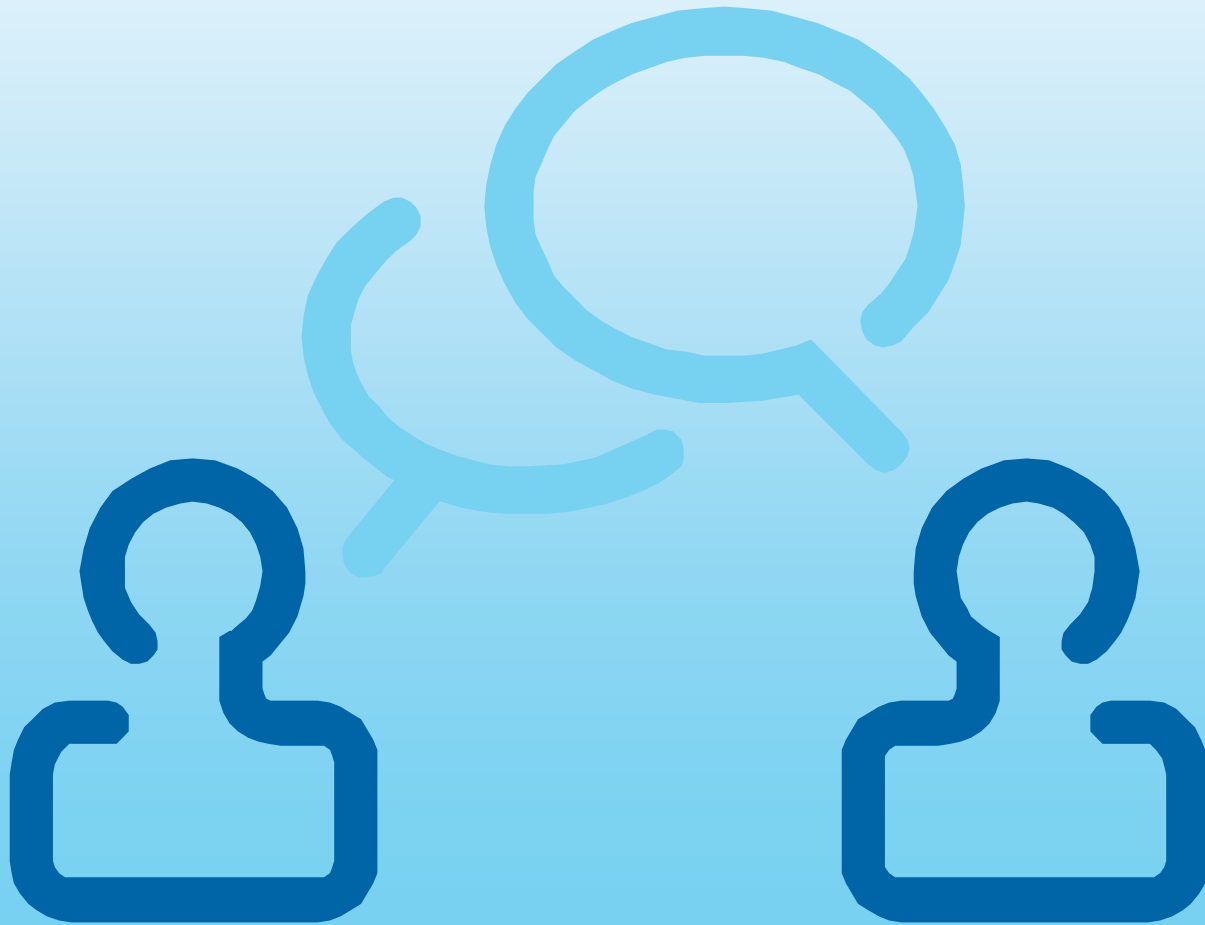


Learning Japanese

日本語



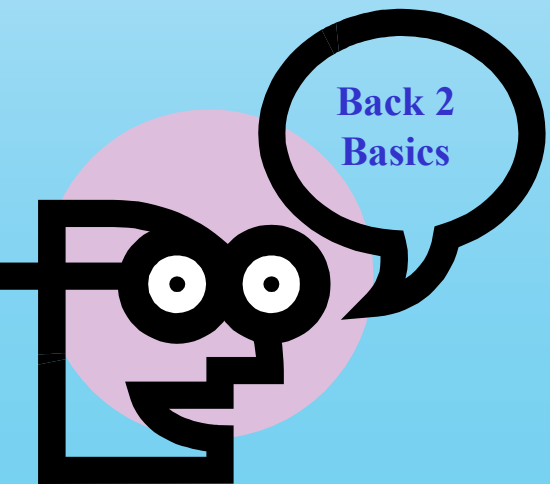
Why learn Japanese?

- Required part of the course
- The more you learn, the more you'll enjoy your trip to Japan



What Japanese will I teach?

- Basic vocabulary / grammar
- Traveler's phrases
- Homestay vocabulary/phrases
- The writing system



What Japanese will you learn?

- That's up to you.
- Fluency? In 10 half-hour lessons? Not a chance. And not expected.
- Resources for further study will help if you want to learn more.



Will I be graded on this stuff?

- In class:
 - It's not about perfection
 - It's about **participation**



Will I be graded on this stuff?

- In Japan, when you want to ...
 - Eat
 - Shop
 - Get around
 - Talk with the people you meet
 - We'll be *watching*



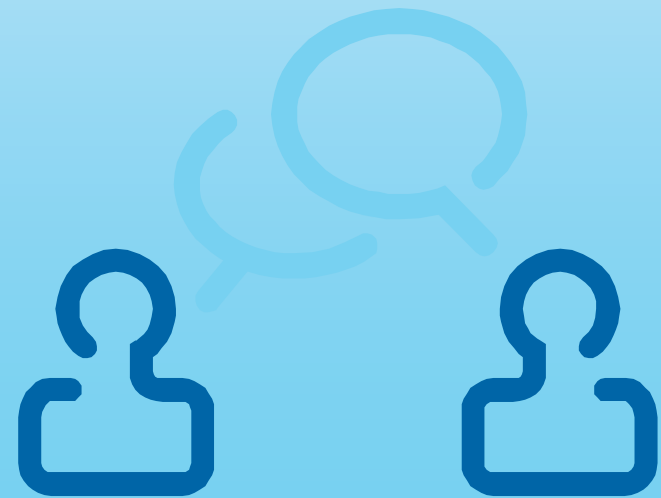
For starters? An overview.

- The language and culture
- Pronunciation
- Useful phrases
- The writing system
- Resources



Japanese is easier than English

- Pronunciation and grammar very regular
- In social interactions, limited number of stock phrases
- Fewer words in common use



What makes it so difficult?

- Cultural assumptions built into the language
- The writing system
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Hierarchy and politeness levels

- Japanese uses different verb forms and in some cases, different vocabulary
 - Tsukurikata shitte-iru?
 - Tsukurikata shitte imasu ka?
 - Tsukurikata gozonji de gozaimasu ka?
- In Japanese you praise the other person and denigrate yourself
 - Otaku
 - Ie



Politeness levels

- We have them in English too
 - *'Sup? vs Good morning*
 - *Coffee? vs Would you like some coffee, sir?*
- You know when you'd use either
- But can you explain the rules?



What if you were suddenly illiterate?



Four different systems in one

- 漢字 Kanji (Chinese characters)
- ひらがな Hiragana
- カタカナ Katakana
- Romaji (you KNOW this one!)



What if you were suddenly illiterate?

- And how would you look this up in your dictionary?

ラーメン屋



Kanji 漢字

- Basis of Japanese writing system
- Nouns, verb & adjective stems
- Examples:
 - 本 = hon/moto = basis or origin
 - 日 = nichi/ni/hi sun
 - 日本 = nihon = Japan
 - 月 = tsuki = moon



Kanji 漢字

- Estimated 30-50,000 of them; nobody really knows
- 2000 or so for minimal literacy but
 - Kanji have two (or more) readings
 - Multiple kanji compounds have unique meanings
 - 日+月 = 明 Sun + Moon = Bright/Glittering



Syllabaries: hiragana, katakana

- Similar to alphabet
- One symbol, one sound
- Hiragana: あいうえお (a i u e o)
- Katakana アイウエオ (a i u e o)



Hiragana

- Verb/adjective endings

- Iku 行く, ikimashita 行きました

- Samui 寒い, samukatta 寒かった

- 明るい = akarui = bright / glittering



Katakana are for

- Foreign words

- ヘレン

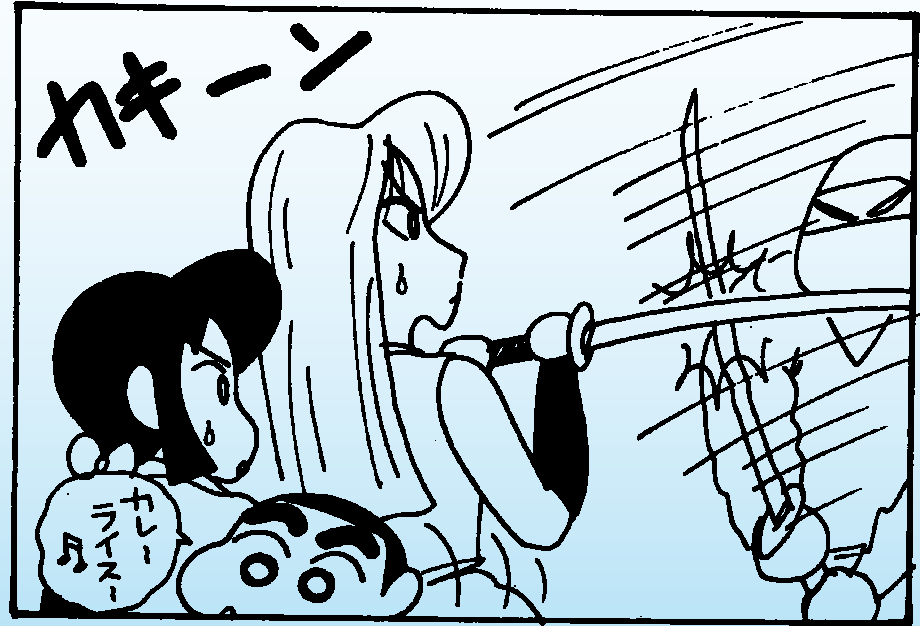
- ジェニファー

- エレベーター

- EMPHASIS

- Sound effects

- You can't manga without 'em



Pronunciation

- All vowels are "soft"
 - a, i, u, e, o = ah, ee, ooh, eh, oh
- Very slight trill/flip to "r"
 - Kore これ



Phrases

- Subject (m) Object (m) Verb (?m)
- The (m) means "marker"
- は (written as "ha" but pronounced "wa") or が (ga) mark subject
- を (written as "wo" but pronounced "o") marks object
- か (ka) marks question



Phrases

- Watashi wa hon o yomimasu
I (subject) book (object) read
私は本を読みます
- Sensei wa hon o yomimasu ka?
Teacher (subject) book (object) read
(question)?
先生は本を読みますか



Phrases

- Watashi wa amerika-jin desu
I (subject) america-person am.
私はアメリカ人です
- Amerika-jin desu ka?
America-person are you (question)?
アメリカ人ですか



Greetings

- Good morning = ohayou gozaimasu
(ohayou gozaimasu, literally "It's early")
おはようございます
- Good day = konnichiwa (literally "as for this day")
こんにちは
- Good evening = konbanwa (lit: "as for this evening")
こんばんは



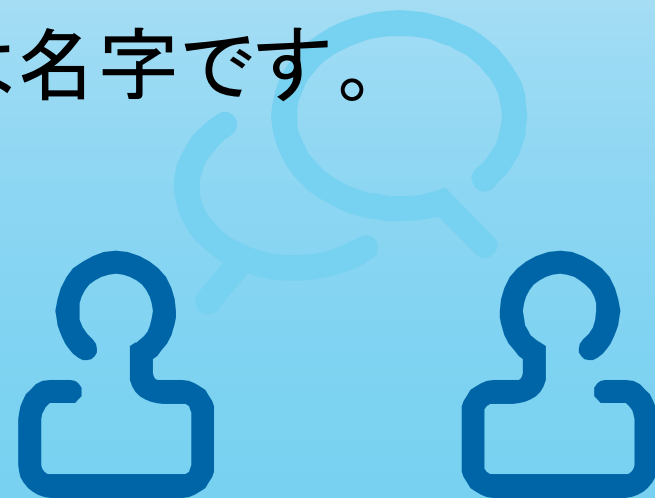
Introductions

- [your name] to moshimasu.
Hajimemashite. Douzo yoroshiku.
_____と申します。はじめまして。どうぞよろしく。
- Kochira wa [your friend's name]-san desu. (introducing your friend to someone else)
こちらは _____さん です。



Japanese names

- Family name first, given name second (Shibata Kanako); no middle names.
- Frequent confusion over western names
 - which is family/given name?
 - Family name: myoji 名字
 - Given name: namae 名前
 - JONES wa myoji desu ____は名字です。



Thank you

- Formal: doumo arigatou gozaimasu
どうもありがとうございます
- Normal: doumo arigatou or just arigatou
どうもありがとう / ありがとう
- Casual: doumo
どうも



Requests

- Please give me XXX
XXX o kudasai
_____を下さい / をくだあい
- Or (point to what you want):
sore o kudasai
それを下さい
- Where is the toilet?
toire wa doko desu ka?
といれはどこですか



Requests

- What is this?
kore wa nan desu ka?
これはのんですか
- Are there any/do you have:
XXX arimasu ka?
_____ありますか



What should I spend time on?

- Spoken Japanese
- Listening practice (anime, Japanese radio on the net)
 - Google japanese radio
- Basic kanji
- Katakana, hiragana, in that order



Questions?

しつもんありますか？

Shitsumon arimasu ka?



Resources

Don't panic ... it's all on the
web site.



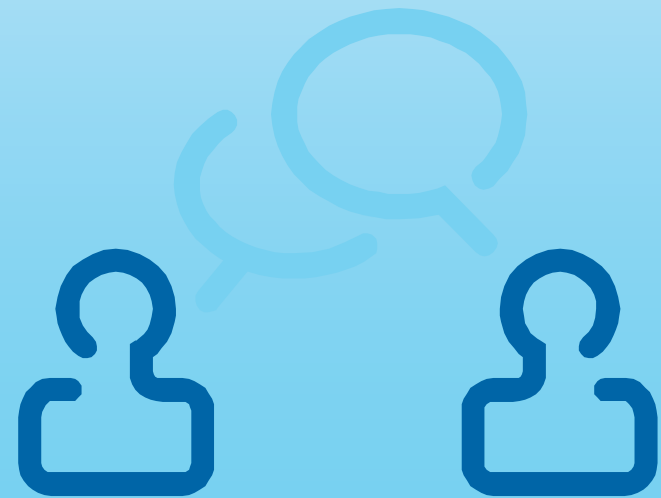
Requirement: Dictionary

- You must buy and bring a J-E/E-J dictionary. I recommend one of these. They're all small and cost \$12 or less
- [Websters' New World Compact Japanese Dictionary](#)
 - Smallest, it's the one I've used on every trip to Japan
- [Random House Webster's Pocket Japanese Dictionary](#)
 - More complete, more highly recommended on Amazon than Webster's New World
- [Langenscheidt's Pocket Dictionary](#)
 - Larger/heavier/more expensive
 - Most complete of the three



Requirement: Dictionary

- But instead of paper ... smartphone apps
 - iPad/Pod/Phone
 - KOTOBA (free!) is fantastic
 - Kanji / Kana flashcard apps
 - Search for "JAPAN" and see what comes up



Software

- [JWPCE Word Processor - Free!](#)
- [How to install Japanese language support for Windows](#)
 - Write Japanese on your own computer



Hiragana/Katakana charts

- See the handouts
 - [syllabaries.pdf](#)

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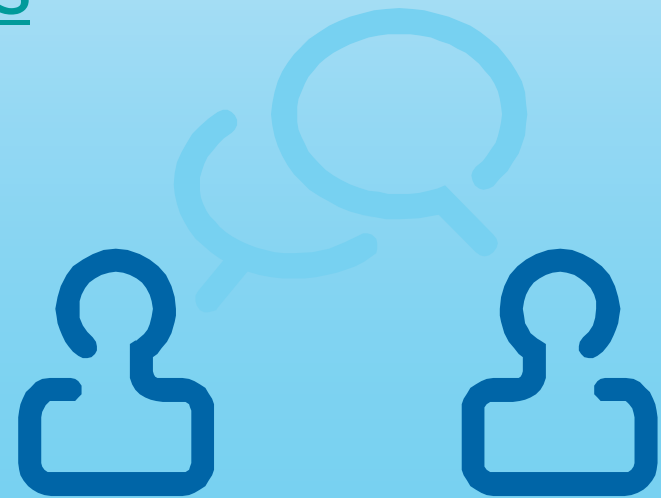
Language Books

- [Japanese for Busy People](#)
 - Start with the first of the series
 - \$12 to \$20 each
 - Companion CD
 - Good for learning basic conversational Japanese



Writing

- Hiragana and katakana
 - [Let's Learn Hiragana](#)
 - [Let's Learn Katakana](#)
 - Do the exercises in a separate notebook, share the books
- Kanji
 - [Everyday Japanese Characters](#)
 - Available used for \$10 or so



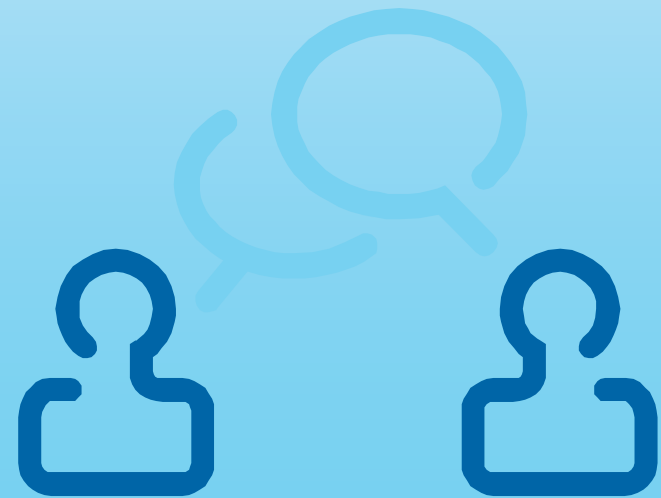
Are you a GrammarGeek?

- [A Dictionary of Basic Japanese Grammar](#)
 - Lots of real-world usage examples
- [Essential Japanese Grammar](#)
 - The rules and not a lot else, but it's a good (and cheap and small and light) reference

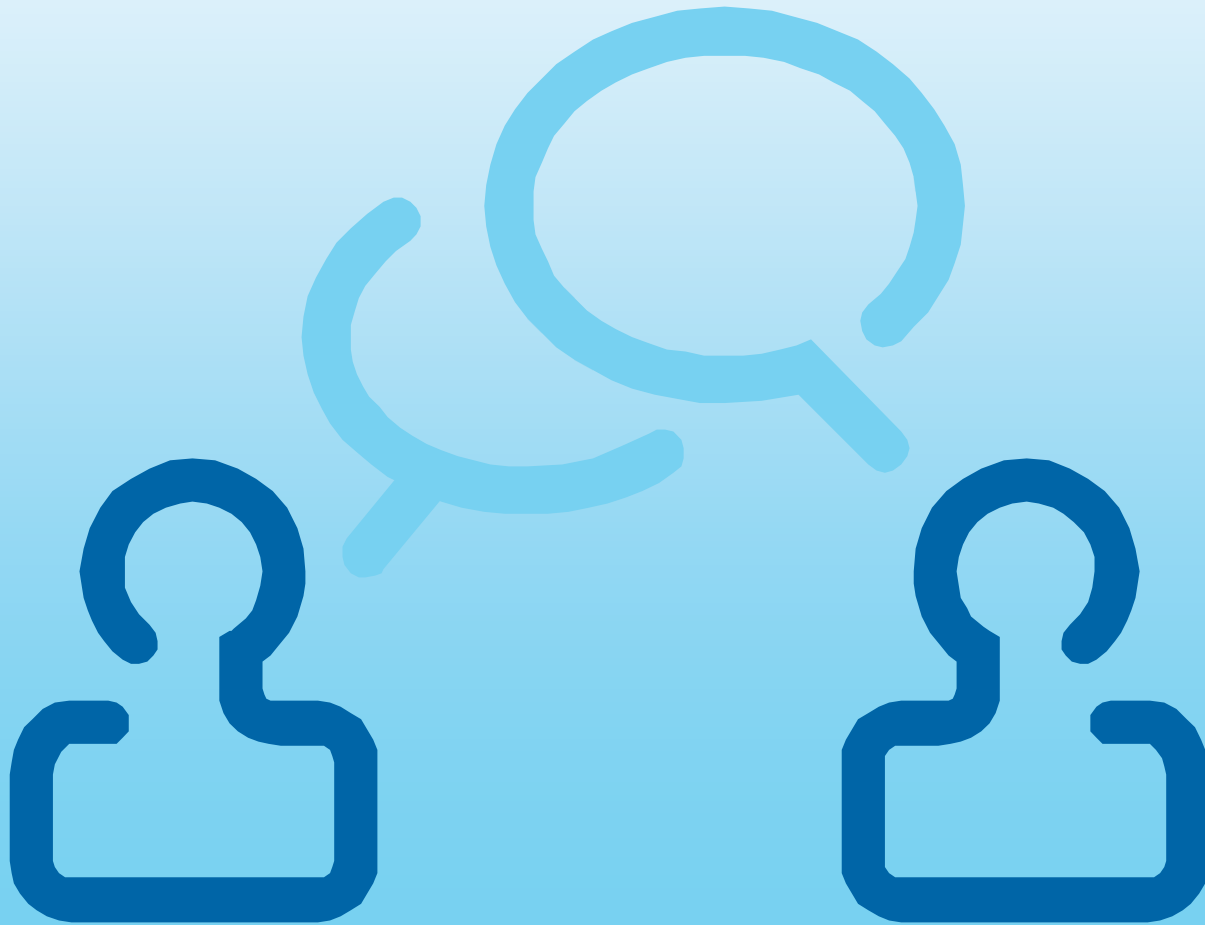


Interesting / Useful YouTube vids

- [Vending machines](#)
- [Etiquette](#)
- [Language: top local phrases](#)
- [Travel/transportation](#)



What's next?



For our next class (Feb 2)

- Prepare for dinner at Matsuya
- Japanese food
 - How to order, names of dishes
 - WARNING: KANJI AHEAD
- ASSIGNMENT:
 - Review today's presentation and handout
 - Review the materials for Feb 2 class





焼おこ
¥700

カツカレー
¥950

カレーライス
¥750

焼おこ
¥1,000

カツカレー
¥800

チキンライス
¥750

カツカレー
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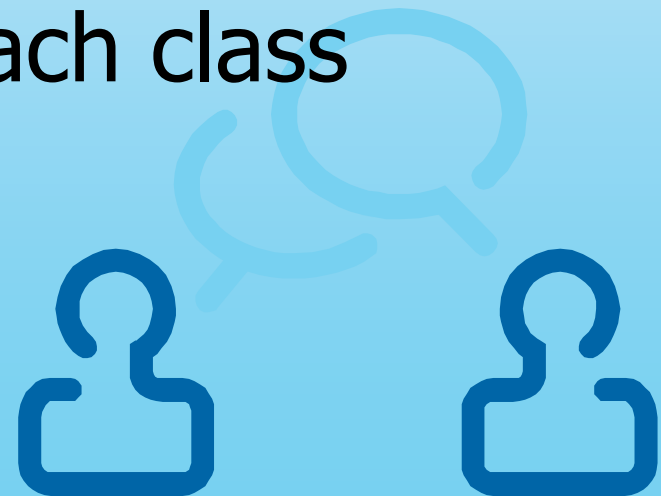
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¥1,350

カツカレー
¥1,600

カツカレー
¥1,100

Moving forward ...

- Course web site:
 - http://www.helenrindsberg.com/IDS_360/
- Today's presentation will be on the course web site (along with a downloadable PDF)
- Language study materials will be on course site a week before each class
 - Vocabulary lists
 - Kanji
 - Useful links



ありがとう. でわまた.
arigatou. dewa mata.
Thanks. Bye for now.

