

JAPANESE COURSE CATALOGUE

The guided Japanese courses

156 illustrated lessons across 7 tracks, from the first two signs of hiragana to JLPT N4 — included with every teacher plan.

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languages supported

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exam frameworks: JLPT, HSK, CEFR

156

ready-made illustrated Japanese lessons

6

content types: video, article, PDF, subtitles, photo, text

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ads, ever — on any plan



The teacher's course view: imported videos, articles and PDFs turned into assignable lessons.

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Why they exist

Most beginner Japanese material is either a textbook a class works through in lockstep, or a pile of authentic content that is far too hard on day one. These courses sit in between: every lesson is one illustrated scene with two or three lines of natural Japanese, and each one assumes only what the previous lessons taught.

They are written and drawn in-house — 239 approved illustrations — and they are free to preview in full before you commit to anything.



Foundations: the first lessons a complete beginner sees.

The tracks

Track	Level	Lessons	Study time	What it covers
Japanese Foundations	Absolute beginner	16	≈3 h	Short story lessons that take you from your first two signs to reading a whole scene.
Kana Sprints	Optional side path	12	≈1 h	Quick sprints through hiragana and katakana, taken whenever the script slows a learner down.
Japanese N5	Beginner (JLPT N5)	24	≈6 h	The full N5 story arc: everyday verbs, places, comparisons, requests and plans.
Japanese N4	Upper beginner (JLPT N4)	24	≈5 h	The season after Open Day: favours, conditions, guesses, and being the one people rely on.
Kanji Units	Beginner (JLPT N5)	28	≈4 h	The N5 characters, taught through words learners already say — and the radicals that hold them together.
Vocabulary Sprints	Optional side path	40	≈7 h	The words the story lessons have no room for: twenty at a time, grouped by where they are used.
Grammar Labs	Optional side path	12	≈2 h	Short drill labs on verb and adjective forms, for when a pattern needs a second pass.

Roughly 28 hours of study in total. Tracks can be assigned whole or lesson by lesson, to a class or to named students.

The cast

One café, one small group of people, every lesson — Aki who runs it, Ren behind the counter, Haru who fixes what Ren labels, Satō the regular, Maya the student who is always late, and Mugi the café cat. Learners recognise a face before they recognise a grammar point, and that is what carries them past the first month.



How a lesson runs



A scene from Japanese N5 — tap any word for reading, meaning and audio.

- **Scene** — the picture and the dialogue in it
- **Notice** — the new pattern shown in use before it is named
- **Practice** — the learner produces the line, typed or spoken
- **Can-do check** — a stated outcome, recorded against the student
- **Words** — everything looked up goes into spaced-repetition review automatically

Japanese Foundations

Absolute beginner · 16 lessons · ≈3 hours

Where an absolute beginner starts. No prior kana required.



Students can: Greet someone, thank them, get their attention, and answer a yes-or-no question. · Recognise that Japanese is written in three systems at once. · Say your own name, and say who someone else is. · Ask a yes-or-no question, answer one, and say that something applies to someone else too.

Japanese N5

Beginner (JLPT N5) · 24 lessons · ≈6 hours

The full JLPT N5 arc — everyday verbs, places, comparisons, requests and plans.



Students can: Read a short group invitation and introduce yourself to the group. · Say who is responsible for an activity, and read a simple team list. · Read a short list, say that it is complete or only examples, and say that there is only one of something. · Read short team profiles, identify each person's role, and send a confirmation message.

Japanese N4

Upper beginner (JLPT N4) · 24 lessons · ≈5 hours

The season after: favours, conditions, guesses, and being the one people rely on.



Students can: Say that someone did something for you, and thank them for it. · Tell the difference between what happened and what someone did for you. · Say that you did something for someone else. · Know when not to use it, and what to say instead.

Kanji Units

Beginner (JLPT N5) · 28 lessons · ≈4 hours

The N5 characters, taught through words the class already says out loud.



Students can: Read the numbers one to ten written in kanji. · Say what a radical is, and point to one inside a character. · Read a price tag written in kanji. · Read the seven days of the week on a sign or a schedule.

Preview every lesson, free

The whole catalogue is public and needs no account:

inputdojo.com/learn/japanese/catalog. Open any lesson you would consider assigning and read it exactly as a student would.

Assign them to your class

Every teacher account starts with a **14-day free trial** of the full classroom feature set — courses, assignments, analytics and the AI tutor. No credit card, no per-student fee.

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