

# JAPANESE MANGUAGE PROGRAM



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JAPANESE LANGUAGE CLASS COURSE

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## Have you ever had any troubles living in Japan?



- Cannot read signboards or information in stations and streets, or menus in restaurants
- Cannot communicate with people when shopping or working

In order to acquire truly useful Japanese skills, you will need reading, writing and communication abilities.

## **Kumon Japanese Language** program will enhance your Japanese ability!

All worksheets have English translations.

Even beginners can study by themselves!

■ Learning materials go from introductory to advanced in 15 levels.

You can begin with the level perfectly matched to your ability!

You can gain reading comprehension and listening skills useful in everyday life and work.

The Japanese ability you acquire with Kumon will be your life long treasure!



#### Student's comment



#### Athira Markasseri (India)

I came to Japan four years ago because of my husband's work. At the time I could not speak Japanese at all. As I had time and wanted to do something, I started to search for a Japanese class. I chose Kumon because my

husband's Japanese friends recommended Kumon to me. Also, I knew that my Indian friends had their kids studying in Kumon. I really like Kumon, because I can study at my own pace and repeat worksheets. I practice reading and writing using the worksheets repeatedly, which is the very reason I like Kumon. The audio material is also effective. For instance, when I see a kanji that I can recognize but cannot remember how to read, the audio material helps me remember its reading.

My husband and I belong to an English speech circle, where all members except us are Japanese. Now I can understand what they are talking about, so I can communicate with them without difficulty, which makes me happy!

I passed N3 last year, and my goal is to pass N1 while in Japan. After I return to India. I want to become a Japanese interpreter and a Japanese teacher!



#### Harumi Konishi (Brazil)

If there were some kanji that I could not read in documents, such as letters that my thirdgrade son brings back home from school, I sometimes had problems to understand them. But at Kumon I could improve my kanji

ability and learn many words that I didn't know through reading and writing exercises. So now I don't have any trouble to read these letters from school. Also, it is very useful to have Japanese knowledge in helping my husband's work by doing some accounting tasks and exchanging faxes for him.

I set my "Kumon Time" from about 14:00 for one hour, on the days that I don't go to the Center. As my son grows up, I also would like to gain enough ability to read through his school textbooks and continue to help my husband's job. So I want to keep studying at Kumon, with my goal to be to complete the final level of the Kumon Japanese Language Program.



#### Lionel Lavernhe (France)

It has been about six years since I started to live in Japan and work at a Japanese corporation.

I decided to learn Japanese because I could speak the language only a little bit at that time so I wanted to become able to speak fluently.

The Kumon Method is very interesting for me. Although I forget things easily, homework can remind me very efficiently of what I have already memorized. To my surprise, I can remember things quickly after doing some repetitions. I believe this must be the best method for me.

Also, Kumon's learning style allows me to have some control over my learning. If I went to another Japanese school, I would have to study for many hours a day at that school, and also at home. As I am also busy with my job and living with my family, there is no way I could continue without being in control of my study. I want to freely study at my own pace, which I think is the style that enables us to keep studying for a longer period of time.

After I started to study at Kumon, I became able to understand Japan better.

If you don't understand Japanese, you will feel uncomfortable like you are in a prison.

I would like to keep studying Japanese, and become able to speak Japanese fluently in my everyday life and with my colleagues and children.



Y.I. (Brazil)

My motive for studying Japanese was to make my school life more meaningful and enjoyable. Currently I go to junior high school. When I enrolled in school, I could not speak Japanese at all. I could not understand what teachers were saying, and I

found it difficult to make friends. I realized that if my Japanese improved, my school life and study would become more meaningful and better.

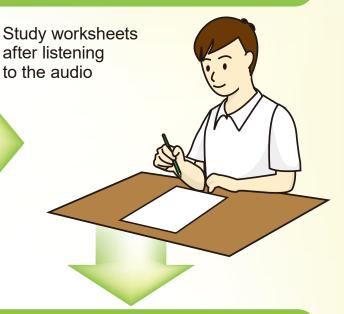
School is now what my life is all about. That's why I don't have plenty of time. Kumon makes it easy for me to study Japanese, because I can study at my own pace. The learning material is matched to my ability. Every day I study Kumon at home after school. Doing that, my Japanese ability is improving day by day. Since I started Kumon, I have made lots of friends, and I've been enjoying my school life.

# Study Procedures at the Center

## Listening to the audio



## Studying worksheets



## Reading aloud in front of the instructor

Have your instructor listen to your oral reading

## Oral reading practices

Practice oral reading on the worksheets with a CD mark



In addition to studying at the Center two days a week\*, you should also study at home on the other days. \*Center days and hours differ depending on the Center.

## What is the Kumon **Method of Learning?**

## Students start their study from the easy sections

Based on the result of the Diagnostic Test you took at the time of enrollment, your instructor will decide where you will start your study. For example, if you cannot write some hiragana or katakana while you can write some kanji, you will still start with hiragana. Therefore, you may find it too easy at the beginning, but you will start with your weaknesses and master them.

### Instructors won't give you lectures

The worksheets are structured in small steps and include some clues such as example problems and hints that allow you to think on your own and advance your study smoothly through self-learning. Your instructors however will give you advice as needed.

#### Students time their study

Based on the number of mistakes and the time you needed, your instructor will judge whether or not you have mastered the learning content. You are therefore requested to write the time you started and ended your study so that your instructor can decide if you should advance to the next set of worksheets.

#### Students may repeat the same worksheets

At Kumon students may be requested to repeat the same worksheets several times so that they can fully master the learning content they have studied. This is because instead of rushing to advance to the next section, it is most important to move on only after fully mastering each topic.



## **How to Enroll**

## **Choose the Center either by:**

- Searching for a Center on our website.
- Finding a Center on the Center list in the information materials.
- Contacting us by telephone or e-mail.



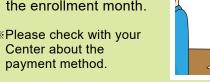
## Make a reservation

 Make an appointment with the instructor of the center.



#### At the Center

- Fill out and submit the Application Form.
- · Pay the tuition fee for the enrollment month.
- \*Please check with your Center about the payment method.



- Take the Diagnostic Test.
- **\*Only those who have some experience of** studying Japanese.

Monthly tuition		
Center location	Tokyo/Kanagawa prefecture	Other Area
Senior high school students and older (16 years old and above)	<b>9,720</b> yen	<b>9,180</b> yen
Junior high school students (13 to 15 years old)	<b>8,640</b> yen	<b>8,100</b> yen
Elementary school students (12 years old and under)	<b>7,560</b> yen	<b>7,020</b> yen

- An enrollment fee is not required.
- The age segmentation is based on the Japanese school system. (The age segmentation is based on the Japanese school system.)
- Consumption tax and the learning materials fee are included in the tuition fee

#### For details

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