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## Weekday Evening Course Self Placement Check List

This document is intended to help you identify the course that would best match your current abilities. It is not expected that you fit 100% of the items in each category, however we recommend that you be able to complete the majority of the items listed under each course. If you have any questions, please contact [principal@vjls-jh.com](mailto:principal@vjls-jh.com).

### Which class shall I take?

I should choose

**WE100** if:

- I am totally new to Japanese.
- I can recognize some hiragana or katakana but I cannot write them.
- I learned hiragana & katakana long time ago, but now I forget most of them.
- I know a few Japanese words, but I don't know how to read and write.

**WE110**—Textbook “Japanese for Busy People I” Lesson 1–7

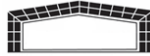
I should enroll in WE110 if:

- I am comfortable reading and writing hiragana and katakana.
- I know some basic greetings, how to count up to 12, how to ask for prices, how to say the time, date, days of the week, dates of the month, basic verbs in the present tense, how to introduce myself in Japanese using \_\_\_\_\_ は \_\_\_\_\_ です, and how to send a text message in Japanese.

**WE120**—Textbook “Japanese for Busy People I” Lesson 8–16

I should enroll in WE120 if I have completed the textbook “Japanese for Busy People I” up to lesson 7, **or** understand all the above requirements for WE100 *and* what we teach in WE110:

- I can introduce myself and somebody else
- I can ask questions using [か]
- I can answer questions using [はい] and [いいえ]
- I can understand the names of countries and languages
- I can say my phone number and also ask somebody for their phone number
- I can understand the concept of pronouns [これ それ あれ どれ] and [ここ そこ あそこ どこ]
- I can give the time and ask for the time
- I can count up to 100
- I can ask about the price
- I can order some items in the store



I can understand Japanese yen denominations  
I can name the colours in Japanese  
I understand the counters for thin flat items, long thin items, and small round items  
I can understand the verbs [to go, to come, and to return] and the usage of [に] after destination  
I know the basic verbs' masu-form  
I can understand [to] for with  
I can indicate times such as tomorrow, last week, next year and so on  
I can understand the past tense of [いきます きます かえります]  
I can understand the use of [で] for vehicles  
I can say the days of the week, months, and the day of the month

**WE130**—Textbook “Japanese for Busy People I” Lesson 17–25

I should enroll in WE130 if I have completed the textbook “Japanese for Busy People I” up to lesson 16, **or** have all the requirements above, up to WE110, *and* what we teach in WE120

I can express the existence of something using place [に] object [が] あります  
I can express the existence of someone using place [に] object [が] います  
I can specify which floor of a building  
I know the names of household items  
I understand location words such as right, left, inside, in front of  
I know how to count people  
I understand the concept of [ここ そこ あそこ どこ]  
I understand the particle [を] for objects  
I understand the particle [に] after the object of a transitive verb  
I understand the particle [で] for an action place  
I can say what I did over the weekend  
I can say the names of family members  
I can give a reason using [から] at the end of the sentence  
I can order food and drink in a restaurant  
I am familiar with the basic adjectives and with tense conjugation  
I can offer food and drink to someone  
I can describe items using adjectives  
I understand the concepts of [to give] and [to receive]  
I can make a phone call in Japanese and express gratitude  
I am comfortable with both adjectives and na-adjectives and their conjugation  
I can invite someone to do something using [ませんか]  
I can make suggestions using [ましょうか]  
I can understand the usage of [で] for transportation



**WE210**—Textbook “Japanese for Busy People II”, Lessons 1, 2 and 3

I should enroll in WE210 if I have completed the textbook “Japanese for Busy People I” **or** understand all the above requirements up to WE120 *and* what we teach in WE130:

- I can express a polite request using te-form
- I can combine two verb sentences using te-form
- I understand the usage of [で] for method
- I can explain directions
- I can understand verbs’ short-form negative, nai-form
- I can understand periods of time such as 5 minutes, one hour, two days, 3 years...
- I can ask about a duration in time
- I can ask permission using [てもいいですか]
- I can prohibit an action that somebody is about to take
- I can express an action in progress using [ています]
- I can say what I like and what I am good at
- I can express my desire using [たいです]
- I can express my body condition

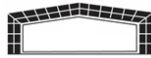
**WE220**—Textbook “Japanese for Busy People II”, Lessons 4, 5 and 6

I should enroll in WE220, if I have completed the textbooks “Japanese for Busy People I”, and “Japanese for Busy People II” up to lesson 3, **or** have all the requirements listed above, up to WE130, *and* what we teach in WE210:

- I can ask about a preference, such as *なにがいいですか／いつがいいですか。*
- I can make comparison sentences, such as *ワインのほうがビールよりたかいです。*
- I can express the idea of trying to do something and seeing how it goes, such as *たべてみます。*
- I can ask permission to try to do something, using *～てもいいですか*
- I can make comparison sentences when there are more than three choices
- I can say what I want to buy in a store using *～にします*
- I can give my payment preference
- I can say the names of family members in both my family and others
- I can combine two adjective sentences and make long sentences.
- I can express the purpose of going somewhere
- I know the basic kanjis such as...

**WE230**—Textbook “Japanese for Busy People II”, Lessons 7–9

I should enroll in WE230 if I have completed the textbooks “Japanese for Busy People I” and “Japanese for Busy People II” up to Lesson 6, **or** have all the requirements listed above up to WE210 *and* what we teach in WE220:



- I can ask for and offer explanations using ~んです
- I can understand verb short-form conjugation
- I can express frequency such as 1週間に2回
- I can say my daily actions using more than basic verbs
- I know the names of sports and hobbies
- I can describe a change in state using ~くなります/ ~になります
- I can express my past experience using ~たことがあります
- I can express going somewhere to do something and coming back using ~てきます
- I can give strong suggestions using ~たほうがいいです or ~ないほうがいいです
- I can express actions that I've already done and have not yet done, using もう/まだ

**WE240**—Textbook “Japanese for Busy People II”, Lessons 10–12

I should enroll in WE240 if I have completed the textbook “Japanese for Busy People I” plus “Japanese for Busy People II” up to Lesson 9, **or** have all the requirements above *and* what we teach in WE230:

- I can express a sequence of events using ~まえに~
- I can express a sequence of events using ~てから
- I can talk about when I was ~ using とき
- I know the names of school subjects
- I know the names of occupations
- I know the name for divisions of a company
- I can give a short speech when I join a social group
- I can describe a change in state using ~くなりました/ ~になりました
- I can make indirect sentences using ~とっていました
- I know the names of natural features, such as river, forest and lake
- I can make long sentences using a modifying clause

**WE250**—Textbook “Japanese for Busy People II” Lesson 13–15

I should enroll in WE250 if I have completed the textbook “Japanese for Busy People I” plus “Japanese for Busy People II” up to Lesson 12, **or** have all the requirements above *and* what we teach in WE240:

- I can express the reason for something, using *ので* or *から*
- I know potential form
- I know time-frame words such as this week, next month, in the middle of the month, etc.
- I can make conditional sentences using *もし~たら~*
- I understand the difference between casual style and formal style in speaking
- I can say what my dream is
- I know how to indicate my action with regret using *~てしまいました*
- I can make conditional sentences using *~ば*



I know computer related verbs such as “to send an email”

I can express duty or obligation using ～なければなりません

I know the concept of transitive and intransitive verbs such as ドアを開ける vs  
ドアが開く

I can send short text messages in Japanese

**WE Advanced Speaking & Writing**—no textbook required

To enroll in this course, you should have complete from WE100 through WE250, **or** meet the following requirements:

I can read news articles from kids’ news, easy Japanese news or general news with Furigana.

I can write a short essay of 3 to 4 paragraphs with the help of dictionaries/instructors.

I can obtain basic information from watching or listening to news in Japanese.

I can verbally express my opinion in Japanese with the help of dictionaries/instructors.

I have JLPT N3 or a similar level of understanding.