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LANGUAGE CHECKLIST

Japanese Syllabus Checklist

Tick off what you can do, and find the course and chapter that teaches it.

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What you can learn here, and where

✅ Your Japanese Checklist

This page lists what the Japanese courses on this site teach, as things you can do. Tick an item when you can do it, and use the last column to find the course and chapter that teaches it. Print the PDF to keep a copy that you can tick with a pen.

HOW TO USE THIS PAGE

The sections follow the order of the courses: **reading and writing kana**, **everyday situations** (Japanese Basic Conversation 1 to 4), and the **grammar track** (Japanese Grammar 1 to 4). The level tags in the headings (A1 to B2) are rough guides on the European scale, not promises. **Kanji is not on this page**: it is a separate track. Ticks on the website are not saved when you leave the page, so the printable PDF is the way to keep your progress.

1. Reading and writing kana

The kana courses have many short chapters, so these items group them into skills.

Hiragana

	I CAN...	WHERE TO LEARN IT
☐	read and write the 46 basic hiragana	**Hiragana 1**, Chapters 1 to 18
☐	read and write the voiced and half-voiced sounds (が ざ だ ば ぱ)	**Hiragana 2**, Chapters 1 to 10
☐	read and write small っ and the long vowels	**Hiragana 3**, Chapters 1 to 2
☐	read and write the combined sounds (きゃ しゅ ちょ)	**Hiragana 3**, Chapters 3 to 8
☐	read the particles は, へ and を as *wa*, *e* and *o*	**Hiragana 3**, Chapter 9 (Particles)

	I CAN...	WHERE TO LEARN IT
☐	read signs, a menu and a short text in hiragana	**Hiragana 3**, Chapter 10 (Reading Practice)

Katakana

	I CAN...	WHERE TO LEARN IT
☐	read and write the 46 basic katakana, including the long-vowel mark ー	**Katakana 1**, Chapters 1 to 18
☐	read and write the voiced and half-voiced katakana	**Katakana 2**, Chapters 1 to 5
☐	read and write small ッ	**Katakana 2**, Chapter 6 (Small Tsu)
☐	read and write the combined sounds in katakana	**Katakana 2**, Chapters 7 to 8
☐	read and write the extended sounds (ファ ティ ウィ)	**Katakana 2**, Chapters 9 to 10
☐	read katakana in real life and write my name	**Katakana 2**, Chapter 11 (Katakana in Real Life)
☐	read an advert and a menu in katakana	**Katakana 2**, Chapter 12 (Reading Practice)

Rhythm

	I CAN...	WHERE TO LEARN IT
☐	keep the beat in Japanese: moras, long vowels, small っ and pitch	**Japanese Grammar 1**, Chapter 2 (Sounds and Writing)

2. Everyday situations

The four Basic Conversation courses teach what to say in each situation, with dialogs. Each course has twelve chapters.

Japanese Basic Conversation 1 (about A1)

	I CAN...	WHERE TO LEARN IT
☐	greet people, say goodbye, thank and apologise, in polite and casual forms	**Japanese Basic Conversation 1**, Chapter 1 (Greetings & Goodbyes)
☐	introduce myself and use さん and the other titles	**Japanese Basic Conversation 1**, Chapter 2 (Introducing Yourself)
☐	count from 0 to 100, say my age, and give a phone number and email address	**Japanese Basic Conversation 1**, Chapter 3 (Numbers, Age & Contact Details)
☐	say where I am from, with nationalities and languages	**Japanese Basic Conversation 1**, Chapter 4 (Where You're From: Countries & Nationalities)
☐	talk about my family and count people	**Japanese Basic Conversation 1**, Chapter 5 (Talking About Your Family)
☐	say what I do and where I work or study	**Japanese Basic Conversation 1**, Chapter 6 (Talking About Your Job)
☐	give days, dates and the time	**Japanese Basic Conversation 1**, Chapter 7 (Days, Dates & Time)
☐	order food and drink at a café	**Japanese Basic Conversation 1**, Chapter 8 (Ordering Food & Drink at a Café)
☐	shop, ask prices and pay	**Japanese Basic Conversation 1**, Chapter 9 (Shopping & Prices)
☐	ask for and understand directions	**Japanese Basic Conversation 1**, Chapter 10 (Asking for Directions)
☐	book a hotel and stay there	**Japanese Basic Conversation 1**, Chapter 11 (Booking a Hotel)
☐	buy tickets and find platforms and stops	**Japanese Basic Conversation 1**, Chapter 12 (Trains, Buses & Tickets)

Japanese Basic Conversation 2 (A1 to A2)

	I CAN...	WHERE TO LEARN IT
☐	describe my daily routine with the ます-form	**Japanese Basic Conversation 2**, Chapter 1 (Your Daily Routine)

	I CAN...	WHERE TO LEARN IT
☐	say what I like and what I am good at	**Japanese Basic Conversation 2**, Chapter 2 (Hobbies & Free Time)
☐	invite, suggest and say what I want to do	**Japanese Basic Conversation 2**, Chapter 3 (Plans & Invitations)
☐	describe people, places and things with adjectives	**Japanese Basic Conversation 2**, Chapter 4 (Describing Things)
☐	describe my home and neighbourhood	**Japanese Basic Conversation 2**, Chapter 5 (Home & Neighbourhood)
☐	talk about the weather and the seasons	**Japanese Basic Conversation 2**, Chapter 6 (Weather & Seasons)
☐	eat out: order, ask for things and state allergies	**Japanese Basic Conversation 2**, Chapter 7 (Eating Out)
☐	go to the doctor and the pharmacy, and name parts of the body	**Japanese Basic Conversation 2**, Chapter 8 (Doctor & Pharmacy)
☐	talk about the past	**Japanese Basic Conversation 2**, Chapter 9 (Talking About the Past)
☐	make phone calls and bookings	**Japanese Basic Conversation 2**, Chapter 10 (Phone Calls & Appointments)
☐	give opinions and reasons	**Japanese Basic Conversation 2**, Chapter 11 (Opinions & Preferences)
☐	ask for help when something goes wrong	**Japanese Basic Conversation 2**, Chapter 12 (When Things Go Wrong)

Japanese Basic Conversation 3 (A2 to B1)

	I CAN...	WHERE TO LEARN IT
☐	buy clothes, ask for a size and return an item	**Japanese Basic Conversation 3**, Chapter 1 (Buying Clothes)
☐	plan a trip and say what I plan to do	**Japanese Basic Conversation 3**, Chapter 2 (Planning a Trip)

	I CAN...	WHERE TO LEARN IT
☐	use the post office and the bank, and pay bills	**Japanese Basic Conversation 3**, Chapter 3 (Post Office & Bank)
☐	look for a home and rent it	**Japanese Basic Conversation 3**, Chapter 4 (Finding a Home)
☐	apply for a job and say what I can do and have done	**Japanese Basic Conversation 3**, Chapter 5 (Work & Careers)
☐	take part in meetings and say what I must or need not do	**Japanese Basic Conversation 3**, Chapter 6 (At Work)
☐	tell my own story: childhood, school and life so far	**Japanese Basic Conversation 3**, Chapter 7 (Your Life Story)
☐	talk about phones, the internet and the news	**Japanese Basic Conversation 3**, Chapter 8 (Technology & Media)
☐	give advice and say what might be	**Japanese Basic Conversation 3**, Chapter 9 (Advice & Suggestions)
☐	express wishes and say what I would do	**Japanese Basic Conversation 3**, Chapter 10 (Wishes & Dreams)
☐	talk about customs, festivals and traditions	**Japanese Basic Conversation 3**, Chapter 11 (Customs & Festivals)
☐	talk about settling in abroad and making friends	**Japanese Basic Conversation 3**, Chapter 12 (Living Abroad)

Japanese Basic Conversation 4 (B1)

	I CAN...	WHERE TO LEARN IT
☐	talk about sport, diet and healthy living	**Japanese Basic Conversation 4**, Chapter 1 (Health & Fitness)
☐	follow a recipe and talk about cooking	**Japanese Basic Conversation 4**, Chapter 2 (Cooking & Recipes)
☐	talk about cars, driving and traffic rules	**Japanese Basic Conversation 4**, Chapter 3 (Driving & Cars)

	I CAN…	WHERE TO LEARN IT
☐	deal with forms, official letters and formal phrases	**Japanese Basic Conversation 4**, Chapter 4 (Offices & Paperwork)
☐	talk about courses, studying and exams	**Japanese Basic Conversation 4**, Chapter 5 (Learning & Education)
☐	shop online and make a complaint	**Japanese Basic Conversation 4**, Chapter 6 (Online Shopping)
☐	tell a story or anecdote and say what happened next	**Japanese Basic Conversation 4**, Chapter 7 (Telling a Story)
☐	talk about films, books, music and reviews	**Japanese Basic Conversation 4**, Chapter 8 (Culture & Entertainment)
☐	talk about nature, climate and the environment	**Japanese Basic Conversation 4**, Chapter 9 (Nature & Environment)
☐	talk about relationships, weddings and celebrations	**Japanese Basic Conversation 4**, Chapter 10 (Relationships & Celebrations)
☐	discuss issues, agree and disagree, and soften a refusal	**Japanese Basic Conversation 4**, Chapter 11 (Discussing Issues)
☐	talk about my plans and goals	**Japanese Basic Conversation 4**, Chapter 12 (Looking Ahead)

3. The grammar track

The four grammar courses explain how the language works, with tables, examples and practice. The Chapter 1 overviews and the review chapters (“Putting It Together”) are not listed as items, and Japanese Grammar 1, Chapter 2 is in section 1.

Japanese Grammar 1: sentences, particles and polite verbs (A1 to A2)

	I CAN…	WHERE TO LEARN IT
☐	use nouns, numbers and the common counters	**Japanese Grammar 1**, Chapter 3 (Nouns, Numbers & Counters)

	I CAN...	WHERE TO LEARN IT
☐	make sentences with *は* and *です*	**Japanese Grammar 1**, Chapter 4 (は, です & the Copula)
☐	use the particles が, を, に, で and へ	**Japanese Grammar 1**, Chapter 5 (The Core Particles I)
☐	use the particles と, や, から, まで, より, だけ and しか	**Japanese Grammar 1**, Chapter 6 (The Core Particles II)
☐	use *これ, それ, あれ, あります* and *います* and the location words	**Japanese Grammar 1**, Chapter 7 (This, That & Where)
☐	form and use the polite verbs	**Japanese Grammar 1**, Chapter 8 (Polite Verbs)
☐	use *i*- and *na*-adjectives	**Japanese Grammar 1**, Chapter 9 (Adjectives)
☐	ask yes/no questions and use the question words	**Japanese Grammar 1**, Chapter 10 (Questions)
☐	say what I want, invite and request	**Japanese Grammar 1**, Chapter 11 (Wants, Invitations & Requests)

Japanese Grammar 2: the *te*-form, plain forms and intention (A2)

	I CAN...	WHERE TO LEARN IT
☐	form the *te*-form	**Japanese Grammar 2**, Chapter 2 (The Te-Form)
☐	use the *te*-form for requests, progress, permission and sequences	**Japanese Grammar 2**, Chapter 3 (Te-Form Uses I)
☐	use the *te*-form to try, prepare, finish, prohibit and say "even if"	**Japanese Grammar 2**, Chapter 4 (Te-Form Uses II)
☐	form and use the *ない*-form	**Japanese Grammar 2**, Chapter 5 (The Nai-Form)
☐	form and use the plain forms	**Japanese Grammar 2**, Chapter 6 (The Plain Forms)

	I CAN...	WHERE TO LEARN IT
☐	choose between polite and plain speech	**Japanese Grammar 2**, Chapter 7 (Polite or Plain)
☐	say what I can do, with the potential forms	**Japanese Grammar 2**, Chapter 8 (Can Do)
☐	say what I intend and decide	**Japanese Grammar 2**, Chapter 9 (Volitional and Intention)
☐	say what I want and what is changing	**Japanese Grammar 2**, Chapter 10 (Wanting and Becoming)
☐	turn verbs into nouns with こと and の	**Japanese Grammar 2**, Chapter 11 (Koto and No)

Japanese Grammar 3: clauses, conditionals, passive and causative (B1)

	I CAN...	WHERE TO LEARN IT
☐	build relative clauses	**Japanese Grammar 3**, Chapter 2 (Relative Clauses)
☐	give reasons and purposes	**Japanese Grammar 3**, Chapter 3 (Reasons and Purposes)
☐	use the conditionals と and ば	**Japanese Grammar 3**, Chapter 4 (Conditionals I)
☐	use the conditionals たら and なら, and choose between all four	**Japanese Grammar 3**, Chapter 5 (Conditionals II)
☐	use time clauses	**Japanese Grammar 3**, Chapter 6 (Time Clauses)
☐	quote speech and give opinions	**Japanese Grammar 3**, Chapter 7 (Quoting and Opinion)
☐	say what looks, sounds or is reported to be so	**Japanese Grammar 3**, Chapter 8 (Hearsay and Appearance)
☐	use giving and receiving verbs	**Japanese Grammar 3**, Chapter 9 (Giving and Receiving)

	I CAN...	WHERE TO LEARN IT
☐	form and use the passive	**Japanese Grammar 3**, Chapter 10 (The Passive)
☐	form and use the causative	**Japanese Grammar 3**, Chapter 11 (Causative)

Japanese Grammar 4: register, formal Japanese and style (B1 to B2)

	I CAN...	WHERE TO LEARN IT
☐	use honorific language	**Japanese Grammar 4**, Chapter 2 (Honorific Language)
☐	use humble language	**Japanese Grammar 4**, Chapter 3 (Humble Language)
☐	use business Japanese: set phrases, emails and the telephone	**Japanese Grammar 4**, Chapter 4 (Business Japanese)
☐	recognise the written style	**Japanese Grammar 4**, Chapter 5 (Written Style)
☐	tell apart the particles *は* and *が*, *に* and *で*, and use the focus particles	**Japanese Grammar 4**, Chapter 6 (Particles in Depth)
☐	use adverbs and the sentence-final particles	**Japanese Grammar 4**, Chapter 7 (Adverbs and Final Particles)
☐	recognise and use onomatopoeia	**Japanese Grammar 4**, Chapter 8 (Onomatopoeia)
☐	read kanji compounds, and guess a word I have not met	**Japanese Grammar 4**, Chapter 9 (Kanji Compounds)
☐	link sentences with connectors	**Japanese Grammar 4**, Chapter 10 (Connectors)
☐	recognise idioms, proverbs and slang	**Japanese Grammar 4**, Chapter 11 (Idiom and Slang)

4. Not yet on this site

Some things are not taught yet, so this checklist does not claim them.

- There are **no Intermediate or Advanced Japanese conversation courses** yet. When they are written, this page will gain new sections.
- **Kanji is not part of this checklist.** It is its own track. Only a few kanji are recognised in the Basic courses (the seven-kanji spotlight in Japanese Basic Conversation 1, road signs in Japanese Basic Conversation 4), and kanji compounds are covered in Japanese Grammar 4, Chapter 9.
- Reading long original texts, writing at length and listening practice are not covered.
- Regional dialects are not covered.

About accuracy

Every chapter ends with a “Not Yet Verified” box that says which facts were checked by a web search and which come from general knowledge. No chapter was checked against a dictionary or by a native speaker. If you plan to rely on a form, check it with a dictionary, a teacher or a native speaker, especially verb forms, honorific and humble language, and anything you plan to say to someone in a formal setting.

Keep going. Revisit a chapter whenever an item on this list is still unticked. The grammar chapters each have a quick-reference table for a fast check.