

## Japanese Language Classes

By Association for Japanese-Language Teaching (AJALT)

<http://www.ajalt.org/>

Welcome to the Japanese Language Classes for JSPS Summer Program 2018.

During this 7.5-hour language program, you will

1. Practice real-life conversations with good pronunciation
2. Learn words and phrases and how to use them
3. Study the Japanese writing and phonetical systems, as well as key points in grammar (for those who are new to the Japanese language)

Even if you have a prior experience studying Japanese, you will also be able to further expand your skill set. You will be required to participate actively. The more you put in, the more you will learn.

You will be split into ten groups based on your answers to our questionnaire you can see in “Air Tickets and Orientation Session & Homestay Arrangement”. Please send your reply to JSPS by May 9.

If you have any question about the questionnaire or any comment on the classes, please email to the following address:

[jsps2018sp@ajalt.or.jp](mailto:jsps2018sp@ajalt.or.jp)

The outline of the proficiency levels of each class are as follows:

Beginner: no previous experience studying Japanese

Elementary 1: some knowledge of Japanese through independent studies, etc.

Elementary 2: have some formal language education in classrooms

Intermediate: have completed the study of the basic grammar

Upper-intermediate: have completed the study of basic grammar and is able to carry everyday conversations

Advanced: have majored/is majoring in Japanese or has lived in Japan

The classes will be taught by the AJALT instructors with extensive experience teaching Japanese. AJALT has also created a series of textbooks used by students of all proficiency levels. During the session, each student will receive an AJALT-developed textbook chosen for his/her proficiency level. You will also learn how to use these textbooks.

We also encourage you to check out the web sites and smartphone apps, which are designed to help you study independently. Some of them are listed on the next page.

Please also take a look at the links below:

<http://www.ajalt.org/english/links/>

[Enjoy Learning Online Japanese](#)

## Useful Apps and Websites for Independent Study

### I. Smartphone Apps

#### ➤ Japanese for Busy People I

- -License Type : Commercial
- -Compatibility: iOS ,Android
- This App is a supplementary study material complementing the Japanese for Busy People I textbook.



#### ➤ Imiwa?

- -License Type : Free
- -Compatibility : iOS
- A comprehensive Kanji app that lets you look up characters by entering words in English or Hiragana or by parts, depending on your proficiency.



#### ➤ Google Translation

- -License Type : Free
- -Compatibility : Android, iOS



#### ➤ YUBISASHI JAPAN touch&talk

- -License Type : Free
- -Compatibility : Android, iOS
- Basic vocabularies are listed by the different situations that are directly linked to travel in Japan. By tapping on the words you want to know, you can listen to the native speaker's pronunciations as many times as you like.



#### ➤ NAVITIME for Japan Travel

- -License Type : Free
- -Compatibility : Android, iOS
- The transportation system in Japan, including one of the largest metropolises, Tokyo, is so complicated that it is difficult to go around on your own, but it has many attractions. Our app will resolve the following problems which are commonly faced by overseas tourists.



## II. Websites

- Enjoy Online Japanese-AJALT  
<http://www.ajalt.org/online/>
- Japanese Pod 101  
<https://www.japanesepod101.com/>
- RōmajiDesu  
<http://www.romajidesu.com/>
- 英辞郎(EIJIRO) on the WEB  
<http://www.alc.co.jp/>
- Japanese Learner's Dictionary  
<http://dictionary.j-cat.org/>
- POPjisho  
<http://www.popjisyo.com/WebHint/Portal.aspx>
- YOUR NAME IN JAPANESE  
<http://japanesetranslator.co.uk/dictionaries/your-name-in-japanese/>
- sci.lang.japan Frequently Asked Questions  
<http://www.sljfaq.org/afaq/afaq.html>
- NIHONGO NAVIGATOR  
<http://nihongonavigator.com/>
- Erin's Challenge! I can speak Japanese  
<https://www.erin.ne.jp/en/>
- LangMedia /Japanese in Japan  
[http://langmedia.fivecolleges.edu/collection/lm\\_japan/jaIndex.html](http://langmedia.fivecolleges.edu/collection/lm_japan/jaIndex.html)
- Japanese in Anime & Manga  
<http://anime-manga.jp/>

- OJAD: Online Japanese Accent Dictionary  
<http://www.gavo.t.u-tokyo.ac.jp/ojad/>
  
- NIHONGO-e-Na  
<http://nihongo-e-na.com/eng/>
  
- NHK NEWS WEB EASY  
<http://www3.nhk.or.jp/news/easy/>
  
- Type Japanese  
<http://www.coscom.co.jp/learnjapanese801/index.html>