Travel Japanese

Japanese for Beginners

Prerequisite: None!

Overview

Welcome to Travel Japanese! Travel Japanese is a course for people who will visit Japan soon, and want to learn several short phrases for friendly interaction as well as for getting help. Imagine if you can make a comment such as "It was delicious." in Japanese to a server at a restaurant! If you have food allergy, you can tell the server you cannot eat certain foods before you place your order.

Travel Japanese is an on-line five-week course. Each class is two hours. The focus of this course is speaking, not writing. In the class, you will learn short sentences you can use for exchanging greetings, making friendly comments, ordering foods, or asking for help. The instructor will teach you pronunciation. Socio-cultural aspects will be discussed in the class as well.

Goals

By the end of this course you will learn

- Greetings and basic phrases such as: Hello, thank you, excuse me, I apologize
- Small comments and very simple questions such as: It's tasty. It's hot today.
- Sentences to ask for help such as: Help! I am lost.
- Sentences when you feel sick or have a food allergy such as: I feel sick, I have soy allergy.

Discussion Topics

- Which would you use, "Thank you," or "I am sorry," when you want to show your appreciation?

- Before eating meals, Japanese people say "Thank you for the meal." Who is/are "you"?

Tentative Course Schedule

Week	Date	Content
1	May 29	Orientation - How to pronounce roma-ji. - Greetings
2	June 5	- Continuing Greetings - Comments and questions
3	June 12	- Comments and questions - Numbers 1-10 (hitotsu, futatsu, mittsu, ichi~juu)
4	June 19	- Phrases when you need help!
5	June 26 (Last day of the class)	- Illness related phrases.

*The schedule is subject to change. Your instructor will announce when it has been updated.