

Institute of Modern Languages

COURSE CONTENT - JAPANESE SURVIVAL COURSE

TOPIC	LANGUAGE FUNCTIONS	LANGUAGE FOCUS
	Telling basic information for hotel	Number 1-10
	check-in (name, booking	Counter for floors (1st, 2nd, & 3rd floor.)
	number, room number etc)	Expressions to check in at hotel (e.g.
	Finding out locations of hotel	Check in please. I am John Smith.
	facilities	Your room is No.550)
Hotel Check-	Finding right place (female toilet,	Expressions to ask for simple
in	male bath etc)	locations (e.g., Where is the
	Useful greetings & phrases	restaurant? – <i>resutoran wa doko</i>
	(Excuse me, Thank you, you're	desu ka?
	welcome, good morning etc)	It's on the 1 st floor. – <i>Ikkai desu</i> .)
		signs written in Kanji (male toilet,
	Cultural focus: Onsen (hot)	female bath, entrance, exit)
	spring) etiquette	
		Number 11-99
		Expressions related to transportation
	Asking/ telling time	(e.g., Does this train goes to Kyoto? –
		Kono densha wa Kyoto ni ikimasu ka.
	Asking for basic information	What time is the next train? – <i>Tsugi no</i>
Catching a	about transportation	densha wa nanji desu ka?
train		Where is the Yamanote-line? –
	Buying train tickets	Yamanote-sen wa doko desu ka?)
		Counter for thin object such as ticket,
	Cultural focus: Professional	paper etc)
	pushers at train stations	Expression to buy train tickets (e.g.,
		Two tickets to Kyoto, please. – <i>Kyooto,</i>
		ni-mai onegai shimasu.
Around town	Requesting information about	Basic location (next to, in front of etc)
	places (e.g., art gallery, train	Expressions for asking about places
	station, park etc)	(e.g., Is there a convenience store? –
		Konbini ga arimasu ka?
	Cultural focus: convenience	It's next to the bank.– <i>Ginkoo no tonari</i>
	stores & vending machines	desu.)

	Asking if a store has what you	• Numbers 100 - 90000
	want to buy	Expressions for shopping (e.g., Do
	Asking for prices	you have Kimono? – <i>Kimono ga</i>
	Expressing quantities	arimasu ka? How much is it? – Ikura
Shopping	Asking for a smaller / cheaper	desu ka?
	item	Do you have a cheaper one? – <i>Moo</i>
		chotto yasui no ga arimasu ka?
	Cultural focus: wrapping &	
	packaging	
	Ordering take-away food	Expressions for ordering (e.g., Coffee
		please. –Koohii onegai shimasu.
	Ordering food & drinks at a	Small size, please. – S-saizu, onegai
Take away or	restaurant/food outlet	shimasu.)
dining in?		Saying no to plastic bag, chopsticks
	Cultural focus: Ordering food with	etc (e.g., No thanks to a bag, –
	a ticket machine & Do's & don'ts	Baggu, kekkoo desu.)
	in Japan	