

**FREE Course at**  
**The Japan Foundation London Language Centre (JFLLC)**

**Exploring Japan through Short Stories**

***seminars will be held in Japanese***

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日本語で読んで語ろう！

**Course Leader: Shoko Middleton**

テーマ: ちょっと不思議な話、ちょっとおもしろい話  
なつめそうせき むらかみはるき たんべんしょうせつ まいかい よ かん  
夏目漱石から村上春樹まで、短編小説を、毎回ひとつずつ読んで感じたことを  
どんだん語り合うインターアクティブな講座です。

**5 June – 26 June 2008 (Thursdays, 4 weeks) 18:30 – 20:30**

**Deadline for applications: Friday 23 May 2008**

**(Course limited to 20 people – strictly first come, first served)**

**Course outline: seminars will be held in Japanese**

Each week, participants will discuss a different short story written by a popular Japanese author.

1. Short-short stories by **Haruki Murakami**
2. Short-short stories by **Shinichi Hoshi**
3. A short story from 『つめたいよるに』 by **Kaori Ekuni**
4. A short story from 『夢十夜』 by **Soseki Natsume**

Prior to the sessions, participants will receive copies of the selected short stories (about 3 - 5 A4 pages each) and comprehension notes, designed to support them in preparing for the sessions in their own time. During each lesson participants will be able to check their understanding of contents and language by talking in pairs and small groups, led by the teacher. They will be given the opportunity to read aloud some passages and dialogues, and talk about their interpretation of the story and how they relate to its contents in comparison to their own experiences and thoughts.

‘Talking Contemporary Japan’ is designed for adult learners interested in updating and refreshing their knowledge about Japan whilst practising their Japanese language skills in a series of evening classes at the Japan Foundation London Language Centre. This term, the course will be taught by Shoko Middleton, a Japanese language advisor based at the JFLLC.

Whilst providing a genuine chance to look behind some of Japan’s contemporary cultural issues, the course will also provide you with an ideal opportunity to improve all four skills of Japanese.