

JAPANESE for BEGINNERS

Prerequisites: No or very little knowledge of the language

Target level: JLPT N5 (see <http://www.jlpt.jp/e/about/levelsummary.html>)

Approach: We follow a task-based, skills-orientated and communicative approach, fostering communicative competence in the target language with an Engineering-flavoured choice of topics to equip students with a basic command of Japanese.

Course main objectives:

- To acquire the sounds of the Japanese language.
- To acquire introductory grammar and functions.
- To acquire Hiragana and Katakana (Japanese writing).
- To develop communicative skills using the vocabulary and grammar.
- To learn the basics of Kanji (Chinese characters).
- To gain knowledge of the culture as it relates to linguistic information introduced.
- To describe the features of items such as a robot, an eco house, a mobile phone or an eco car.

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