

DIVE INTO JAPANESE LANGUAGE

WEEKLY

日本語に挑戦！

for Starters 1



How to Use This Textbook

●How this textbook is organized, and how to use it

This textbook is made up of the Pre-session and 15 units. Each unit comprises topics, each of which contains several chapters on sentence structure and expression. The topics focus on areas that elementary learners of the Japanese language are expected to have numerous opportunities to converse in. Important expressions in the first half of the elementary level are repeated in different topics, thereby enabling you to remember the correct functions of the sentence structure and expression.

The Pre-session provides a summary of basic verbs, adjectives, numbers (time, days, prices), and particles. As it is a compilation of expressions that are frequently used when conversing about the topics covered in this textbook, use this section to check and remember any words and expressions that you do not understand or have forgotten.

The estimated learning time for one unit is 120 minutes. You should be able to cover five topics in one week and 15 topics in three weeks.

As shown in the Table of Contents, the topics are arranged in a sequence that avoids any form of bias. However, as sentence structures appear repeatedly, you may begin studying from any chapter.

●How each unit is organized, and how to use them

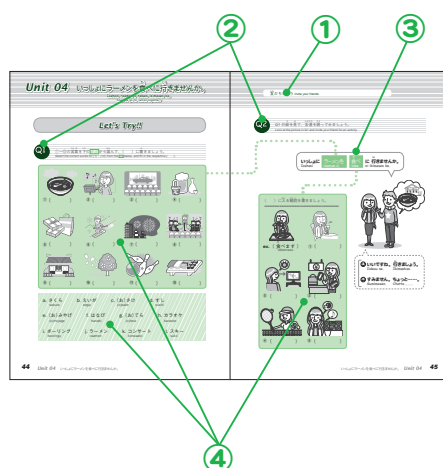
[Let's Try!!]

Learn vocabulary, expressions, and sentence structures while conversing about the topics covered in each unit.

The section beside the title (①) shows conversational topics and linguistic behaviors that you will be able to acquire in the unit. First, study the illustrations and diagrams, and imagine the contents of the conversation and the situations in which it may arise.

As you advance through the unit while answering the questions set out in each unit (②), you will gradually acquire the ability to converse about the topic with some degree of fluency. While the practice patterns differ for each unit, you can quickly learn to say what you want to simply by replacing the words that are highlighted in green (③). As Japanese proficiency is acquired through conversation, you will be able to apply the expressions that you learn immediately. Incorporate the things that you wish to say to create an original textbook that is tailored to your own needs.

As there are many illustrations, it is easy to pick up the expressions and vocabulary at one glance. Frequently used vocabulary is summarized under each topic, so you can also use these as wordlists (④).

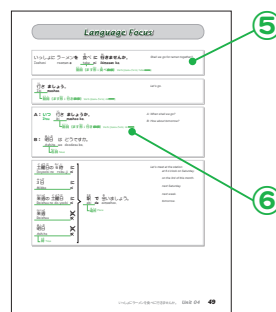


*Vocabulary lists can also be downloaded free-of-charge from BONJINSHA's website.

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[Language Focus]

While the “Let’s Try!!” section does not provide detailed explanations about each and every sentence structure and expression, you can check the key points for sentence structures covered in each unit by using the “Language Focus” section. This section not only provides the English translations (5) of the key sentence structures, but also presents information about parts of speech and how to apply them (6).



[Try It Out]

The “Try It Out” section offers examples of conversations that you can use to communicate with others after they have completed your study of the unit. You can also use it as a benchmark of how successfully they have achieved the “Can-do” goals (target level of conversation) in each unit.

By listening to the audio files, you can check the accents, intonation, as well as the natural responses, and expressions of hesitation and conversation fillers. By using the examples of conversation as a reference, you can practice keeping a conversation in a more natural manner. It would also be a good idea to remove parts of the script for dictation, or to try out shadowing practices.



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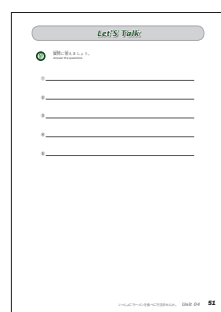
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[English translation of “Try It Out” section] (pages 153– 158)

[Let’s Talk]

Finally, have a go at answering the questions using the expressions learnt in each unit.

The questions are not provided in the textbook. Instead, you are required to listen to audio recordings of the questions and write down the answers. Answering the questions verbally in addition to writing the answers down provides you with the opportunity to practice conversational Japanese. As you answer questions in reference to yourself, you will be able to practice conversation that is closely similar to actual communication.



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These pages contain questions and sample answers in the “Let’s Talk” section.

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week 1

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Unit 02	わたし か ぞく よにん 私の家族は4人です。 Watashi no kazoku wa yo-nindesu. There are four people in my family. [家族について話す] [Talk about your family.]	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ・ ～は～です ・ ～と～ ・ 助詞 ([場所]に／[場所]で) (・ ～ている [習慣]) 	p.26
Unit 03	ダリアさんは髪が長いです。 Dariasan wa kami ga nagaidesu. Dalia has long hair. [人の外見を説明する] [Talk about the appearance of other people.]	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ・ A です／i-A ありません／na-A ありません ・ ～は～が A です (・ ～ている [状態]) 	p.36
Unit 04	いっしょにラーメンを食べに行きませんか。 Issshoni raamen o tabeni ikimasen ka. Shall we go to eat ramen together? [友達を誘う] [Invite your friends.]	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ・ V に行きませんか ・ V ましょう ・ V ましょうか ・ ～はどうですか ・ 助詞 ([時]に／[場所]で) 	p.44
Unit 05	さくら み 桜が見たいです。 Sakura ga mitaidesu. I want to see cherry blossoms. [日本でしたいこと] [Things that you want to do in Japan.]	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ・ ～を持っています ・ ～も ・ ～がほしいです ・ V (dictionary form) ことができます ・ ～が V たいです ・ 助詞 (を／[場所]で) 	p.52

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week 2

Unit 06	<p>イタリアでピザを食べました。 Itaria de piza o tabemashita. I ate pizza in Italy.</p> <p>旅行について話す [Talk about your travels.]</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ・ Vしました ・ ～も ・ 助詞([場所]で/[時]に/を/手段]で/[人]と) 	p.60
Unit 07	<p>春は桜がきれいです。 Haru wa sakura ga kireedesu. Cherry blossoms are beautiful in the spring.</p> <p>自分の国について話す [Talk about your country.]</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ・ Aです/i-Aくありません/na-Aじゃありません ・ ～は～がAです ・ そして、～ ・ ～が一番～ 	p.68
Unit 08	<p>プレゴという喫茶店が好きです。 Purego toiu kissaten ga sukidesu. I like the café called "Prego."</p> <p>好きな場所について話す [Talk about your favorite places.]</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ・ ～という～ ・ ～が好きです ・ ～は[場所]にあります ・ ～があります ・ ～から[理由] ・ ～と～ ・ ～や～など ・ Aです/i-Aくありません/na-Aじゃありません 	p.78
Unit 09	<p>毎日、朝ごはんを食べます。 Mainichi, asagohan o tabemasu. I eat breakfast every day.</p> <p>習慣について話す [Talk about your habits.]</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ・ Vます/Vません ・ ～に～回(くらい) ・ 毎日/よく/時々/あまり/全然 ・ ～から～まで/～ごろ ・ ～間(くらい) ・ 助詞([場所]で/[時間]に/ごろ) ・ Casual speech style 	p.86
Unit 10	<p>これ、ください。 Kore, kudasai. Could I have this please?</p> <p>店員と話す [Talk to salespeople.]</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ・ これ/それ/あれ ・ この/その/あの ・ (試着)してみてもいいですか ・ ～がAです ・ 他の(色/サイズ)がありますか ・ もっと(サイズetc.)が(大きいetc.)のがありますか 	p.98

Unit 11	<p>たんじょうび はな 誕生日に花をもらいました。 Tanjoobi ni hana o moraimashita. I received flowers on my birthday.</p> <p>はな [プレゼントについて話す] [Talk about gifts.]</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ・～がほしいです ・～に～をもらいました ・～に～をあげました ・助詞(「時」に) ・～が好きです 	p.108
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Unit 13	<p>に ほん なつ くに なつ あつ 日本の夏とお国の夏とどちらが暑いですか。 Nihon no natsu to okuni no natsu to dochira ga atsuidesu ka. Is summer hotter in Japan or in your country?</p> <p>じぶん くに に ほん くら [自分の国と日本を比べる] [Compare your country and Japan.]</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ・Aです ・～はA₁です。でも、～はA₂です。 ・～はA₁です。～もA₁です。 ・～と～とどちらが～ですか ・～のほうがAです ・どちらもAです 	p.126
Unit 14	<p>スポーツをみるのが好きです。 Supootsu o miru no ga sukidesu. I like to watch sports.</p> <p>す はな [好きなことを話す] [Talk about what you like.]</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ・Nが好きです ・V (dictionary form)のが好きです ・趣味はNです ・趣味はV (dictionary form) ことです ・毎日／よく／時々／あまり／全然 ・～に～回(くらい) 	p.134
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