

FAQ for Japanese Language

Why to learn a foreign language?

Friends, there is no age bar for learning a foreign language. It not only helps for educational development but increases your communication and thinking ability and gives you a new perspective in your personal, professional, social and economic development.

Why to learn Japanese ?

In last few years, Indo-Japanese Relations have increased many fold. Both Governments are looking forward to enhance business, trade relations, cultural Exchanges and Educational opportunities. Currently there are 15,000 Japanese Knowing professionals are working in India, but this demand will be doubled as in next few years around 30,000 Japanese companies would be entering in India. These companies will definitely prefer Japanese Knowing professionals in all fields like Automobile, Pharmaceuticals, IT, Marketing, Finance, Chemical, Biotechnology etc. So knowledge of Japanese language and culture will play dominant role in job opportunities.

What are the Carrier opportunity and Avenues ?



Opportunities and Avenues

- ◆ IT sector
- ◆ MNCs and Foreign Banks
- ◆ Hotel Industry
- ◆ Catering
- ◆ Hotels & Cruise lines
- ◆ Travel and Tourism
- ◆ Airlines
- ◆ Call Centres and BPOs
- ◆ Japanese subsidiaries and joint ventures in India
- ◆ Translator and Interpreter
- ◆ Teaching
- ◆ Consulates
- ◆ Trade Commissions
- ◆ Cultural Institutes

What is the Outline of the Course ?

- ◆ Japanese language course will be conducted to learn Japanese Language thoroughly from all aspects viz. Reading, writing and speaking and listening.
- ◆ The course is designed to enable students to prepare for Japanese language examination namely JLPT (Japanese language Proficiency Test)
- ◆ Each course will be conducted for a year wherein Japanese script Writing, Reading, Conversations, Grammar, Language structure will be extensively covered.

What kind of Textbooks and material is prescribed ?

The books and other material will be brought directly from Japan under advice of a reputed Japanese language school in Tokyo namely "Ichikawa Nihongo Gakuin".

The course material will include textbook with 20 lessons, 4 CDs and 3 more books. Apart from that, few other textbooks which are popularly used in Japan are also given to the students for practice.

What are the parts of syllabus ?

- ◆ Verbs and their patterns, different forms and tenses
- ◆ Adjectives and their Usages
- ◆ Particles
- ◆ Nouns & Pronouns
- ◆ Adverbs
- ◆ Conjunctions and Interjections
- ◆ Counting systems
- ◆ Sentence forms
- ◆ Greetings and Expressions
- ◆ Honorific Usages and manners
- ◆ Business Etiquettes
- ◆ Colloquial Expressions

What are the fees for Japanese courses? Are the fee for all the levels same ?

- Japanese language course is designed for 5 levels. Of which, fees for level 5 and 4 are Rs. 10,000 respectively. Whereas we are charging Rs. 11, 000 for N3 level , N2 level – Rs. 11,000 & N1 Level – Rs 12,000.

In order to work as a professional how many levels of Japanese are required?

- It mainly depends on which field a professional would like to work in. If a professional is working in India, level N3 or N4 could be sufficient. But some of the companies in Japan prefer at least level N2, as you may have to interact and work in complete Japanese atmosphere. But IT professionals working as programmers or similar levels can comfortably manage with level N4.

Does the institute provide placements after completion of all the levels ?

- VPM can not guarantee any placement, but if the student has acquired desired proficiency in reading, writing and speaking, the resumes can be forwarded to some of the known placement agencies in India as well as Japan.

What are JLPT examinations? Where are they being held ?

JLPT exams are termed as **Japanese Language proficiency Test** conducted by Japan Foundation. Japan foundation is an autonomous body of Japan Government which is aimed at promoting Japanese language and culture in foreign countries. These are the authorised tests conducted world wide for analysing reading and listening proficiency of students. VPM Japanese language courses will also incorporate improving conversational ability of students. JLPT Examinations are currently held in Mumbai in Narsi Monji College.

Besides the course fees how much do we have to pay for registration of JLPT exam or any other exam conducted by any other reputed institute?

JLPT examination fees have to be paid to Japan Foundation directly along with Application form. The fees vary as per level as Rs 500 to Rs 800.

What are the days and timings of the course?

VPM usually arranges the days and timing as per groups convenience, preferably on weekends. But if the timing are suitable we may arrange the course twice a week, 2 session of 2 hrs each, one lecture on weekday and one on weekend.

What is the duration of course for each level of Japanese? How many years or months will it take if we want to complete all the levels required to be eligible as a professional ?

VPM conducts each level for a year as a part of its extensive course with reading, script writing, listening, and test paper series. Thus in all a student can finish all levels in 4 to 5 years.

What is the syllabus for JLPT Exam level N5 ?

4	Writing-vocabulary Listening <u>Reading-grammar</u> Total	25min. 25min. <u>50min.</u> 100min	100points 100points <u>200points</u> 400points	The examinee has mastered the basic elements of grammar, knows around 100 kanji and 800 words, has the ability to engage in simple conversation and read and write short, simple sentences. This level is normally reached after studying Japanese for around 150 hours and after completion of the first half of an elementary course. (VPM will arrange a 24 Lessons Course, 2 classes a week, every class will be conducted for 2 hours, depending upon the actual status VPM may extend the duration to 7 months)
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What types of scholarships are offered in Japan ?

- ◆ Japanese Government (Monbukagakusho: MEXT) Scholarships
- ◆ Scholarships by JASSO - Honors Scholarship" for privately financed international students has been provided by JASSO
- ◆ Scholarships by local governments and international associations
- ◆ Scholarships by private foundations
- ◆ Scholarships available abroad

These scholarships are offered for Graduation, postgraduation and research as well. Apart from these scholarships, the Universities may select some students and offer scholarships under various programs. Japanese Universities are Autonomous and have freedom to implement various educational programs.

What type of salary package a Japanese knowing professional gets?

The salary varies as per field. A translator can earn Rs. 400 to Rs 1000 per page depending upon his skills. An interpreter may even earn Rs 4000 to Rs 12,000 a day. IT professionals or Marketing

professionals can earn high salaries in Japan and India. Overall, The language skills helps in facilitating the communication, ideas and concepts, which play emmece role in business.

Is it true that there is more scope for Japanese language in IT sector?

There are many Japanese and Indian MNCs working in IT sector and Japanese people respects indian intelligence. Currently there are around 6000 Indians working in Tokyo and most of them are working in IT. But other sectors like Automobiles, pharmaceutical, chemical, biotechnology, infrastructure are equally growing in India and offer various opportunities at all the levels.

We heard that as compared to other languages Japanese language is the most difficult?

As compared to German and French, we indian find that Japanese language script is difficult, as Chinese characters are the part of this language. But since the grammatical structure of Marathi or Hindi & Japanese is alike, it becomes very easy to understand and form sentences in Japanese. Besides, we get used to learn different characters, learning Japanese becomes a fun.

□ Could you please elaborate about the scripts that we learn in Japanese?

Japanese language called Nihongo is characterized with 3 basic scripts namely Hiragana, Katakana and Kanji - means Chinese characters.

Hiragana is basic Japanese script. E.g. □□□□□□□□ □aa, I, u, e, o)

Katakana script is specially developed for writing all foreign words in Japanese. For e.g. America (□□□□□

Kanji or Chinese characters are the important part of this language. Each character symbolizes special meaning or meanings and has one or more pronunciations.

Each Chinese character has at least one Chinese pronunciation called Onyomi and one Japanese pronunciation namely Kunyomi. This makes the language learning very interesting. The example can be stated as □□□□Water. Chinese pronunciation is Sui □□□□ and Japanese pronunciation is Mizu.

Do we need a different type of software for Japanese script?

Japanese script can be comfortably read and written with English O.S. You may have to install Japanese font by using microsoft windows installation CD. Typing in Japanese is possible with NJ Star or such softwares.

Will the institute arrange for any cultural exchange programs ?

- ◆ VPM is associated with Authorized Japanese Institutions which helps us in participating Students Exchange Program like JENESYS. This is a program organized by Japan Foundation, wherein Indian students get opportunity to visit Japan for a period of 10 days. All expenses will be borne by Japan Government. The students get opportunity to visit famous Japanese companies, Japanese Universities & Schools, Sightseeing / Historical spots along with two days of Home stay.
- ◆ VPM also takes effort to organize the seminars for Internship in Japan.
- ◆ Japanese Film shows are organized.
- ◆ VPM students do take part in Cultural Festivals organized by Japanese Consulate.
- ◆ We arrange visits of Japanese Guests (whenever possible) for interaction with Students.

