



Language Center

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2023 SUMMER JAPANESE FOR YOUTH AGES 12 TO 15

These courses will be conducted online via [Zoom](#). To participate fully, you will need access to a device with internet, microphone, and camera (such as a laptop, tablet, or smartphone). Further instructions will be provided before the course begins. Please note that all times listed are New York time (ET).

These courses are for students who are ages 12 to 15 as of the start date of the course.

All other Language Center programs are for adults (age 16+); please visit the Language Center homepage for a full list of offerings.

Beginners are invited to start their Japanese language learning journey in this online course. Students ages 12 to 15 will learn and practice the fundamentals of Japanese language and culture with a group of like-minded peers. Using a variety of fun and engaging activities referencing popular Japanese media such as anime, students will develop practical listening, speaking, writing and cultural skills to kick-start their Japanese language abilities!

Basic vocabulary, grammar and sentence structures will be taught so students can carry on a simple conversation.

Both complete beginners and students who have taken the previous “Japanese for Teens” course (offered through Spring 2022) should take Youth Level 1. Students with more experience, please email us for placement in Youth Level 2 or 3.

COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

Youth Level 1

Youth Level 1 is for both complete beginners as well as students who have taken the previous Japanese for Teens course offered by Education & Family. Course content will include the following:

- *X wa Y desu.* (e.g., I am Jon. Risa is 14 years old. My phone number is 123-4567.)
- Noun + *janai desu* (e.g., I am not American. I am not a student.)
- Question sentences (e.g., How old are you? What time is it?)

Hiragana and some introductory *kanji* will be introduced.

Required Textbook: *Genki I*, [3rd Edition](#) (Ch. 1)

Section	Dates	Time	# of Classes	Instructor	Location
Youth 1	Tues., 5/23 - 8/1 (no class 7/4)	5:00 – 6:00 pm ET	10 classes	Shinohara	ONLINE

Youth Level 2

Youth Level 2 is for students who have a thorough understanding of Japanese for Youth Level 1 material.

Course content will include the following:

- *Kore/Sore/Are/Dore* (e.g., How much is this game?)
- *Koko/Soko/Asoko/Doko* (e.g., Where is the bathroom? It's over there.)
- *Dareno* + noun (e.g., Whose cellphone is this?)
- The particle *mo* (e.g., *Watashi mo*: Me too.)

Hiragana recognition will be emphasized.

Required Textbook: *Genki I*, [3rd Edition](#) (Ch. 2)

Section	Dates	Time	# of Classes	Instructor	Location
Youth 2	Thurs., 5/25 - 8/3 (no class 7/6)	5:00 – 6:00 pm ET	10 classes	Shinohara	ONLINE

Youth Level 3

Youth Level 3 is for students who have a thorough understanding of Japanese for Youth Level 2 material.

Course content will include the following:

- Present tense verbs (e.g. I sleep: *Watashi wa nemasu.*)
- The particles *o*, *de*, *ni*, and *e* (e.g. I eat a banana: *Watashi wa banana o tabemasu.*)
- Time expressions *ni* (e.g. I watch anime on Sunday: *Watashi wa nichiyoubi ni anime o mimasu.*)
- Frequency adverbs (e.g. sometimes: *tokidoki*, often: *yoku*, etc.)

Emphasis will be on complete mastery of *hiragana*. A few more *kanji* will be introduced.

Required Textbook: *Genki I*, 3rd Edition (Ch. 3)

Section	Dates	Time	# of Classes	Instructor	Location
Youth 3	Wed., 5/24 - 8/2 (no class 7/5)	5:30 – 6:30 pm ET	10 classes	Aizaki	ONLINE

Youth Conversation and Beyond (Level 3+)

Youth Conversation and Beyond is for students who have a thorough understanding of the material covered in Japanese for Youth Levels 1-3.

In this course, students will be able to:

- Role play in various scenarios such as shopping, ordering food, etc.
- Participate in open conversations based on a selected theme
- Effectively use a Japanese dictionary to create their own sentences
- Use manga and other resources to further cultivate their reading and writing ability
- Use scenes from various anime to practice their listening skills
- Review grammar points and the hiragana-katakana writing systems

Emphasis will be on complete mastery of *hiragana* and *katakana*. A few more *kanji* will be introduced.
No textbook required.

Section	Dates	Time	# of Classes	Instructor	Location
Conversation and Beyond	Tues., 5/23 - 8/1 (no class 7/4)	5:30 – 6:30 pm ET	10 classes	Aizaki	ONLINE

TUITION

Japan Society members **\$200**

Non-members **\$250**

Space is limited to 15 students; advance registration required.

HOW TO REGISTER

At the moment, registration is accepted **online (recommended)** or by phone at (212) 715-1269 or (212) 715-1293, or in-person on select days.

To register at the member price, the membership must be **under the student's name (Student Membership)**, or the student should be part of a **Family Membership**. **To purchase or renew a membership**, please visit www.japansociety.org/join-and-support/become-a-member and pay online or call Membership at 212-715-1270.

Please register by Friday, May 19, if possible. Seats may not be available after this date; please check the website for registration availability or contact the office.

Registrants will receive a **Welcome Email** and **Zoom link** from language_inquiries@japansociety.org on **the afternoon of Monday, May 22, 2023** (for classes beginning on Tuesday, May 23, 2023) **the afternoon of Tuesday, May 23, 2023** (for classes beginning on Wednesday, May 24, 2023) **the afternoon of Wednesday, May 24, 2023** (for classes beginning on Thursday, May 25, 2023)

For more information, please email us at language@japansociety.org, or call at **(212) 715-1269** or **(212) 715-1293**. Please note that while we are working remotely, we may not always be reachable by phone.

PLEASE NOTE

Cancellation Policy: Cancellations are accepted until 12 pm ET on the business day before the course or workshop begins (for Shodo, until 12 pm ET on the business day before coursework begins). After this deadline, cancellations are not accepted and tuition is not refundable or transferable for any reason (including for credit). Upon cancellation, the tuition paid minus a service charge (\$20 for courses, \$5 for workshops) will be refunded. Cancellations are only accepted via phone.

Japan Society also reserves the right to cancel any course or workshop if sufficient enrollment is not obtained. In such cases, students already enrolled will receive full refunds (no service charge).

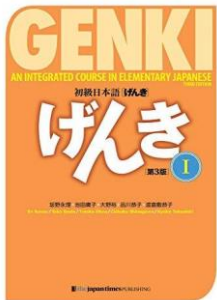
By registering for a course, you accept and agree to the above terms of the cancellation policy.

We do not record these classes, and recording of these classes is prohibited.

REQUIRED TEXTBOOK

A limited supply of textbooks are available for purchase at the Language Center on select days. Please contact the office to arrange purchase and pick-up. Otherwise, please purchase your book from an outside vendor. Either a digital or print textbook is fine.

Please have your textbook in advance of the first class.



GENKI I (An Integrated Course in Elementary Japanese) 3rd Edition
ISBN: 978-4789017305 published by The Japan Times

We strongly recommend purchasing the 3rd Edition. Please note that the 2nd Edition has some differences, including page numbers, examples, etc., and is not recommended for this reason.

Price at Japan Society: \$45

INSTRUCTORS



Yuki Aizaki holds a BA in Theatre from The City University of New York and is a graduate of the teacher training program at The Japan Society. She has taught Japanese privately to beginner and intermediate students.



Kaoru Shinohara holds a BA in Literature from Waseda University and a BA from Soka University through their Japanese Language Teacher Training Course in Education. She is a graduate of Japan Society's Teacher Training Program. She has been teaching Japanese to youth at Japan Society and tutoring at New York University.