



Independent Japanese Self Study: Intermediate

(Name, email) _____

Goal Setting
Time Management
Learning Styles/Study Methods
JLPT
Motivation and Frustration

Quiz Time!



Question 1:

○ Q: パンはパンだけど、食べられないパンはなんでしょう？

○ A: フライパン



Question 2:

○ Q: ガスは食べられないけど、食べられるガスは何でしょうか？

○ A: アスパラガス



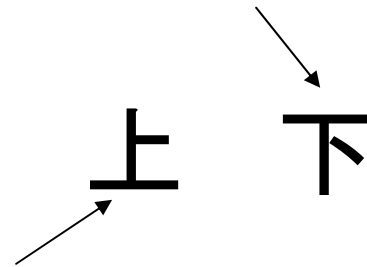


Question 3 (Kanji):

○Q: うえに見れば、したにある。したに見れば、うえにある。この漢字はなんでしょう？

○A: 一 (いち)

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Goals are SMART(ED)

- Specific
- Measurable
- Attainable
- Realistic
- Timely
- Effort
- Diligence



Setting Goals

- X –improve my vocabulary.
- 0 –7 new words a day.

- X –be able to read Japanese manga.
- 0 –2 pages a day from Naruto.

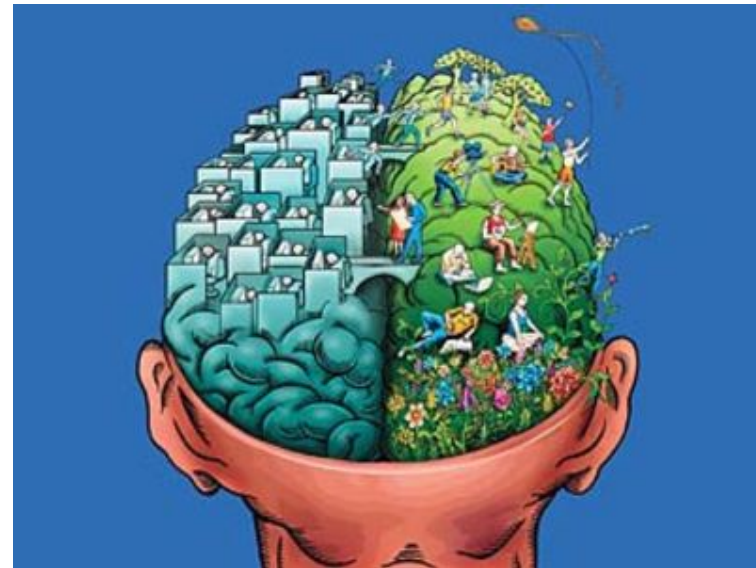


Time Management

- Study at work
- After work
- Make time for all 4 L.Skills
- Focused study
 - 15 mins of concentrated study > studying on and off for an hour

Learning Styles

- Visual
- Auditory
- Tactile
- A language learner must be...
 - **All of the above!**





Study Methods

- TONS of methods
- Balance traditional and non-traditional
- Make new methods!
- If it ain't workin', change it up



At Work

- Co-workers (PE Teacher)
- Be available
- Small talk
- Students
- Pay attention to JTE during class
- Attend Japanese class
- Enkai
- Free time



At Home

- Keitai text messaging
- Private lessons
- Group classes
- JLPT study materials
- CLAIR Course (Late October – May)



Community

- Introduce yourself to many people
- Non-language related activity
- Language partner
- International center / club / society



The JLPT Goal

- Reasons to take it...
 - Motivation
 - Measure your skill
 - Many companies and universities require it
- Application sold at major bookstores like Kinokuniya, Maruzen, etc... (500 yen)
- Application fee: 5,500 yen
- Deadline: September 11
- Test Date: December 2nd, 2007



The JLPT Goal

- Three sections: Writing and Vocabulary – Listening - Reading and Grammar
- **Advice:** Take level 2 right away. Most institutions don't recognize level 4 or 3 as sufficient for work/study.



Motivation / Frustrations

- Distractions
- Social life / Study time
- Keeping / changing goals

Motivation / Frustrations

- “日本語が上手ですね！”
- “日本語がむずかしいですねえ～”



驚いたニャー！



Support and Services

- Talk to peers
- Don't be afraid of mistakes
- Talk with other JETs, take breaks from Japanese



Online Resources

- <http://www.polarcloud.com/rikaichan/>
 - Instant dictionary
- <http://www.yookoso.com>
 - Kanji-a-day
- <http://www.kanji.koohii.com>
 - Learn kanji through mnemonics
- <http://www.mlcjapanese.co.jp/Download.htm>
- <http://www.jtest.org/jtest/>
 - Practical Japanese
- <http://www.jetro.go.jp/en/bjt/>
 - Business Japanese



Questions?

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