

LESSON NOTES

# JLPT #1

## JLPT Level 4 Last Minute Prep Course 1

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## What is the JLPT?

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The Japanese Language Proficiency Test (JLPT) takes place both inside and outside Japan to evaluate and certify the Japanese language proficiency of primarily non-native speakers. The test has four different levels, with Level 4 being the most basic and Level 1 being the most difficult\*. Each test is made up of three sections: Writing-Vocabulary, Listening, and Reading-Grammar. Answers are marked on a separate answer sheet.

\*Note that the JLPT Levels will change starting in 2010.

## About JLPT Level 4

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### Content of the Test (Level 4)

Sections	Hours	Points
Writing-Vocabulary	25 minutes	100 points
Listening	25 minutes	100 points
Reading-Grammar	50 minutes	200 points
Total	100 minutes	400 points

### Criteria (Level 4)

The examinee has the ability to engage in simple conversation and to read and write short, simple sentences. The examinee writes the examination paper entirely in Japanese, no *romaji* is used.

Kanji	Vocabulary	Passing Mark
~100	~800	60% or higher

### About this Course

This course is designed for those who are preparing for the JLPT Level 4 test. This course contains six lessons.

Here is the lesson schedule.

Lesson	Section	Question
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1	もじ ごい Writing- Vocabulary	もんだい I II (Writing) もんだい III IV (Vocabulary)
2	どっかい・ぶんぽう Reading-Grammar	もんだい I (Grammar) Particles
3	どっかい・ぶんぽう Reading-Grammar	もんだい II III (Grammar) Adjective and verb conjugation Adverbs
4	どっかい・ぶんぽう Reading-Grammar	もんだい IV V VI (Reading) Reading exercise
5	ちょうかい Listening	もんだい I Listening exercise
6	ちょうかい Listening	もんだい II Listening exercise

In Lesson 1, you'll get an idea of what the もじ・ごい ("writing/vocabulary") section is like.

## もじ・ごい

### Writing-Vocabulary Section

**Time: 25 minutes**

**Number of questions: 40 questions**

**Total points: 100 points**

**Calculation formula: (your total points) ÷ 55 × 100**

The もじ・ごい section has four parts. Detailed information is below.

## もんだい I

There are fifteen questions worth one point each.

\_\_\_\_\_ のことは どう よみますか。

1・2・3・4から いちばん いい ものを えらびなさい。

**How do you read the underlined Kanji?**

**Choose the best answer from 1 to 4.**

Example: それを二つください。

1. ふたつ 2. につ 3. ふとつ 4. にっつ

Answer: 1. ふたつ

## もんだいⅡ

There are ten questions worth one point each.

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\_\_\_\_\_ のことばは どう かきますか。

- 1・2・3・4から いちばん いい ものを えらびなさい。

How do you write the underlined Hiragana in *Kanji* or *Katakana*?

Choose the best answer from 1 to 4.

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Example: それをよっつください。

1. 四つ 2. 五つ 3. 三つ 4. 八つ

Answer: 1. 四つ

## もんだいⅢ

There are ten questions worth two points each.

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\_\_\_\_\_ に なにを いれますか。

- 1・2・3・4から いちばん いい ものを えらびなさい。

Fill in the blank to complete the sentence.

Choose the best answer from 1 to 4.

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Example: きのう\_\_\_\_\_を のみました。

1. こうちゃ 2. でんしゃ 3. えいが 4. ごはん

Answer: 1. こうちゃ

## もんだいⅣ

There are five questions worth two points each.

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\_\_\_\_\_ の ぶんと だいたい おなじ いみの ぶんは どれですか。

- 1・2・3・4から いちばん いい ものを えらびなさい。

Which of following sentences has the closest meaning to the underlined sentence?

Choose the best answer from 1 to 4.

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Example: ゆうべ、えいがをみました。

1. きのうのよる えいがをみました。
2. きょうのゆうがた、えいがをみました。
3. おとといのばん えいがをみました。
4. ふつかまえ、えいがをみました。

Answer: 1. きのうのよる えいがをみました。

## How Do You Prepare for the JLPT Level 4?

For the もじ・ごい section, we recommend that you review the following basic vocabulary and *kanji*.

### Family Terms

"English"	My--	Someone Else's
"father"	父 (ちち)	お父さん (おとうさん)
"mother"	母 (はは)	お母さん (おかあさん)
"older brother"	あに	おにいさん
"older sister"	あね	おねえさん
"younger brother"	おとうと	おとうとさん
"younger sister"	いもうと	いもうとさん
"siblings"	きょうだい	ごきょうだい
"grandfather"	そふ	おじいさん
"grandmother"	そぼ	おばあさん
"uncle"	おじ	おじさん

"aunt"	おば	おばさん
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### Seven Days of the Week

"Sunday"	日曜日	にちようび
"Monday"	月曜日	げつようび
"Tuesday"	火曜日	かようび
"Wednesday"	水曜日	すいようび
"Thursday"	木曜日	もくようび
"Friday"	金曜日	きんようび
"Saturday"	土曜日	どようび

### Four Cardinal Points

"north"	北	きた
"south"	南	みなみ
"west"	西	にし
"east"	東	ひがし

### Position

"on, above"	上	うえ
"under, below"	下	した
"inside, middle"	中	なか
"right"	右	みぎ
"left"	左	ひだり

"in front of"	前	まえ
"behind"	後	うしろ

## Basic Nouns

"male, man"	男	おとこ
"woman, women"	女	おんな
"person"	人	ひと
"child"	子	こ
"teacher"	先生	せんせい
"friends"	友だち	ともだち
"weather"	天気	てんき
"sky"	空	そら
"mountain"	山	やま
"river"	川	かわ
"station"	駅	えき
"road"	道	みち
"shop, store"	店	みせ
"money"	お金	おかね
"fish"	魚	さかな

We recommend that you also review

- Numbers in *Kanji* (一、二、三)  
→ Use this lesson's *Kanji* close up
- General counter (一つ、二つ...)  
→ See Newbie Series Season 3, Lesson 5
- How to tell time, including pm and am  
→ See Newbie Series Season 2, Lesson 16
- How to say the months and dates (*Kanji* and the reading)  
→ See Newbie Series Season 2, Lesson 20
- *Katakana*  
→ Learning center, *Kana* practice
- Basic verbs
- Basic adjectives  
→ See Newbie Series Season 2, Lesson 14
- Interrogative words ("what," "when," "which," etc.)  
→ See Newbie Series Season 4, Lesson 14
- Places around the town ("bank," "post office," etc.)  
→ See Newbie Series Season 2, Lesson 9
- Body parts ("head," "hand," "eye," etc.)  
→ See Newbie Series Season 3, Lesson 12