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*Language Center*

**2024 SPRING**  
**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* writing system (e.g., あいうえお)

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

Section	Dates	Time	# of Classes	Instructor	Location
Youth 1	Wednesdays, 2/14 – 5/15 (no classes 2/21, 4/10, 4/24, 5/1)	5:30 – 6:30 pm ET	10 classes	Aizaki	<b>ONLINE</b>

## 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.)
- *Katakana* writing system (e.g., アイウエオ)

*Hiragana* recognition will be emphasized.

**Required Textbook:** *Genki I, 3<sup>rd</sup> Edition* (Ch. 2)

Section	Dates	Time	# of Classes	Instructor	Location
Youth 2	Tuesdays, 2/13 – 5/14 (no classes 2/20, 4/9, 4/23, 4/30)	5:00 – 6:00 pm ET	10 classes	Aizaki	<b>ONLINE</b>

## 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. わたしは ねます。*)
- The particles *o*, *de*, *ni*, and *e* (e.g. I eat a banana: *Watashi wa banana o tabemasu. わたしは バナナを たべます。*)
- Time expressions *ni* (e.g. I watch anime on Sunday: *Watashi wa nichiyoubi ni anime o mimasu. わたしは にちようびに アニメを みます。*)
- Frequency adverbs (e.g. sometimes: *tokidoki* ときどき, often: *yoku* よく, etc.)
- Some *kanji* will be introduced.

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

Section	Dates	Time	# of Classes	Instructor	Location
Youth 3	Thursdays, 2/15 – 5/16 (no classes 2/22, 4/11, 4/25, 5/2)	5:00 – 6:00 pm ET	10 classes	Shinohara	<b>ONLINE</b>

## **TUITION**

Japan Society members **\$200**

Non-members **\$250**

## **HOW TO REGISTER**

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](http://www.japansociety.org/join-and-support/become-a-member) and pay online or call Membership at 212-715-1270.

**Please register by Friday, February 9, 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](mailto:language_inquiries@japansociety.org) on **the afternoon of Monday, Feb. 12, 2024** (for classes beginning on Tuesday, Feb. 13, 2024) **the afternoon of Tuesday, Feb. 13, 2024** (for classes beginning on Wednesday, Feb. 14, 2024) **the afternoon of Wednesday, Feb. 14, 2024** (for classes beginning on Thursday, Feb. 15, 2024)

For more information, please email us at [language@japansociety.org](mailto:language@japansociety.org), or call at **(212) 715-1269** or **(212) 715-1293**.

## **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).

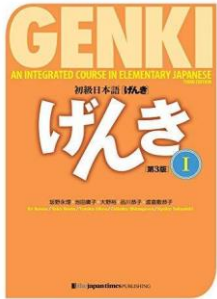
By registering for a course, you accept and agree to the above terms of the cancellation policy.

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

## **REQUIRED TEXTBOOK**

A limited supply of textbooks is available for purchase at the Language Center on select days. Please contact the office to arrange purchase and pick-up.

You may also purchase your book in advance from an outside vendor. Either a digital or print textbook is fine. Please do your best to have your textbook by the first day of the course.



*GENKI I (An Integrated Course in Elementary Japanese) 3<sup>rd</sup> Edition*

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We strongly recommend purchasing the 3<sup>rd</sup> Edition. Please note that the 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.