

Daily Conversation: Upper Beginner (Level 5-8)

Textbook: みんなの日本語 初級 II



Level 5 (16 lessons)

【Goal】

1. Have a natural conversation using spoken language
2. Explain a troubling situation and make a request or apology
3. Think about what needs to be prepared and explain it

Lesson 1:

- Make sentences with “～nndesu”
- Use “～nndesuka?” and make confirmations
- Ask for an explanation of the information you want

Lesson 2:

- Ask reasons by using “～nndesuka?” and/or make response to that kind of questions
- Ask for advice using preface remarks
- Make requests using preface remarks

Lesson 3:

- Learn how to make potential verbs
- Talk about your own abilities and ask about others' abilities
- Ask what is possible at facilities, etc.



Lesson 4:

- Understand when to use “miraremasu/kikemasu” and “miemasu/kikoemasu”
- Give information about facilities and stores in the street

Lesson 5:

- Talk about two habits you're doing at the same time
- Talk about something you do habitually
- Introduce good things about your friends and family

Lesson 6:

- Explain things by giving two or more reasons
- Introduce a favorite restaurant or store with reasons
- Decline an invitation by giving reasons

Lesson 7:

- Understand differences between intransitive and transitive verbs
- Describe your surroundings using intransitive verbs
- Use different words for “broken” depending on the object

Lesson 8:

- Explain a troubling situation
- Express regret and/or disappointment
- Tell others what has been done/will be done

Lesson 9:

- Describe situations where something has already been done
- Talk and listen to what preparations need to be made before a trip or meeting

Lesson 10:

- Tell others what to do or ask what to do for the next time you use something
- Tell others to leave something as it is

Lesson 11:

- Have a natural conversation using “～nndesu”
- Use “～te imasu/～te arimasu” and “～te shimaimashita/～te okimasu” where appropriate



Lesson 12:

- Learn how to make volitional forms of verbs
- Invite people using casual expression
- Talk about what you are planning to do on holidays, etc.

Lesson 13:

- Talk about my future plans
- Tell your schedule in business scenes
- Talk about your goals and dreams for the future

Lesson 14:

- Explain symptoms of your illness or injury.
- Give advice on “what to do” and “what not to do”

Lesson 15:

- Make assumptions on the situation of the world and your country in the future.
- Imagine and talk about what you will be like in five or ten years

Lesson 16:

- Have natural conversations using spoken language
- Explain the situation you're placed in and make requests and apologies

Level 6 (16 lessons)

【Goal】

1. Talk about your goals and plans for the future
2. Explain in simple terms how to do things and in what order
3. Ask for/give advice on a variety of topics and matters

Lesson 1:

- Understand imperative and prohibitive forms
- Cheer at a sports game, etc.
- Strongly warn people about what must NOT be done

Lesson 2:

- Ask how to read a kanji which you don't know
- Be taught about meanings of words you don't know
- Politely ask to deliver a message to a certain person on the phone



Lesson 3:

- Show someone the procedure of something, understand things you've been taught from others
- Listen to directions and explanations and act accordingly

Lesson 4:

- Tell people what to do later (not now)
- Explain how to use things and cook food in order

Lesson 5:

- Learn how to make conditional forms of verbs
- Explain what changes depending on conditions
- Explain how nature changes according to seasons

Lesson 6:

- Explain a situation and ask for advice
- Respond in response to a request for your advice

Lesson 7:

- Organize and understand “~to” “~tara” “~ba/nara”
- Learn how to use verb forms learned up to L.35

Lesson 8:

- Speak using the correct verb forms according to grammatical expressions
- Use appropriate particles

Lesson 9:

- Talk about what you try to do to avoid problems
- Compare/contrast the past with the present and talk about what you've become able to do now

Lesson 10:

- Talk about the changes in customs and life in the world
- Tell what you are continuously working on to achieve your goals

Lesson 11:

- Explain rules and understand rules
- Teach people what needs to be done with caution in your country



Lesson 12:

- Learn how to make passive forms of verbs
- Talk about compliments and requests you received
- Express how you got puzzled from what you received from others

Lesson 13:

- Introduce famous buildings in my country
- Talk about events
- Understand ingredients of food and things

Lesson 14:

- Understand the words used in “~noga/nowo/noha” and incorporate them into conversation
- Talk about your favorite actions

Lesson 15:

- Deliver the points you want to convey more strongly to others
- Present more new information in conversation

Lesson 16:

- Talk about your goals and plans for the future
- Explain the procedure of things in simple terms
- Ask for and give advice

Level 7 (16 lessons)

【Goal】

1. Talk about what you're doing and what you've been able to do in relation to your goals
2. Share information with each other about what you don't know or what you are worried about
3. Politely express gratitude for what others have done for you

Lesson 1:

- Explain a situation and express your feelings
- Explain a situation and refuse an invitation
- Understand causes of accidents and disasters



Lesson 2:

- Make a polite request with reasons
- Politely state reason and ask for permission
- Explain a situation with polite reasons

Lesson 3:

- Learn cause and reason expressions such as “～te・de”, “～node・kara”
- How to use particle “～de”
- Learn various ways of counting, depending on the subject

Lesson 4:

- Understand a natural way of asking questions by asking indirectly what you want to know
- Understand words where adjectives turn into nouns and use them

Lesson 5:

- Check A or B or current situation
- Talk about what you want to challenge
- Try on clothes, shoes, etc. at a store

Lesson 6:

- Have conversations using the correct verb form according to grammatical expressions
- Use appropriate grammatical expressions according to the context

Lesson 7:

- Politely express an event where you received a gift from someone
- Talk about how you take care of the pets you have or the plants you grow

Lesson 8:

- Talk to others about people who you have been taken care of or helped before
- Express gratitude to the people who have helped you before
- Make a request to someone in a very polite way

Lesson 9:

- Talk about what you're currently doing to achieve your goals
- Describe what you are doing to achieve your goals
- Talk about your purpose of coming to Japan



Lesson 10:

- Explain how to use the things around you
- Evaluate objects, places, and things
- Explain cost and time involved

Lesson 11:

- Use "~tameni" "~youni" where appropriate
- Read sentences and expand on the topic to have a conversation

Lesson 12:

- Explain the situation in front of you in simple terms
- Talk to others in an appropriate manner based on their conditions
- Talk to others while taking in consideration of them

Lesson 13:

- Predict and talk about the weather and what is likely to happen in the future
- Talk about the current status of family and friends
- Talk about the purpose of going out

Lesson 14:

- Indicates that the extent of an action or state is excessive
- Explain why you're not feeling well
- Communicate with clerks at clothing and shoe stores about sizes

Lesson 15:

- Talk about the state and conditions of the things and places you usually use
- Make requests to change quantities or conditions
- Choose and decide on a menu or schedule

Lesson 16:

- Talk about what you're doing to reach your goals, and whether you're becoming good at it or not
- Share information about what you don't know and what you're worried about



Level 8 (16 lessons)

【Goal】

1. Exchange information with others based on the current situation
2. Explain the situation you are placed in and show thoughts and actions
3. Ask others to respond to various situations and events

Lesson 1:

- Tell others what to do when there's a problem
- If there is a problem, ask what to do and give advice

Lesson 2:

- Express feelings of disappointment
- Talk to others about disappointing events
- Express dissatisfaction when the result is not what you expected

Lesson 3:

- Use correct verb and adjective forms according to grammatical expressions
- Summary of words that express opposite meanings

Lesson 4:

- Explain an upcoming situation
- Describe your current situation
- Describe the situation immediately after it is over

Lesson 5:

- Give reasons and excuses for not being able to do something, due to lack of experience
- Give your own thoughts and opinions, judging from objective reasons

Lesson 6:

- Tell information obtained from news etc. to others
- Talk about what you have heard from others
- Talk about the current situation of a mutual friend or acquaintance

Lesson 7:

- Observe a situation and tell people what you've determined
- Tell people what you inferred from five senses when you're walking down a street



Lesson 8:

- Learn how to make a causative form of verbs
- Use expressions that involve coercion
- Give permission to others and make them do something

Lesson 9:

- Give opinions and advice when someone is depressed
- Ask people for permission to do what you want to do

Lesson 10:

- Understand what honorific language is
- Use “respectful verbs” using the passive verbs you have learned.
- Use respective language “O-(verb-stem) ni narimasu”

Lesson 11:

- “Special form” of honorific expressions can be understood and used
- Explain the actions of your seniors using honorific expressions
- Act based on polite instructions

Lesson 12:

- Understand when to use “respectful” and “humble” expressions
- Use very polite expressions and offer help to someone

Lesson 13:

- Introduce yourself in formal situations such as business scenes
- Have a conversation using honorific expressions in formal situations such as business scenes

Lesson 14:

- Use different forms depending on the expression you want to convey
- Choose the form you want to use in a conversation based on the context
- Use adverbs and time expressions correctly

Lesson 15:

- Incorporate expressions learned in Levels 5-8 into conversation
- Use a variety of forms in conversation and express what they want to say accurately



Lesson 16:

- Make appropriate responses/actions to others according to the situation you're placed in
- Carry on conversations based on differences in positions and situations

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