

Daily Conversation: Upper Intermediate (Level 14-17)

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Level 14 (8 lessons)

【Goal】

1. Talk about each other's preferences
2. Ask questions and express one's thoughts in light of facts
3. Earn and deepen understanding of the background of Japanese language, culture and society

Lesson 1:

- Understand katakana words correctly
- Make judgments based on information and predict what will happen in the future
- Deepen understanding of Japanese language and culture through 4-panel manga

Lesson 2:

- Ask questions to others
- Distinguish and use “～wake ga nai” and “～wake deha nai”
- Understand the Japanese culture behind manga



Lesson 3:

- Emphasize and express what you want to say to others
- Guess what will change in the future
- Deepen understanding of Japanese language and culture through 4-panel manga

Lesson 4:

- Use formal expressions when making presentations
- Talk about what they like with reasons and triggers
- Understand the Japanese culture behind manga

Lesson 5:

- Explain content with specific examples and definitions
- Pick up information and ask for related information
- Deepen understanding of Japanese language and culture through 4-panel manga

Lesson 6:

- Describe the degree of an action or condition using specific examples
- Provide criteria for judgments and express your own views
- Understand the Japanese culture behind manga

Lesson 7:

- Understand taboo of numbers in Japan
- Teach taboos in your own country
- Deepen understanding of Japanese language and culture through 4-panel manga

Lesson 8:

- Give reasons and conclusions about favorite and special numbers
- Know idioms with numbers
- Understand the Japanese culture behind manga



Level 15 (8 lessons)

【Goal】

1. Clearly express one's thoughts and communicate them to others
2. Express opinions and impressions about what you have learned from what you have thought and felt
3. Earn and deepen understanding of the background of Japanese language, culture and society

Lesson 1:

- Emphasize and express a large or small quantity
- Distinguish between topics that are commonly known and topics that are known to one or both of you
- Deepen understanding of Japanese language and culture through 4-panel manga

Lesson 2:

- Draw and state conclusions from facts
- Express your own opinions about things that apply to all options
- Understand the Japanese culture behind manga

Lesson 3:

- Express one's thoughts on current issues
- Use verb forms according to grammatical expressions
- Deepen understanding of Japanese language and culture through 4-panel manga

Lesson 4:

- Describe your impressions of what you have found interesting about Japan
- Express your opinions about what you have learned since coming to Japan
- Understand the Japanese culture behind manga

Lesson 5:

- Tell when something unexpected has happened
- Understand slogans found in town
- Deepen understanding of Japanese language and culture through 4-panel manga



Lesson 6:

- Express spatial appearance and spatial movement
- Onomatopoeic words related to sound and voice, and mimetic words related to the body
- Understand the Japanese culture behind manga

Lesson 7:

- Express opinions first and then give facts
- Know the difference of onomatopoeia and mimetic words in different countries
- Deepen understanding of Japanese language and culture through 4-panel manga

Lesson 8:

- Know different sound expressions used in different countries
- Talk to people about the situation you are in and ask for their advice
- Understand the Japanese culture behind manga



Level 16 (8 lessons)

【Goal】

1. Deepen understanding of opinions that differ from your own
2. Express one's own feelings and hopes using expressions of assumption and inference
3. Earn and deepen understanding of the background of Japanese language, culture and society

Lesson 1:

- Give concrete examples of how things have changed
- Introduce details about cities and towns in your own country
- Deepen understanding of Japanese language and culture through 4-panel manga

Lesson 2:

- Use “tokoroni” and “tokorode” correctly
- Deepen your understanding of things that are unique to Japan and your own country
- Understand the Japanese culture behind manga

Lesson 3:

- Describe people's behaviors
- Understand the meaning of the words displayed in the streets
- Deepen understanding of Japanese language and culture through 4-panel manga

Lesson 4:

- Accurately describe where you are from and where you live, and explain what it is like
- Send letters and e-mails to convey current situation
- Understand the Japanese culture behind manga

Lesson 5:

- Use spoken language in conversation
- Express judgments and evaluations from a certain position
- Deepen understanding of Japanese language and culture through 4-panel manga

Lesson 6:

- Communicate informed judgments with a sense of some distance
- Present hypothetical conditions and express your own opinions
- Understand the Japanese culture behind manga



Lesson 7:

- Identify differences between decisions made by others and decisions made by yourself
- Know the words related to graphs
- Deepen understanding of Japanese language and culture through 4-panel manga

Lesson 8:

- Know the relationship between Japanese events and food customs
- Talk about what you want to say by dividing the content into the four-part structure
起 = introduction, 承 = development, 転 = turn, 結 = conclusion
- Understand the Japanese culture behind manga



Level 17 (8 lessons)

【Goal】

1. Think and speak logically
2. Draw conclusions and ideas by giving concrete examples based on facts and evidence
3. Learn and deepen understanding of the background of Japanese language, culture and society

Lesson 1:

- Think about what is necessary for each occupation and express your own opinions
- Talk about terrible memories with examples
- Deepen understanding of Japanese language and culture through 4-panel manga

Lesson 2:

- Tell minimum requirements and excessive quantities
- Add something else to what was already there
- Understand the Japanese culture behind manga

Lesson 3:

- State requests, commands, and prohibitions
- Understand the difference between conjunctions and adverbs and incorporate them into conversation
- Deepen your understanding of the Japanese language and culture through four-frame cartoons

Lesson 4:

- Express your own opinions and impressions about the positive and difficult aspects of your work
- Think about and appeal yourself to others
- Understand the Japanese culture behind manga

Lesson 5:

- Emphasize low level in quality and quantity
- Can set and talk about conditions (simple requirements)
- Deepen your understanding of the Japanese language and culture through four-frame cartoons

Lesson 6:

- Carry on a conversation with an assumption that “this is not always the case”
- Speculate on “what might cause an issue” and offer opinions based on experience
- Understand the Japanese culture behind manga



Lesson 7:

- Talk about what you are trying to do but can't quite do
- Know words related to impressions of people
- Deepen your understanding of the Japanese language and culture through four-frame cartoons

Lesson 8:

- Explain and conclude what you pay attention to when talking to new people
- State your opinion, whether you agree or disagree, and draw your own thoughts, conclusions, and ideas
- Understand the Japanese culture behind manga

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