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だいいっか Chapter 1

The Japanese Sound System and Hiragana

I. Introduction & Hiragana あ〜そ
   Useful Expressions Forms of address; Introducing yourself

II. Hiragana た〜ほ
    Useful Expressions Daily greetings

III. Hiragana ま〜ん
     Useful Expressions Taking leave of friends and instructors

IV. Hiragana が〜ぽ
     Useful Expressions Voiced consonants
     Useful Expressions Thanking, apologizing, and getting attention

V. Hiragana ああ〜わあ: Long vowels
   Useful Expressions Understanding your instructor's requests

VI. Hiragana Small 「つ」: Double consonants
    Useful Expressions Confirming information and making requests

VII. Hiragana きゃ〜ぴょ: Glides
     Useful Expressions Asking for Japanese words and English equivalents
Chapter 2
Greetings and Introductions

Objectives
Meeting people for the first time, introducing people, identifying people, telling time

Vocabulary
Countries, nationalities, languages, year in school and academic status, majors, time expressions

Dialogue
はじめまして  How do you do?

Japanese Culture
Meeting and greeting people

Grammar
I. Identifying someone or something, using 〜は 〜です
II. Asking はい/いいえ questions, using 〜は 〜ですか
III. Indicating relationships between nouns with の
IV. Asking for personal information, using question words
V. Listing and describing similarities, using も

Listening
Listening for key words

Communication
Using あいづち(1); Classroom Manners

Reading
Using format as a clue

カタカナ
Katakana
Objectives  Describing daily routines

Vocabulary  Daily activities; numbers, minutes, relative time, days of the week

Japanese Culture  College life (1)

Dialogue  じゅぎょうが あります。  I have a class.

Grammar  I. Talking about routines, future actions or events using the polite present form of verbs and the particles に, へ, を, or で
II. Presenting objects or events using 〜が あります
III. Telling time using a number + ふん and the particle に
IV. Using adverbs to express frequency of actions
V. Expressing past actions and events using the polite past form of verbs

Listening  Listening for general ideas

Communication  Using あいづち (2)

Reading  Scanning
第四課 Chapter 4
にほんの まち
Japanese Neighborhoods

Objectives  Asking about places and indicating location
Vocabulary  Buildings, landmarks, adjectives
Japanese Culture  Geographical characteristics of Japan and Japanese neighborhoods
Dialogue  このへんに ぎんこうが ありますか  Is there a bank around here?
Grammar  I. Referring to things using これ, それ, あれ, どれ
II. Asking for and giving locations using 〜は〜に あります/います and ここ, そこ, あそこ
III. Describing people and things using adjectives + noun, and polite present forms of adjectives
IV. Describing things, people, and their locations, using 〜に 〜が あります／います
V. Using よ and ね
Listening  Using redundancy in speech
Communication  Getting someone’s attention (1)
Kanji  Introduction to kanji 大 学 校 先 生
Reading  Using script types as clues to word boundaries
Chapter 5
Japanese Homes

Objectives
Asking about places; stating location and distance

Vocabulary
Campus facilities, objects in the room and classroom, nature, more adjectives

Dialogue
リーサンのアパート Mr. Lee’s apartment

Japanese Culture
Japanese homes

Grammar
I. Referring to people, places, and things using この, その, あの, どの
II. Using location nouns: 中, そと, となり, よこ, ちかく, うしろ, まえ, 上, 下, みぎ, ひだり
III. Referring to things mentioned immediately before, using noun/adjective + の
IV. Expressing distance and duration using the particles から, まで, and で and the suffix 〜ぐらい
V. More about the topic marker は and the similarity marker も (double particles と and は vs. が)

Listening
Distinguishing sounds in words and phrases

Communication
Getting someone’s attention (2)

Kanji
Kanji formed from pictures and symbols (1)

Reading
Using visual clues
第六課 Chapter 6
やすみの日
Leisure Time

Objectives Describing routine and leisure activities
Vocabulary Routine activities (2), leisure activities, adjectives of emotion and condition
Dialogue 週末はどうでしたか I watched a movie on Sunday.
Japanese Culture College life
Grammar I. Using the particles と and に
II. Commenting about the past, using polite past adjectives and the copula verb です
III. Making a request using the て-forms of verbs and ください／くださいませんか／くれませんか。
IV. Connecting phrases, using the て-forms of verbs and adjectives
V. Extending an invitation using ませんか
Listening Making sense of missing pronouns
Communication Using そうですか and そうですね
Kanji Kanji derived from pictures and symbols (2)
Reading Identifying missing nouns ロペスさんの週末
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第七課 Chapter 7
好きなものと好きなこと
Favorite Things and Activities

Objectives
Describing likes, dislikes, and preferences

Vocabulary
Food, beverages, sports, music, leisure activities

Dialogue
田さんとリーさんのしゅみ Ms. Ueda and Mr. Lee’s Hobbies

Japanese Culture
Popular leisure activities and consumer goods in Japan

Grammar
I. Expressing likes or dislikes using 好き or きらい and the particleや
II. Forming noun phrases using の and plain present affirmative verbs
III. Making contrasts using the particle は, and expressing but using が
IV. Making comparisons using 一番 and ～のほうが～より, and ～も～も
V. Giving reasons using the plain form + ので

Listening
Identifying conversation fillers

Communication
Giving positive feedback with も and making contrasts with は

Kanji
時 間 分 半 毎 年 好 語 高 番 方 新 古 安 友

Reading
Understanding word formation
Chapter 8
Shopping

Functions
Making requests; expressing quantities and numbers; talking about prices; shopping

Vocabulary
Clothing, accessories and departments; numbers 100 and above, expressions related to merchandise, prices, other activities in a store

Dialogue
デパートで

Japanese Culture
Shopping in Japan, Japanese department stores, payment practices

Grammar
I. Requesting and giving explanations or additional information, creating harmony and shared atmosphere using 〜んです
II. Expressing desire using 〜たい・〜たがっている and ほしい・ほうしがっている
III. Expressing quantities with numbers and the counters まい, 本, ひき, さつ
IV. Expressing quantities using Japanese-origin numbers
V. Talking about prices using 円; indicating floor levels with かい

Listening
Recognizing the characteristics of speech

Communication
Asking for paraphrases and repetition

Kanji
Use kanji for numbers
一 二 三 四 五 六 七 八 九 十 百 千 万 円 店

Reading
Scanning
Functions Extending invitations; ordering at a restaurant
Vocabulary Dishes, types of cuisine, food expressions
Dialogue レストランで At a restaurant
Japanese Culture Eating habits in Japan, Japanese restaurants
Grammar I. Indicating choices using 〜にします; making requests using 〜をおねがいします
II. Eliciting and making proposals using 〜ましょうか and 〜ましょう
III. Using question word + か + (particle) and question word + (particle) + も
IV. Giving reasons using から; expressing opposition or hesitation using けど
V. Making inferences based on direct observation using verb and adjective stems + そうだ
Listening Using context
Communication Introducing new topics
Kanji Creating inflectional endings with okurigana
Reading Understanding Japanese e-mail formats
Chapter 10
私の家族
My family

Functions      Describing people, addressing family members.
Vocabulary     Kinship; Parts of the body; physical appearance; verbs of resultant states; age, number of people, and order in a family
Dialogue      私の家族は 五人家族です。I have five people in my family.
Japanese Culture The Japanese family
Grammar       I. Stating number of people using 人にん; stating age using さい; stating the order within a family using 番ばん(目)
II. Describing a resultant state, using verb て-form＋いる
III. Describing physical appearance and skills using －は －が
IV. Describing people and things using nouns and modifying clauses
V. Expressing opinions using －とおもう
Listening     Using background knowledge about a person
Communication Conveying modesty in describing yourself and your family
Kanji         Kanji derived from pictures; Kanji for kinship terms and parts of the body
Reading       Creating charts and figures
第十一課  Chapter 11
季節と天気
Seasons and Weather

Objectives  Describing the weather
Vocabulary  Weather; climate; temperature; compass directions
Dialogue  寒いですね。It's cold.
Japanese Culture  Japan's climate
Grammar  I. Expressing ongoing and repeated actions, using the て-form of verbs +いる
II. Plain past forms and casual speech
III. Describing characteristics of places, objects, and time, using 〜は〜が
IV. Expressing manner of action, outcome of a change, using the adverbial forms of adjectives and noun + に
V. Expressing uncertainty, using 〜でしょう, 〜かもしれない and 〜かな
Listening  Understanding the organization of prepared speech
Communication  Expressing agreement and solidarity using ね and も
Kanji  Component shapes of kanji 1 - introduction
天 気 雨 雪 風 晴 温 度 東 西 南 北 寒 暑 多 少 冷
Reading  Getting used to vertical writing, 新聞の天気予報
Chapter 12

Annual Events

Objectives
Describing seasonal holidays and yearly events

Vocabulary
Dates, years and other time expressions

Japanese Culture
National holidays and annual events

Dialogue
子供の時

Grammar
I. Talking about time, using Noun/adjectives +時, duration+前/後
II. Talking about past experiences, using 〜たことがあ; listing representative activities, using 〜たり〜たりする
III. Expressing frequency using time span に frequency / duration / amount
IV. Expressing hearsay using the plain form of verbs/adjectives/the copula +そうです
V. Using noun modifying clauses in the past and present

Listening
Understanding the rules of turn-taking

Communication
Pauses in conversation

Kanji
Which one should I use, Kanji or kana?

Reading
Understanding the format of a post card、葉書