



Japanese Resources for Starters

Information for UK Schools



Are you starting Japanese from scratch at your school, or developing your existing Japanese provisions? This booklet lists Japanese language education resources that may help you.

Resource Centres



The Japan Foundation London Language Centre

The Japan Foundation works to support Japanese language education in the UK at all levels. The Language Centre offers access to Japanese teachers and learning resources, opportunities for training and networking and a funding programme. As a government-funded organisation, most Japan Foundation services are free.

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JFLLC Library

This is the UK's only library dedicated to Japanese language education, and holds almost 8,000 books and audio-visual materials. Teachers of Japanese can join as full members and borrow materials. Membership is free.

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> Japan Society (formerly Japan 21)

Offers some excellent downloadable resources for the classroom such as Children's Festivals, Haiku and Kamishibai. You can also borrow an Activity Chest and purchase a Geography Resource Pack for schools. They also offer a volunteer programme, grants, assistance with school partnership programmes and teacher training.

Tel: 020 7828 6330 Web: www.japansociety.org.uk/schools

> Japan Information and Cultural Centre (JICC), Embassy of Japan

Offers maps, brochures, stickers, activity sheets, postcards, posters, Japan Now Z-cards, artefact chests etc.

Tel: 020 7465 6589 E-mail: education@jpembassy.org.uk Web: www.uk.emb-japan.go.jp/en/study/resources.html

> Japan National Tourism Organisation (JNTO)

Offers brochures and travel information on festivals and events in Japan.

Tel: 020 7398 5678 Web: www.seejapan.co.uk

Japanese Teaching Associations

> Japanese Language Committee (JLC) www.all-languages.org.uk

JLC is part of the Association for Language Learning (ALL). JLC aims to promote and support Japanese language teaching and learning in various ways, including running workshops, creating resources and holding an annual speech contest.

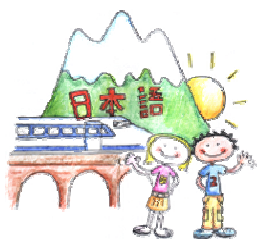
> The British Association for Teaching Japanese as a Foreign Language (BATJ) www.batj.org.uk

BATJ aims to encourage and promote Japanese language education in the UK., particularly by stimulating teaching and encouraging research in the field of language studies as an academic discipline.

> The Association of Japanese Language Teachers in Europe (AJE) www.eaje.eu/en.html

AJE is a trans-national organisation based in Europe, which aims to enhance and promote teaching and learning Japanese language and culture in Europe.

Comprehensive Resources



Ready Steady NihonGO! www.japansociety.org.uk/rsn

Ready Steady NihonGO! is a unique scheme of work for teaching Japanese at Key Stage 2. It was produced jointly by Japan 21 (now the Japan Society) and the Japan Foundation London. The scheme comprises ten structured 45-minute lessons, with comprehensive teachers' notes, National Curriculum Links and a set of accompanying Culture Notes. The course is available free online from the link above. A CD-ROM version is also available from the Japan Society



Erin's Challenge! I Can Speak Japanese erin.ne.jp

A growing number of young people are studying Japanese language because they are attracted to Japan's "cool" culture. For these young people, the Japan Foundation has developed the series "Erin's Challenge! I Can Speak Japanese."

The program features mini-dramas by up-and-coming actors together with clear and fun explanation by animated characters. In addition to language study, the program is designed to help learners develop an attitude conducive to cultural understanding.

Erin's Challenge is available to view free online at erin.ne.jp, and is also available as a DVD and textbook set in the UK from JP-Books and Japan Centre.



CHIKARA www.jpf.org.uk/language/teaching_chikara.php

CHIKARA is a set of teaching resources to support the GCSE curriculum. The resources are designed for students to learn the structure of Japanese language and to practise the language learnt in a communicative setting. CHIKARA covers topics which are equivalent to the topics required for GCSE Japanese. CHIKARA can be viewed for free at the above link, and is also available as a CD or hardcopy printed version from the Japan Foundation



Japanese Scheme of Work for Key Stage 2

http://www.jpf.org.uk/language/teaching_resources.php#primary

The first resource of its kind for Primary Japanese, this Scheme of Work is designed to meet the requirements of the KS2 Framework for Languages and is based on Schemes of Work created for French. Packed with lesson plans, supplementary resources, target vocabulary and teaching tips, this Scheme of Work will give teachers of Japanese at primary level all they need to hold effective, engaging and enjoyable Japanese lessons.

The trial version can be downloaded for free from the Japan Foundation website at the above link.



Japanese Bookstores in London

There are several places throughout the UK that sell Japanese language and cultural teaching materials, including script charts, origami paper, calligraphy sets, books, DVDs, etc. Two well-known shops in London include:

> **JP-Books (UK) Ltd**

Dorland House Mitsukoshi, 14-20 Regent Street, London SW1Y 4PU

Tel: 020 7839 4839 Fax: 020 7925 0346 Email: info@jpbooks.co.uk Website: www.jpbooks.co.uk

> **Japan Centre**

14-16 Regent Street, London SW1Y 4PH

Tel: 020 3405 1150 Fax: 020 7930 7754

Email: bookshop_manager@japancentre.com Website: www.japancentre.com

Japan Foundation Websites



The Japan Foundation London Language Centre www.jpf.org.uk/language

The main website of the JFLLC includes a dedicated Japanese resources page, information and statistics about Japanese language education in the UK, advertising specifically for Japanese teachers, and news about all Japan Foundation events and other relevant Japan related topics.



NIHONGO e na Portal for Learning Japanese nihongo-e-na.com

The site features various websites and online tools useful for studying Japanese, and aims to provide support for learners from all over the world who are looking for fun ways to study.



Japanese in Anime and Manga anime-manga.jp

The purpose of this site is to give Japanese learners and anime/manga fans from all over the world an opportunity to learn Japanese in an enjoyable way, using the anime and manga they enjoy as a gateway to their studies. The site to deepen learners' understanding of the Japanese language and culture, and to give an added incentive to study.



Minna no Kyozaï minnanokyozaï.jp

Minna no Kyozaï is a website for Japanese-language teachers around the world create suitable teaching materials for their students. It features resources, a forum and advice on creating effective learning materials.

Other Websites

> **About.com – Japanese Language** japanese.about.com

A large and detailed site about Japanese language.

> **A Fan in Japan** www.bbc.co.uk/languages/japanese

Good fun for children and adults.

> **The Japan Forum** www.tjf.or.jp

Contains lots of resources for Japanese language and cultural teaching

> **Japanese at South Wolds Community School (Resources)** www.japanese-at-southwolds.org.uk

This school, which teaches Japanese, has published learning materials for GCSE , AS, A2 and IB Japanese.

> **Japanese Teaching Ideas** www.japteach.com

Free Japanese worksheets, PowerPoints, games, flashcards and much more.

> **Japan-UK Live** www.japanuklive.org

Japan UK LIVE! is an educational website designed to encourage exchange between young people in Japan and the UK. It is totally bilingual - by removing the language barrier, participants are able to concentrate on what they want to say, rather than what they know how to say. Using the Japan UK LIVE! Project Pages, it is also possible to set up your own collaborative project with other schools within your own private space.

> **Kids Web Japan** web-jpn.org/kidsweb/index.html

A site about Japan specifically for children, written in English. Lots of cultural information as well as language material.

> **Language Guide - Nihongo** www.languageguide.org/nihongo

Comprehensive Language guide with sound files.

> **Tsunagaaru** www.tsunagaaru.com

This website is an SNS (Social Networking Service) site for communication among secondary students all over the world.



Would you like to know more about how the Japan Foundation can support Japanese at your school?

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