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【Introductory Japanese Part 1】

COURSE DESCRIPTION

This course is designed for **total beginners**. Learners in this class will be introduced to a **very basic repertoire of words and simple phrases** related to personal details and concrete situations. This course also introduces Hiragana, one component of the Japanese writing system. It is strongly recommended that you schedule time (a few hours a week) to engage in out-of-class practice.

At the end of the course, successful learners will:

- Be able to make appropriate greetings for different situations and say ‘sorry, thank you, and please’.
- Be able to introduce oneself
- Be able to ask and talk about family
- Be able to ask and talk about favorite foods and discuss where to go for lunch
- Be able to order food and drinks at restaurants
- Be able to read Hiragana

PREREQUISITE: None

TEXTBOOK:

Marugoto: Japanese language and culture **Starter A1** Coursebook for communicative language activities (ISBN-13: 978-4384057522, available from [Amazon](https://www.amazon.com))



- Covers topics 1~3.
- Introductory Japanese Part 1, Part 2, and Part 3 will complete the textbook.

CURRICULUM

Week		
1		Introduction to course & Japanese language あいうえお かきくけこ
2	L1	Exchange greetings appropriate to the time of day. さしすせそ たちつてと
3	L2	Basic classroom expressions. なにぬねの はひふへほ
4	L3	Give a simple self-introduction. まみむめも やゆよ
5	L4	Talk briefly about your family. らりるれろ わをん
6	L5	Talk about your favorite foods / your breakfast. がぎぐげご ぱびぷぺぽ, etc.
7	L6	Talk with a friend about where to go for lunch. Order food and drinks at a shop. Combined sounds きゃ きゅ きょ, etc. Small つ
8		Review Long vowels & phrases: おはよう こんにちは おねがい

INSTRUCTOR



Mahagi LaCure was born and educated in Japan. After receiving a master's degree in foreign Language education from the University of Tennessee, she has taught there for 3 decades. Now in retirement, Mahagi welcomes the change. She is excited about working with the community and creating a classroom where students can enjoy learning the language and culture in a relaxed atmosphere. Mahagi is also active in outreach programs such as Shamisen Knoxville which she coordinates.

POLICIES

Registration

Please register online at www.knoxasianfestival.com/japanese-language-class.

Cancellation Policy

Cancellation and refund requests must be received via email (info@knoxasianfestival.com) and at least Seven (7) days before the starting date of the class to receive a full refund.

If you withdraw less than a week before the start date, you will receive no refund. However, you will get credit which you can apply towards a Japanese course offered by Asian Culture Center of Tennessee within one year.

No refunds or credits will be issued once classes have begun.

Missed Class Policy

If you miss classes, no refund or make-up is offered. However, joining a class via Zoom when you cannot attend in person is possible. Contact the instructor.

Reschedule Policy

If the instructor is unable to teach the class due to unavoidable circumstances, the class will be rescheduled.

If unforeseen conditions prevent the class from meeting in person, it may switch to Zoom.