

TOP 15 JAPANESE LEARNING HACKS & TIPS

What's the best way to learn Japanese? How do you start speaking? Are there any special tricks? Save and review this PDF whenever you're looking for ideas and resources.

1. Start Learning Japanese with the Recommended Learning Pathway

Based on your learning level, you've been assigned a Learning Pathway (from Level 1 for Absolute Beginners to Level 5 for Advanced.) This is your starting point and we'll guide you from lesson 1, to 2, to 3... from Absolute Beginner to Advanced.

[Click here to access your Learning Pathway](#)

* You can always find your assigned Pathway waiting for you on the Dashboard.

2. Aiming for Fluency? How to Take Your Japanese to the Next Level

Martial arts have belts. The Olympics have medals. And language learning has learning levels.

If you're an Absolute Beginner learning with the Level 1 Pathway, you should aim to complete the Level 1 pathway and then move onto Level 2, and so on. Your ultimate goal is to reach and complete Level 5 - Advanced Japanese.

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3. Shadow the Japanese Conversations to Start Speaking

Shadowing is a tested learning technique where you repeat what you hear. As you take a lesson, shadow the lesson dialogue along the way. You can also shadow individual lines of the dialogue with the Line-by-Line Audio Dialogue inside the lessons.

4. Want Feedback from Our Teachers? Leave a Comment

The best way to master the Japanese you learn is to use it! So, after you are done with a lesson, leave a comment and our teachers will reply to you!

5. Practice Speaking with the Pronunciation Practice Tool

In the Line-by-Line Audio Dialogue, you will find the microphone icon next to every line.

Click on it to record your voice and compare with the native speakers.

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6. “Help! I Forget What I Learn!”

Actually, forgetting is normal! According to studies, whenever you learn something new, expect that you will forget 70% of it the next day. That’s because our brains work hard to determine what’s important for survival and what can be forgotten. But, you can remember better by practicing with the tips in this PDF and study tools at JapanesePod101.



7. How to Never Forget the Japanese You’ve Learned

We learned to hate tests in schools... but tests are a powerful way to learn. That’s because the process of trying to remember an answer actually makes your memory better. This strategy is called Active Recall. And that’s why after every few lessons, you’ll get Multiple-Choice or Hand-Graded Assessments.

Assessments test you on the Japanese you’ve learned to keep your memory sharp. Don’t worry about failing - it’s all practice afterall. You can always retake the Assessments for a better grade.

* You’ll find Assessments peppered throughout your Learning Pathway.

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8. You'll Understand Spoken Japanese Better if You Read Along

Feel overwhelmed by how fast native speakers speak? If you could only follow along with a transcript. Well, you can. All lessons come include a Line-by-Line Audio Dialogue breakdown and a transcript of everything that's said. Read along and you'll never miss a word.



9. Easy Way to Boost Your Japanese Vocabulary Every Day

The Word of the Day is a free tool that sends you new Japanese words everyday along with their meanings and sample sentences. This is the easiest way to start learning a little bit of Japanese every day.

[Click here to sign up!](#)

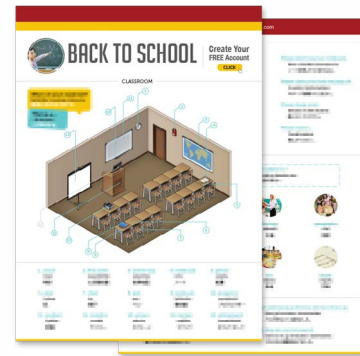
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10. Don't Miss Out on FREE PDF Cheat Sheets & Workbooks!

Every month, we email members the new Free Gifts of the Month. These are bonus resources:

Japanese PDF cheat sheets,
PDF workbooks,
vocabulary lists and more.

So, keep an eye on your email inbox. If you want to get the latest batch, then [click here](#).



11. Make Use of Your Spare Time - Use the App

If you have spare time while commuting to work or at lunch, squeeze in a quick JapanesePod101 lesson. (Lessons are just 3-15 minutes long so it will be a breeze.) And you can do so with our App - Innovative Language Learning. [Click here to get the app](#).

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12. Consistency is FAR More Important Than “Learning for Hours”

Most people are afraid of learning a language because their first image is sitting at a desk for hours.

But, cramming for hours has never been a good way to learn anything. According to studies, when it comes to building habits, consistency and frequency are far more important than the upfront hours you put in.

So, you can learn for 5, 10 or 20 minutes a day but try to never miss a day.

13. Immerse Yourself in Japanese Conversations

Every lesson comes with a dialogue track that gives you just the conversation. If you're learning with our app, Innovative Language Learning, you can set the dialogue tracks on autoplay and immerse yourself.

1. Just go to Menu > Settings
2. Tap on Autoplay
 - a. Make sure Autoplay is on
 - b. Turn on Dialogue, turn off the other tracks,
 - c. Set Play next lessons to “on”
3. And immerse yourself.

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14. Want to Learn the Japanese Alphabet in 1 Hour or Less?

Get our FREE printable PDF worksheet ([click here](#)), print it out and practice writing.

15. Is My Japanese Getting Any Better?

Language learning is not like weight training, where you can start to see some muscle in the mirror. But, there are ways to see your progress.

- Take the “Exam” assessments in the pathway to test yourself
- Check your “overall grade” in your current Pathway
- Listen to the lesson dialogues from completed lessons. If you understand everything, then that’s a good sign.
- Practice with our Japanese teachers via [Premium PLUS My Teacher](#).

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