

# Japanese 9

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Day 2/4 07:30 ~ 15:30

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Japanese 9 is for those with no prior knowledge or experience with Japanese. Students will learn to read and write hiragana and katakana and well as speak and understand basic Japanese sentences.

Students will be able to introduce themselves and describe their families, hobbies, and daily activities. They will be able to ask and answer questions on these topics.

Students will also learn about Japanese culture; topics may include things such as clothing, food, and entertainment.

#### **Textbook / Materials**

The textbook used is Adventures in Japanese, Vol. 1. A workbook deposit will be charged for the corresponding workbook. The deposit is refundable ONLY if the workbook is returned in resellable, mint condition (no marks, stains, writing, tears, etc.). This workbook will also be used in Japanese 10. In addition, a variety of handouts will be given to you throughout the year, so a 3-ring binder will be necessary.

### **Grading**

Unit Tests/Projects	30%
Quizzes	20%
Mastery	10%
Reception (listening/reading)	15%
Production (speaking/writing)	15%
Workbook/Homework	5%
Participation	5%

There will be a final assessment/exam that will be 20% of the final grade. The three terms will be weighted equally to make up the other 80% of the final grade.

#### Missed Tests/Quizzes/Listening/Speaking tasks

If you are absent for a test or other in-class task, have your parent contact me by email or by handwritten note explaining your absence. You will be expected to make up the missed assignment within **one week** of your return to school.

## How to Get Better at Japanese!

You must practice your Japanese everyday! Make flashcards of the vocabulary items and review them daily. Other ways to help you improve your Japanese: reading the dialogues and passages in the textbook aloud in order to improve your pronunciation and fluency; find a Japanese-speaking friend and practice short conversations; watch films and TV programs in Japanese (with the Japanese audio track and English subtitles). Exposing yourself to as much Japanese as possible will improve your ability to understand and produce the language. Don't be afraid to make mistakes and have fun!

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