriates and Japanese staff based on a deeper understanding of Japanese behavioral patterns and cultural background.
- Lessons are based on instructional methods selected in accordance with the student's individual needs and personality.
- Lessons are tailor-made to match the student's budget and convenience.
- Lessons for individuals or groups can be arranged as desired.
- A trial lesson is offered so the student can confirm the quality and effectiveness of our instruction.

Instruction is based on 4 levels.

By advancing through each level, the student strengthens the ability to effectively communicate in the Japanese language.



10 hours, 100-word vocabulary

Level 1 (Complete Beginner)

This level is designed for people who have absolutely no knowledge of the Japanese language. The student will learn: self-introductions, taxi instructions, shopping instructions, ordering at restaurants, and other practical expressions for daily life.

60 hours, 750-word vocabulary

Level 2 (Beginner)

This level uses the basic verbs and adjectives necessary to conduct a simple conversation. Emphasis is placed on conversing about the activities of daily life.

(Equivalent to N5 of the Japanese Language Proficiency Examination)

60 hours, 1,250-word vocabulary

Level 3 (Intermediate)

This level provides the basic grammar, vocabulary, and kanji (Chinese characters) for daily life, as well as enabling the student to read and write simple sentences.

60 hours, 2,000-word vocabulary

Level 4 (High intermediate)

This level provides an almost total grasp of the vocabulary, grammar, and kanji (Chinese characters) required for daily life. The ability to engage in general communications is nurtured, with focus upon developing conversational fluency.

(Equivalent to N4 of the Japanese Language Proficiency Examination)

◆Cross-cultural Communication

The mastery of a foreign language is not just the acquisition of vocabulary and grammar, but also requires knowledge of the differences between one's culture and that country's culture, customs, expressions, and other unique features. In order to more deeply understand the Japanese language, International Language Services incorporates a "cross-cultural communication" session into all of its courses. By knowing the distinctive ways of thinking, behavior, and expressions of the Japanese people, cross-cultural misunderstandings will be reduced and an accurate understanding of the Japanese language, people, and country itself will be gained.

Examples:

- ☆ Why do Japanese people not look at the other person's eyes when speaking to them?
- ☆ Why is "the nail which sticks out is quickly hammered down" true in Japan?
- ☆ Why do Japanese people discriminate against women?
- ☆ Why do Japanese apologize so easily? Is their apology sincere?
- ☆ Are you aware that Japanese have numerous expressions/gestures for saying "no"?
- ☆ Why can't I get a straight answer from my staff?

Special Course

In addition, we also offer advanced lessons for individual needs such as preparation for the N1~3 Japanese Language Proficiency Examination; general business; financial, IT or other specialized industries; newspaper and other news media; or speechwriting.