

## Japanese Communication

### Private Tutoring

Welcome to GEOS! These lessons will help you develop basic language skills you will need to socialize in a Japanese-speaking environment. We will focus on building up your confidence as you learn Japanese and will give you the tools and skills you will need to be able to interact with other native speakers. Communication is the main objective for these classes but the other 4 skills of reading, writing, listening and grammar are also included. You will learn both Katakana and Hiragana.

You will be tested / evaluated prior to your first lesson to determine your starting level. The lesson objectives provided here are intended to act as a guide and may change based on your needs, abilities and interests. All lessons are taught by certified native Japanese instructors.

### Lesson Objectives

#### Students at a beginner level should be able to:

1. Speak with other Japanese speakers in common everyday greetings like introducing oneself, using transportation, ordering in a restaurant, shopping, and talking about your hobbies and family.
2. Have basic tools to help you start and follow a basic conversation with native speakers without being afraid of making mistakes.
3. Identify basic pronunciation features in Japanese and replicate native-like pronunciation of words and phrases.
4. Learn and appreciate different ways people see the world.
5. Develop some basic reading and writing skills necessary to function well in an Japanese-speaking country
6. Understand your learning style and be able to check your own progress.

#### Students at an intermediate level should be able to:

1. Communicate comfortably in most common situations.
2. Increase the number of useful everyday vocabulary you need to communicate basic ideas.
3. Increase your fluency and sophistication levels when talking about common daily topics such as describing situations, requesting information, making suggestions, making hotel reservations, and reading letters.
4. Refine and expand the use of grammar needed to function effectively. Various verb tenses will be introduced.
5. Expand your reading skills necessary to interpret authentic articles written by Japanese speakers.
6. Develop writing skills needed to describe desires, facts and opinions.
7. Understand your learning style and be able to check your own progress.
8. Learn and appreciate different ways people see the world.



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**Students at an advanced level should be able to:**

1. Expand the topics you can discuss and understand in Japanese to topics less familiar to you.
2. Extend your knowledge and use of grammar and vocabulary.
3. Speak Japanese fluently – that is, express a wide range of ideas without unnecessary pauses or breakdowns in communication.
4. Use an acceptable standard of pronunciation and grammar when communicating.
5. Using honorific and casual expressions appropriate to a variety of situations.

Textbooks and materials will be determined by the instructor based on the individual student's ability and needs.