Momo Rodrigues



As I was studying for the JLPT exam, I was extremely anxious. However, this anxiety mostly stemmed from the fact that this was my first exam. This nervousness led to doubts about whether or not I could get a good score on the exam. However, I continued to study and got as much help as I could get; from my teacher, friends, family, online, and many other sources. My peers would give me tips on how to study or how to fully prepare for the exam. Additionally, I attended Prep Course, and this allowed me to prepare for my exam. I would complete my homework given (N3) and even after finishing my homework, I would test myself on the lessons within the homework so the information would stick. I passed my JLPT N3 exam, and I am quite proud of this. This was my first-ever exam and I had gotten a satisfying score. When preparing for a JLPT exam, I would recommend not being so nervous, as this could lead to forgetfulness during the exam. Furthermore, having peer help can be extremely useful during the exam. There are many resources around us, we should use them as much as we can to fully grasp the ideas of the Japanese language.

Aya Sugiyama

I first heard about the JLPT exam through my Japanese school teacher who was recommending it to other students in the class. He went around and addressed everyone, and then turned to me. I was told that I should take it, but I shrugged it off and laughed saying I would fail. But through the encouragement of the kind staff around me, I started to become serious about taking the test. Leading up to the test, teachers helped with marking review and continued to prepare me the best they could. I am so grateful for having the opportunity to take the exam, and for the people who pushed me in the right direction even if I did not believe I could get to the finish line. I went in to the N2 exam feeling prepared to the best of my ability, and because of all the support I received as well as putting in the effort necessary by myself, I am proud to say that I passed the N2 exam. I cannot express how much passing this exam and understanding my abilities as a Japanese speaker means to me.



Akira Mishima

Japanese is a very difficult language. Especially as an English speaker, the language is very challenging. Therefore, going into this test I felt extremely unsure and unprepared. However, the teachers gave me words of support and helped me find valuable study resources. This helped me massively and gave me the confidence I needed to apply for the N1 test.

I am happy that I passed the N1 test. This will open many doors for me that I previously never considered. For example, I never thought about working in Japan before this test, but now I am thinking about living in Japan for a year during my university years. I am very thankful for the opportunities this test and the teachers at this school have given me.



Karimu Jiwa

When I began studying for the JLPT exam, I was overwhelmed by a great feeling of doubt, worry, and anxiety. With so little information on what the test was like, I was anxious if I had what it took to pass. Regardless, I was determined to do my best and reached out to my teacher for help. With the guidance and support of my teacher, I was able to become confident in my own abilities. In my time preparing for the exam, I was not only able to learn invaluable knowledge about the Japanese language, but also test taking strategies that helped me alleviate stress during the actual exam.

Proud to have passed the JLPT N1 exam, I am now considering studying or working in Japan. The effort I have put into this achievement has taught me that with dedication, determination, and the support from an amazing teacher, anything is possible.





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When I decided to start preparing for the JLPT exam, I was solely relying on my own knowledge and understanding of the language as well as the exam format. I thought it would probably be better to have someone pointing out my mistakes and letting me know which areas I need to put more work in. Then I found out about the prep course at VJLS.

During the 10-week prep course, I was very well taught by the instructor about a lot of aspects of the exam which I found myself did not know before. I felt that I have definitely gained more knowledge and experience of using the language. The instructor also told me tons of tips and tricks on each part of the exam. Weekly feedback was also helpful which allowed me to know where I should put more focus during my self-study.

The result came back well and I am very satisfied with how I did. The prep course for sure has contributed to my performance and confidence level on the exam day. Without taking the prep course, I most likely will not be able to get such a high score. Overall, I would recommend the prep course to anyone who is preparing for the JLPT exam.