

Support for Japanese Language Education for Teachers and Schools



from The Japan Foundation London

One of the Japan Foundation London's main goals is to encourage as many people as possible to learn the Japanese language. We are therefore committed to supporting teachers, schools and learners of Japanese by providing resources, holding events, and giving advice and information related to Japanese language education. This leaflet outlines our main services available to teachers and schools interested in teaching the Japanese language.

Free Teaching Resources

The Japan Foundation produces and distributes free resources for teachers and learners of Japanese. All resources can be viewed online by visiting www.jpf.org.uk/language/teaching_resources.php.

Online Resources

> **Chikara 「力」** www.jpf.org.uk/language/teaching_chikara.php

Teaching resource specifically for GCSE Japanese. Printed and CD version also available.

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

Program created as a resource for teaching Japanese language and culture through the adventures of Erin in Japan.

> **Japanese in Anime and Manga** anime-manga.jp

A website designed for learners to study Japanese in an enjoyable way through the medium of Japanese cartoons and comics.

> **Japanese Scheme of Work for KS2** www.jpf.org.uk/language/teaching_resources.php#primary

Designed to meet the requirements of the KS2 Framework for Languages. Packed with lesson plans, supplementary resources, target vocabulary and teaching tips.

> **JF Standard for Japanese Language Education** jfstandard.jp

A tool to help Japanese teachers consider how Japanese can be taught, and how learners' achievements can be assessed.

> **Minna no Kyozaï** minnanokyozaï.jp

Website where Japanese language teachers can share resources, lessons plans, images and ideas.

> **Nihongo e-na** nihongo-e-na.com

A web portal dedicated to introducing all kinds of websites and online tools useful for studying Japanese

> **Ready, Steady Nihongo** www.japansociety.org.uk/rsn

An online package of ten 45-minute lesson plans, including worksheets, flashcards and other resources, suitable for Key Stage 2 learners and young beginners. CD version also available.

> **Japan Foundation Library** www.jpf.org.uk/library

The Japan Foundation London Library has around 8,500 books and other resources related to Japanese language education. It is free to join and reference membership is open to all. Teachers at UK primary and secondary schools are eligible for Full Membership and can borrow books without even visiting the library through our Loan-by-Post service.

Courses and Events for Teachers and Schools

The Japan Foundation holds events in support of Japanese language education throughout the year. Many of these events are held in our London office, and the majority of our events are free.

Contests for Schools and Students

> **Japan Webpage Contest for Schools** www.japanwebpagecontest.org.uk

Annual contest in which schools design a webpage related to Japanese or Japan. Schools can win up to £1000 worth of prizes!

> **Nihongo Cup** www.jpf.org.uk/language/speechcontests.php#nihongo

Annual speech contest for secondary school students studying Japanese.

Language Courses for non-native Japanese language teachers

> **J-Basic** www.jpf.org.au/jbasic

An online course for non-native Japanese teachers with a basic level of Japanese to help improve their ability.

> **Japanese Refresher Course for Teachers** www.jpf.org.uk/language/courses.php#refresh

A free four-day intensive course for non-native teachers of Japanese with Intermediate or Advanced level Japanese, held once a year at the Japan Foundation London.

> **Talking Contemporary Japan** www.jpf.org.uk/language/courses.php#tcj

A language course designed for all adult learners with advanced Japanese.

> **Japanese language courses in Japan** www.jpf.org.uk/language/courses.php#outsidejapan

We offer opportunities for non-native Japanese language teachers to take Japanese courses in Japan.

Workshops for Schools and Teachers

> **Head Start** www.jpf.org.uk/language/eventsforteachers.php#headstart

Annual one-day free conference for curriculum planners, language teachers and co-ordinators from UK primary and secondary schools that want to learn more about introducing Japanese language into their school

> **Japan Conference for Schools** www.jpf.org.uk/language/eventsforteachers.php#schools

Annual one-day free event for teachers and local authority advisors to share ideas about introducing Japanese language and culture into schools

> **Exam workshops** www.jpf.org.uk/language/othercourses.php

Throughout the year, the Japan Foundation hosts workshops specifically for Japanese exams including GCSE and A-Level.

Information, Advice and Networking

The Japan Foundation strives to keep all Japanese teachers informed of the latest issues within Japanese Language Education, while being on-hand to provide advice and support whenever required.

E-Bulletin and E-discussion group

> **JLE-UK** www.mailtalk.ac.uk/archives/jle-uk.html

A discussion group allowing subscribers to easily share ideas, news and advice about Japanese language education

> **JF-News** www.jpf.org.uk/registration/index.php

The Japan Foundation's monthly e-bulletin newsletter, keeping subscribers informed of all news and upcoming events.

Information Online

> **List of Schools teaching Japanese** www.jpf.org.uk/language/listofschools.php

A growing database of UK primary and secondary schools that teach Japanese language.

> **FAQ** www.jpf.org.uk/language/faq.php

An extensive Frequently Asked Question section addressing common issues in teaching and learning Japanese.

Other Services

At the Japan Foundation, we are constantly looking to offer new ways to support Japanese language education in the UK. We have many other programmes and services available for all those involved in teaching Japanese.

Japanese Local Project Support Programme Grant www.jpf.org.uk/language/funding.php

Institutions can apply for up to £3000 funding for Japanese language education related projects.

Volunteer Tasters & Japanese Teacher Advertising

> **Japanese Taster for Schools Programme** www.jpf.org.uk/language/teaching_stepout.php

We arrange for volunteers to come to schools interested in teaching Japanese, and offer a Japanese language taster session.

> **Japanese Language Teaching job advertising** www.jpf.org.uk/language/teaching_job.php

We provide free advertising for Japanese language teaching jobs on our website and JLE-UK.

> **List of Private Tutors** www.jpf.org.uk/language/learning_tutors.php

Our website features list of private Japanese tutors located throughout the UK, which is free for tutors to sign up.



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