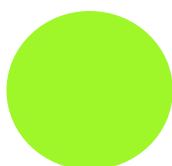


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Term 2 Info

- 10th April:
Beginning of Term 2, 2012
- 9th April (Easter Monday)
There will be no classes running on this day, but will be replaced on Mon 25th June.
- 11th April (Queen's Birthday)
There will be no classes running on this day, but will be replaced on Wed 27th June.

In order to organise our new term schedule we ask that you please confirm your next term scheduling with either Phillip or your teacher.

If you have any questions regarding the above dates please contact us.

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Giongo and Gitaigo - 擬音語 と 擬態語

Have you heard of 'Giongo' (擬音語) and 'Gitaigo' (擬態語)?
Have you ever used them?

Most of Japanese learners are introduced to 'Giongo' and 'Gitaigo' very early in their language studies and don't even realise it.

People who like Manga (Japanese comic) and Anime (Japanese animation) might be familiar with these words.

'Giongo' is 'onomatopoeic words' which shows the sound of something, such as animals and natural phenomena. Japanese has about 2,000 onomatopoeia.

For example :

ワンワン(Wan Wan) - Bowwow

キーッ (Kiii) - screech

'Gitaigo' is 'Mimetic words' which imitate situations and body movements.

For example :

ゆっくり (Yukkuri) - slowly

そろそろ(Sorosoro) - soon

にこにこする (Niko niko suru) - smiling

わくわくする (Waku waku suru) - excited



In English there are many onomatopoeic words such as "thump", "murmur" and "clink", while at the same time there are numerous onomatopoeia in Japanese such as "buruburu", "konkon," and "gatagata". So it might be easier to understand what someone means.

However, the mimetic words that do not exist in English, causes difficulty for Japanese learners.

There are many repeating words in Giongo and Gitaigo and they might sound funny to you.

インターネットが遅くて、
いらいらする。

(Intaanetto ga osokute,
iraira suru.)

- I am frustrated with slow internet.

日曜日はたいていうちでごろごろしている。

(Nichiyoobi wa taitei uchi de gorogoro shiteiru)

- I am usually lazy and relax on Sundays.

And you could say,

おなかがぺこぺこだったので、

(Onaka ga peko peko datta node,)

- Because I was starving,

焼肉をもりもり食べた。

(Yakiniku o mori mori tabeta ra.)

- I ate Yakiniku heartily.

今、食べ過ぎてむかむかする。

(Ima tabesugite muka muka suru.)

- Now I ate too much and feel sick.

Giongo and Gitaigo are not only used in the comic books, they are also used in our daily conversations.

If you use these expressions correctly, your conversation will be more natural, emotional and lively.

Therefore learning 'Gitaigo' and 'Giongo' is very useful not only to have rich communication with Japanese native speakers, but also to understand Japanese culture.



NEW TERM COMMENCES 10th APRIL

iJapanese free service for students!

Write a diary in Japanese!
日本語で日記を書こう!

And Noriko will check your
writing!

The best way to improve your
Japanese is to use it on a daily
basis.

We recommend writing a diary in
Japanese. It will help your
skills, not only writing, but also
speaking, listening and reading.

Please email your diary entries
to
noriko@ijapanese.com.au

Thank you to those students
who provide me with
interesting diaries.
I really enjoy reading them!
Noriko

Student's Story



Klaus Dithmer

"Hajimemashite"

Learning any
language for the first
time is difficult
especially for early
60 year old

starters. (My wife : Linda and I). As our
daughter is living in Nihon and is marrying
into a Japanese dynasty in October this
year, we thought it was about time to
jump out of our comfort zone and take on
the challenge of *Nippongo* (the Japanese
Language).

At the beginning, we were already
familiar with some basic words such as
"rickshaw", "kimono", "soy", "geisha",
"samurai", "sushi", "sapporo" and
"asahi", but knew there was much more
to this language.

The terms "kanji" (ideographs-symbols
that each represent a concept, idea or
thing), "hiragana" and "katakana"
(syllabic scripts where characters
represent syllables) were introduced and
we immediately decided that for our
purpose we would never be able to grasp

the reading and writing of these three
different scripts and sought the easier (?)
option of sticking with the Romanized
equivalents.

We're into our 17th session and are
gradually beginning to understand a few
fundamentals of sentence structure and
knowing the existence of the "i" and
"na" adjectives which differ from their
English counterparts.

What makes us keep coming back to
"iJapanese " is having a bubbly persona
of Noriko (the face and contact of the
language school) greeting you with that
welcoming smile and our wonderful "
kyooshi" (teacher) Mari who has a great
sense of humour, resilience and patience
and above all makes our lessons fun to
learn.

We have come along way since "soy",
"kimono", and "sushi" etc, and look
forward to gaining further knowledge and
insight into the Japanese language and
culture. I'm hoping to say a few words in
Japanese at our daughter's wedding.

Quiz - Japanese Gesture クイズ 日本のジェスチャー

When we communicate with people, we use not only language but also body language such as gesture or facial expression. All cultures have gestures and some of them are very different from other cultures, this may cause confusion for you. These are a few of the Japanese gesture you might encounter. Do you know the meaning of them?

Try this quiz! (the answers on page 4)

「日本語おしゃべりのたね」
(スリーエーネットワーク)より



1. Your a liar!
2. Itchy nose
3. Me



1. No way!
2. I understand
3. Transforming!



1. Stinky!
2. It's wrong
3. Feel hot



1. Excuse me for passing
in front of you
2. Please shake hands
3. Excuse me for going
before you

iJapanese's Anniversary - Phillip Anderson

Did you know it is iJapanese's 2nd anniversary this month?

Some of our students might be surprised to know that 2 years has flown by from the day we first opened our doors in March 2010.

I would not be celebrating this if it wasn't for the support of our current and past students. Noriko and I are extremely happy with the progress of our school and equally excited about what we will be offering to you, our students, in the future.

Like all business, it takes time to grow and get well established in the community. Trust and value for money is an important part of any successful business and I believe that this is one of many reasons why our school has passed the 2 year hurdle that so many people often talk about.

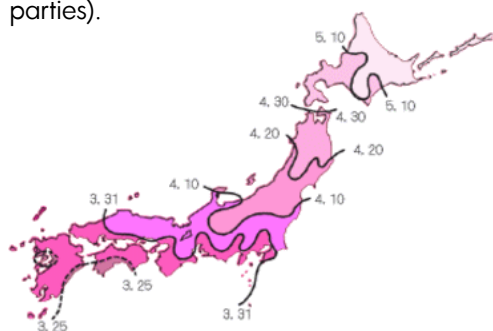


From Mari まりより

'Sakura zensen'!?

Do you happen to know what *sakura zensen* is?

Most of you may know the meaning of *sakura*, which is the Japanese word for cherry blossom. As *sakura* starts blooming in Okinawa and gradually moves northward up the country towards Hokkaido, it is called a '*sakura zensen*', which can be translated into "cherry blossom front". So at this time of the year in Japan, you will see *sakura zensen* forecasts on TV, usually after weather forecasts, which predict when and where *sakura* is likely to bloom in the country. With this information, people can make plans to go to the park and enjoy *hanami* (flower-viewing parties).



For Japanese people, *sakura* is very special. March and April, when *sakura* blooms all over Japan, is the time when schools and companies start their new year. In other words, many people graduate and enter a new school, or move to new places to start their new lives.

As we say in English, 'we never meet without a parting'. As time goes by, we have more and more experiences of meeting new people and parting from friends. *Sakura* is special for the Japanese because we can never remember these memories without *sakura*.

This coming April, *sakura* is going to be a very special flower for me, as I am having my wedding ceremony in Tokyo. I have been checking *sakura zensen* forecasts on-line everyday to see if sakura blossoms will be there with me to celebrate my special day.

Let's try cooking Japanese food!

Gyuu don (Beef on rice bowl)

Ingredients:

- 400cc Hot water
- 300g Thinly sliced beef
- 1 Onion, thinly sliced
- 1 tbs Grated ginger
- 2 tbs Usukuchi soy sauce
- 2 tbs Koikuchi soy sauce
- 3 tbs Sake
- 3 tbs Sugar
- 1 tbs Dashi (instant bouillon)
- A pinch of salt
- Pickled ginger



Method:

1. Put 400cc hot water, dashi and onion in a pot. Cook until onion softens.
2. Add sake, sugar, salt, soy sauce, and beef. Mix and cover with a lid.
3. Cook over a medium heat for 10 minutes. Then add grated ginger.
4. Cook for 1 more minute. Add sugar and soy sauce to taste.
5. Place 4 on the hot rice and scatter over pickled ginger to taste.

Announcement お知らせ

Cancelation System

If you are unable to attend your class, we ask that you notify us as soon as possible if on the day of your lesson please contact us directly by mobile phone or sms message, instead of emailing us. Thanks

Private Lessons;

48 hours notification is required to reschedule lesson within the same term.

Group lessons;

You will be able to reschedule and join another group lesson or reschedule a private lesson.



Did you know the “i” in iJapanese's Logo represents a bamboo plant!

Catch up Lesson Price Increases

We would like to remind you of our prices increase for “Catch up Lessons” in 2012.

Price as of 16th January 2012: \$22 per hour

We trust that you will understand the necessity for these price increase and we look forward to continuing to provide you with the utmost quality in lessons.

From Noriko のりこより

As Phillip says, we have reached our 2nd year of establishing iJapanese as a business.

Our desire was quite simple - to provide professional courses with a comfortable and relaxing environment for all age groups and professions.

Another aspects of our business was to provide an introduction not only language but also culture, hence the name ‘Language & Culture’.

To be honest, it has had its challenges, especially with the business side of things,

but, I always enjoy seeing my students and teaching Japanese.

Starting with zero students and little business experience Phillip and I have beaten the odds, despite both of us still having other commitments outside of the school.

I must say we could not have made it this far without the supports of our students, Phil's family & friends and, of course, Mari sensee.

With appreciation to all of you.
Thank You.

Quiz Answer

①-3 ②-1 ③-2 ④-1

How did you go with your answers?

Just in addition...

In western culture, shrugging your shoulders means 'I don't know.'

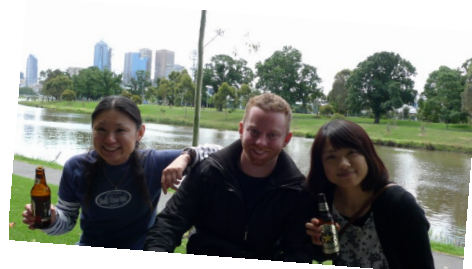
However for Japanese people, it appears to be an insulting gesture. So be careful when you talk to Japanese people!

Thank You ご挨拶

We would like to take this opportunity to thank you all again for learning with us at iJapanese Language & Culture School. Your support to us has been invaluable as we continue to grow as an established Japanese language school in Melbourne.

We hope you have enjoyed learning Japanese with us, and we will continue to work harder to build our school as the best in Melbourne.

So please, fill in the questionnaire and give us your feedback. Looking forward to seeing you all during the new term starting in April.



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