

About the JFT-Basic

(Japan Foundation Test for Basic Japanese : JFT-Basic)

1. Objectives of the Test

Objective:

To measure the level of Japanese language proficiency needed by foreign nationals about to reside in Japan mainly for work, to communicate in everyday life situations.

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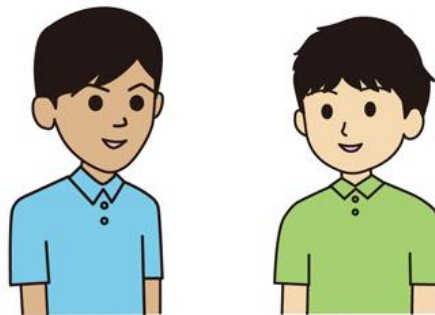
The JFT-Basic is also used to measure the Japanese language proficiency levels needed to obtain the status of residence of "Specified Skilled Worker (i)" and "Employment for Skill Development."

2. Target of the Test

Target:

Foreign nationals who are **not native speakers of Japanese**

(Foreign nationals about to reside in Japan mainly for work)



Computer-Based Testing (**CBT**)

Questions are set and answered on computers at test venue



Answer by looking at questions displayed on the screen

Answer based on audio played through the headphones



3. CBT screen

The screenshot shows the JFT-Basic CBT interface. At the top, a black header bar contains the question number '1', section name 'Script and Vocabulary', and test name 'Japan Foundation Test for Basic Japanese'. A 'Time remaining' box shows '00:59:57'. A 'Finish Section' button is on the right. Below the header, a green bar displays the candidate name 'USER mygration'. The main area features a question 'Look at the illustration and choose the correct word.' with an illustration of a woman. Below the question are three answer choices: 'Your Language 1', 'Your Language 2', and 'わらいます'. A vertical sidebar on the left shows a list of questions, with the first one highlighted in green. A legend explains the colors: Gray for 'Answered', Green for 'Currently answering', Green with a flag for 'Unanswered', and With flag for 'Review needed'. At the bottom, a navigation bar includes a 'Back' button, a 'Next' button, and a 'Flag for reviewing answer' button. A 'Tab: Section' label points to the 'Script and Vocabulary' tab.

Question number
Section name
Test name

Time remaining

Question: 1
Section: Script and Vocabulary
Test: Japan Foundation Test for Basic Japanese

Section Time Remaining
00:59:57

Finish Section

Candidate: USER mygration

intro

1
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3
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Look at the illustration and choose the correct word.

Your Language 1

Your Language 2

Name of examinee

Gray : Answered
Green 1 : Currently answering
Green 3 : Unanswered
With flag : Review needed

Display area for test question and answer choices

わらいます
おこります
なきます

Tab: Section

Flag for reviewing answer

Navigation to questions using the Back and Next buttons

Back Next

3. CBT screen

Problems are displayed in English.

Your Language1:
English,
Chinese,
Indonesian,
Khmer,
Mongolian,
Myanmar,
Nepali,
Thai or
Vietnamese

Your Language2:
Uzbek,
Bengali,
Lao or
Malay

Question: 1
Section: Listening Comprehension



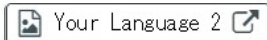
Section Time Remaining
00:57:30

Finish Section

Test: Japan Foundation Test for Basic Japanese

Candidate: USER migration

You will hear two people talking about the New Year holidays at work.
What did the man do with his friend during the New Year holidays?



Your Language 1

English	You will hear two people talking about the New Year holidays at work. What will the man do with his friend during the New Year holidays?
Chinese	你听到两个人正在公司谈论元旦假期。 男士在元旦假期时和朋友做了什么?
Indonesian	Anda akan mendengar dua orang sedang berbicara tentang liburan tahun baru di tempat kerja. Apa yang telah dilakukan pria itu dengan temannya pada liburan tahun baru?
Khmer	អ្នកនឹងឮថា ពួកគេកំពុងនិយាយជាមួយគ្នាអំពីថ្ងៃបុណ្យចូលឆ្នាំថ្មីនៅកន្លែងធ្វើការ។ តើបុរសនេះបានធ្វើអ្វីជាមួយនឹងមិត្តរបស់គាត់នៅថ្ងៃបុណ្យចូលឆ្នាំថ្មី?
Mongolian	2 хүн ажил дээрээ цагаан сарын амралтын талаар ярилцаж байгаа нь сонсогдоно. Эрэгтэй нь цагаан сараар найзтайгаа юу хийсэн бэ?
Myanmar	သင့်သည် လူနစ်စီးလုပ်ငန်းခွင်တွင်နှစ်သစ်ကူးပိတ်ရက်နှင့်ပိတ်သက်ပြီးပြောနေကြသည်ကို ကြားရလိမ့်မည်။ အမျိုးသားသည်နှစ်သစ်ကူးပိတ်ရက်တွင်သူငယ်ချင်းနှင့်ဘာလုပ်မည်နည်း။
Nepali	तपाईंले दुई जना व्यक्तिहरूले काम गर्ने ठाउँमा नयाँ वर्षको बिदाको बारेमा गरिरहेको कुराकानी सुन्नुहुनेछ। त्यो पुरुषले नयाँ वर्षको बिदामा साथीसँग के गरे?
Thai	คุณจะได้ยินคนสองคนคุยกันเรื่องวันหยุดปีใหม่ในที่ทำงาน ผู้ชายได้ทำอะไรกับเพื่อนในช่วงวันหยุดปีใหม่
Vietnamese	Bạn sẽ nghe hai người đang nói chuyện về kỳ nghỉ năm mới tại nơi làm việc. Người đàn ông đã làm gì với bạn trong kỳ nghỉ năm mới?

Click on the Your Language button to pop up a screen with the problem in your local language.

Understand the situation and setting before answering the question.

3. CBT screen

Question: 1
Section: Listening Comprehension



Section Time Remaining
00:57:30

Finish Section

Test: Japan Foundation Test for Basic Japanese

Candidate: USER mygration

You will hear two people talking about the New Year holidays at work.
What did the man do with his friend during the New Year holidays?

Your Language 1

Your Language 2



Press the play button to play the audio. You can listen to the audio up to two times.

Answer by clicking on your choice.
The selected answer will change color.

4. Test structure

60 minutes

*No time limit
for completing
each section

Section	Category
Script and Vocabulary (Around 12 questions)	Word Meaning
	Word Usage
	Kanji Reading
	Kanji Meaning and Usage
Conversation and Expression (Around 12 questions)	Grammar
	Expression
Listening Comprehension (Around 12 questions)	Comprehending Content (conversation)
	Comprehending Content (communicating at shops and public places)
	Comprehending Content (listening to announcements and instructions)
Reading Comprehension (Around 12 questions)	Comprehending Content
	Information Search

*You can review and answer again as long as you are within the same section. However, once you move to the next section, you cannot go back to the previous section. In the Listening Comprehension section, you cannot go to the previous or next question to review and answer again. 8

4. Test structure

Script and Vocabulary

Purposes of the section

To test if the test-taker is able to read Japanese texts used in everyday situations, and whether the test-taker has the basic vocabulary and is able to use it.

Categories and their Purpose

Category	Purpose of the Category
Word Meaning	To test the meaning of a word.
Word Usage	To test the usage of a word.
Kanji Reading	To test the hiragana pronunciation of a word written in kanji.
Kanji Meaning and Usage	To test the meaning and usage of a word written in kanji.

4. Test structure

Conversation and Expression

Purposes of the section

To test if the test-taker is able to use the grammar and expressions necessary for conversation in everyday situations.

Categories and their Purpose

Category	Purpose of the Category
Grammar	To test if the test-taker can use the appropriate grammar matching the context.
Expression	To test if the test-taker is able to use the appropriate expression matching the context.

4. Test structure

Listening Comprehension

Purposes of the section

To test if the test-taker is able to listen to and understand conversations, instructions, etc. in everyday situations.

Categories and their Purpose

Category	Purpose of the Category
Comprehending Content (conversation)	To test understanding of contents by listening to an exchange of information or social exchange.
Comprehending Content (communicating at shops and public places)	To test understanding of contents by listening to an exchange at a shop or public place.
Comprehending Content (listening to announcements and instructions)	To test understanding of contents by listening to instructions and announcements, audio media, etc.

4. Test structure

Reading Comprehension

Purposes of the section

To test if the test-taker is able to read and understand letters, notices, explanations, etc. in everyday situations.

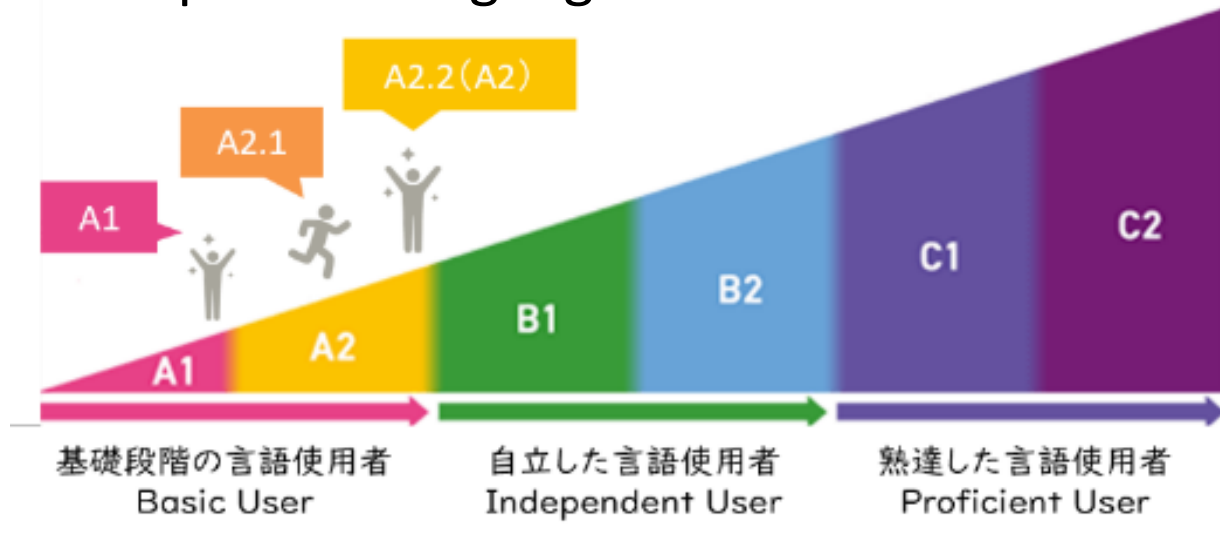
Categories and their Purpose

Category	Purpose of the Category
Comprehending Content	To test reading of a short and simple letter, message, etc.
Information Search	To test if the test-taker is able to find the necessary information from an everyday billboard, notice, information material, etc.

5. Assessment of Japanese Language Proficiency Levels

Japanese Language Proficiency Levels Assessed by JFT-Basic:

The JFT-Basic determines whether test takers have reached A1, A2.1, or A2.2 (A2) under the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages: Learning, Teaching, Assessment (CEFR), the JF Standard for Japanese-Language Education, and the Reference Framework for Japanese Language Education.



A2.1 indicates that the test taker has reached A1 and is progressing toward A2.2 (A2).

5. Assessment of Japanese Language Proficiency Levels

Test Levels

Level	Can-do
A2	▪ Can understand sentences and frequently used expressions related to areas of most immediate relevance (e.g. very basic personal and family information, shopping, local geography, employment). ▪ Can communicate in simple and routine tasks requiring a simple and direct exchange of information on familiar and routine matters. ▪ Can describe in simple terms aspects of his/her background, immediate environment and matters in areas of immediate need.
A1	▪ Can understand sentences and frequently used expressions related to areas of most immediate relevance (e.g. very basic personal and family information, shopping, local geography, employment). ▪ Can communicate in simple and routine tasks requiring a simple and direct exchange of information on familiar and routine matters. ▪ Can describe in simple terms aspects of his/her background, immediate environment and matters in areas of immediate need.

6. Test result notification

Test result notification period and method

On the day of the test	The total score and assessment results will be displayed on the screen at the end of the test. 
Within 5 business days after taking the test	The official notification of assessment results can be viewed and printed on the registration website after logging in.

6. Test result notification

SAMPLE

国際交流基金日本語基礎テスト 判定結果通知書
Japan Foundation Test for Basic Japanese Notification of assessment results

受験者情報
Examinee information

- ・顔写真 Face Photo
- ・受験番号 Registration Number
- ・氏名 Name
- ・国籍 Nationality
- ・生年月日 Date of Birth
- ・性別 Sex

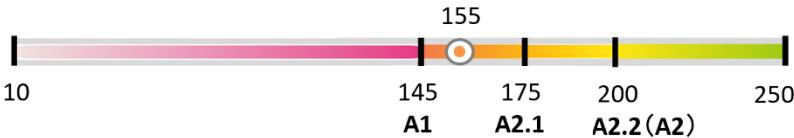
受験情報
Test information

- ・受験地 Test Location
- ・受験日 Test Date

総合得点 : 155
Total Score

判定結果 : A1
Assessment Results

得点範囲 : 10-250
Range of Scores
判定基準点 A1 : 145, A2.1 : 175, A2.2 (A2) : 200
Passing Score



セクション毎の正答率:
The percentage of correct answers for each section



Total Score	Assessment Results
200-250	A2.2 (A2)
175-199	A2.1
145-174	A1
below 145	*

(Notification of assessment results)

7. Key Features of Questions

● Questions are based on A1–A2 levels of Can-do

- Level indicators for sections and categories:
A1–A2 of the CEFR Can-do
- Specific situations and topics for each question:
JF Can-do, JF Can-do for Life in Japan

● Questions focus on daily life situations

- Includes situations and topics that are necessary for daily life in Japan, such as hospitals and disaster preparedness
- Designed to place test-takers in situations where they accomplish tasks indicated in each Can-do

Sample Questions

1-1 Script and Vocabulary Word Meaning

Test the meaning of a word.

Look at the illustration and choose the correct word.

 Your Language 1 

 Your Language 2 



なきます

おこります

わらいます

1-2 Script and Vocabulary Word Usage

Test the usage of a word.

Read the sentence and choose the word that fits in () the most.

 Your Language 1 

 Your Language 2 

だんだん 日本の しゅうかんに () きました。

なれて

ふえて

すすんで

1-3 Script and Vocabulary Kanji Reading

Test the hiragana pronunciation of a word written in kanji.

How do you write the underlined kanji word in hiragana?
Choose the correct one.

 Your Language 1 

 Your Language 2 

水道が こわれた ときは、ここに でんわして ください。

すいとう

すいどう

ずいどう

1-4 Script and Vocabulary Kanji Meaning and Usage

Test the meaning and usage of a word written in kanji.

Read the sentence and choose the kanji word that fits in () the most.

 Your Language 1 

 Your Language 2 

とうきょうタワーが よる あかるく () いて、
とても きれいでした。

乗って

光って

通って

2-1 Conversation and Expression Grammar

Test if the test-taker can use the appropriate grammar matching the context.

Mei-san is asking Emi-san about baby gifts.

Read the dialog and choose the phrase that fits the most.

 Your Language 1 

 Your Language 2 

メイ： えみさん、ちょっと 聞いても いいですか。

えみ： 何ですか。

メイ： 会社の せんぱいに お子さんが 生まれたので、
お祝いに 何か と 思うんですが、
いくらぐらいの ものが いいですか。



えみ： そうですね。会社の 人には だいたい 5000円ぐらいの
ものですね。

あげない

あげよう

あげるため

あげるつもり

2-2 Conversation and Expression Expression

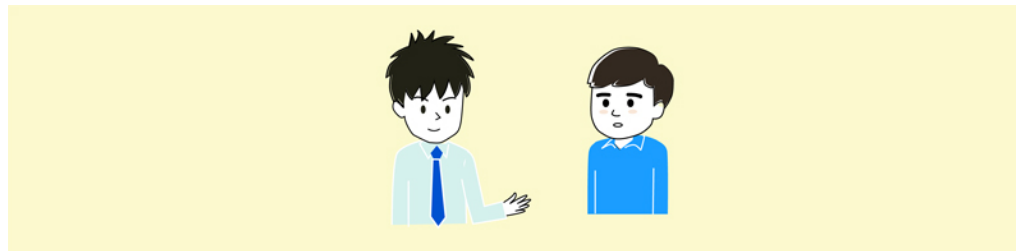
Test if the test-taker is able to use the appropriate expression matching the context.

Two people are talking during lunch break at work.

Read the dialog and choose the expression that fits the most.

 Your Language 1 

 Your Language 2 



これから やまもとさんと 外に 食事に行くんですが、いっしょに どうですか。

すみません。今日は おべんとうなので…。

、お願いします。



そうですか。さんねん。

すみません。



こちらこそ

もう いちど

また こんど

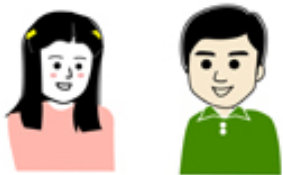
3-1 Listening Comprehension Comprehending Content (conversation)

Test understanding of contents by listening to an exchange of information or social exchange.

You will hear two people talking about the New Year holidays at work.
What did the man do with his friend during the New Year holidays?

 Your Language 1 

 Your Language 2 



3-2 Listening Comprehension

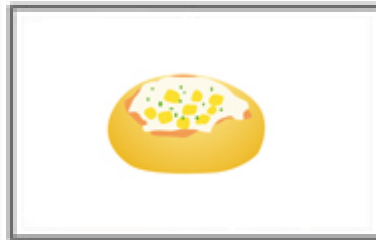
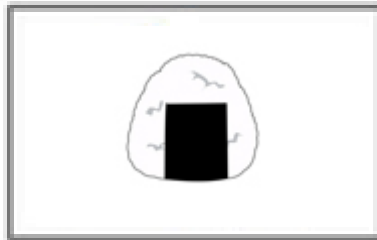
Comprehending Content (communicating at shops and public places)

Test understanding of contents by listening to an exchange of information or social exchange.

You will hear a man asking a store staff about products at the convenience store.
Which one can the man eat/drink?

 Your Language 1 

 Your Language 2 



3-3 Listening Comprehension

Comprehending Content (listening to announcements and instructions)

Test understanding of contents by listening to instructions and announcements, audio media, etc.

You will hear an officer talking about what to do in case of fire at an emergency drill at work.

(1) What do you do first when a fire occurs?

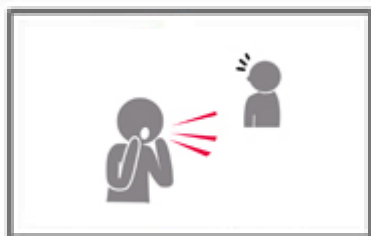
(2) Where do you evacuate?

 Your Language 1 

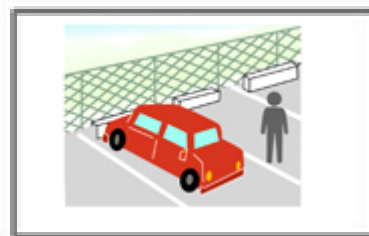
 Your Language 2 



(1)



(2)



4-1 Reading Comprehension Comprehending content

Test reading of a short and simple letter, message, etc.

You are reading a town's public information magazine.
Answer questions (1) and (2).

 Your Language 1 

 Your Language 2 

こくさいフェスティバルが おこなわれました 2月24日（日）文化ホール

午後は 世界の 歌と おどりの ステージや 世界の がっきコンサートが
おこなわれました。コンサートでは おきゃくさんが がっきを たいけんする
コーナーも ありました。外の 広場では いろいろな 国の 食べ物や
アクセサリが 売られていました。

午後の スピーチコンテストでは 日本の 人は 外国語で、外国の 人は
日本語で 話しました。ゆうしょうした ベトナムの ホアさんは、「スピーチは
はじめてでしたが、うまく 話せました。私は 日本での おもしろい けいけんに
ついて 話しました。みんな たくさん わらって くれて、よかったです。
それから、私の 国の ことばで スピーチを している 日本の 人が いて、
びっくりしました。」と 話していました。

(1)フェスティバルに 行った 人は
何が できましたか。

歌と おどりを 見ること

がっきを 買うこと

アクセサリを 作ること

(2)ホアさんは スピーチコンテストに 参加して
どう 思いましたか。

スピーチの けいけんが なかったけど、うまく いった

自分の スピーチを わらわれて、かなしかった

日本人の 英語の スピーチが 上手で、びっくりした

4-2 Reading Comprehension Information search

Test if the test-taker is able to find the necessary information from an everyday billboard, notice, informational material, etc.

Kumaru-san received instructions on medicines at the pharmacy.
Look at the instructions and answer questions (1) and (2).

Your Language 1

Your Language 2

クマル・シュレスタ 様									
20XX年11月9日									
No	色・形	名前・はたらき	起	朝	昼	夕	夜	注意事項	
1		【ネツナレ錠】 熱を下げます。 鼻水をおさえます。		1	1	1		ねむくなりやすいので、 車の運転はさけてくだ さい。	
			1日3回 毎食後 1回1錠【5日分】						
2		【セキドミカプセル】 せきを鎮めます。		2	2	2		薬の作用が強く出る ことがありますので、 飲酒しないでください。	
			1日3回 毎食後 1回2錠【5日分】						
3		【タントレン錠】 たんの切れをよく します。				1		他の薬を飲んでいる人 は医者にご相談してくだ さい。	
			1日1回 夕食後 1回1錠【3日分】						

- (1)セキドミカプセルは 1回に
いくつ 飲みますか。
- (2)飲んだ 後、ねむくなるかもしれないのは
どれですか。

2つ

3つ

5つ

ネツナレ錠

セキドミカプセル

タントレン錠

Correct Answers

Section	Category	Correct Answer(s)
Script and Vocabulary	Word Meaning	わらいます
	Word Usage	なれて
	Kanji Reading	すいどう
	Kanji Meaning and Usage	光って
Conversation and Expression	Grammar	あげよう
	Expression	また こんど
Listening Comprehension	Comprehending Content (conversation)	
	Comprehending Content (communicating at shops and public places)	
	Comprehending Content (listening to announcements and instructions)	(1)  (2) 
Reading Comprehension	Comprehending Content	(1) 歌と おどりを 見ること
		(2) スピーチの けいけんが なかったけど、うまく いった
	Information Search	(1) 2つ
		(2) ネットナレ錠