

LANGUAGE LOVERS WEEK



Day 1: Japanese



こんにちは Konnichiwa!

Welcome to Language Lovers Week! This week, we'll be shining the spotlights on a different language every day, and today is Japanese day. So keep a close eye on our newsletter this week; as well as fun language facts, we'll also be running a daily competition!

絵文字

Did you know that emoji is originally a Japanese word? 'E' means picture, and 'moji' means letters. Any similarity with the word emotion is purely coincidental!



木漏れ日

Every language has unique words that are impossible to translate. One of these words in the Japanese language is 'komorebi', which literally means 'sun leaking through the



trees'. It's the sun that you sometimes see filtered through the leaves when you're walking in a forest.

Competition



€50 cash back!

This is your chance to win €50 cash back on your Japanese course! [Enter the competition here](#) and the winner will be announced next week. The winner will be informed in person and the cash back can be used for a Japanese course starting in September!

雨

Let's be honest: the Dutch enjoy talking about the weather. Here are a few tips to help you discuss the weather in Japanese. To start with, there are various words to describe different types of rain (雨).



Harusame (春雨) - Spring rain, gentle springtime rain

Samidare (五月雨) - Rain in May

Tsuyu (梅雨) - Rain in the rainy season, usually in June or July

Kirisame (霧雨) - Drizzle

Yuudachi (夕立) - Short, heavy showers, often on a summer evening

Akisame (秋雨) - Autumn rain

Shigure (時雨) - A short shower that stops and starts again, in late autumn or early winter

Hisame (氷雨) - Cold winter rain



What's a common beginner's mistake in Japanese?

Some adjectives have a present and a past tense. For example, you don't say 'it was tasty', but something like 'it tasted'. To make it even more tricky, this doesn't apply to all adjectives. But don't worry. Although 'it was tasty' may not be grammatically correct in Japanese, everyone will know what you mean!

Details of our courses

If you want to know exactly what you'll learn in the various Japanese courses, we'd be happy to explain.

Japanese at elementary level

Level 0>A1



What will you learn?

- Sentences using 'desu' ('to be')
- Verbs in the masu form
- Adjectives

What will you be able to do after taking this course?

- Introduce yourself
- Order something in a restaurant
- Talk about your weekend or holiday

Sign up - starts 26 September

Japanese at elementary level

Level A1>A1/A2



What will you learn?

- Verbs in the te form and in dictionary form
- Conjugating adjectives
- Nominalization (e.g. 'I like reading books' / 'hon o yomu no ga suki desu')

What will you be able to do after taking this course?

- Talk about things that are close to you: your family, your country, the languages you're learning etc.
- Arrange a date to go out / go for a picnic
- Ask for directions

Sign up - starts 27 September

Japanese at elementary level

Level A1/A2>A2



What will you learn?

- Verbs in the nai form and ta form
- Informal and formal styles
- Composing basic sentences

What will you be able to do after taking this course?

- Give your opinion / give advice
- Give simple instructions
- Describe something or someone

Sign up - starts 29 September

Ask our teacher!

If you're still not sure which level to start at, make an appointment for our online office hour and ask our



teacher which level would suit you best!

Sign up for the office hour



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