

SOAS LANGUAGE CENTRE

Japanese BEGINNERS 1

Main Text: (2013) *Minna no Nihongo Vol.1 2nd edition*. 3A Network: Tokyo, Japan.

Grammar text: (2013) *Minna no Nihongo grammar and translation vol.1, 2nd edition*. 3A Network: Tokyo, Japan

Kana Text: (2009) *Shin Nihongo no Kiso Kana workbook*. 3A Network: Tokyo, Japan

Overview of course contents	Synopsis
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Exchange greetings• Recognise Japanese characters• Be getting used to the sounds of Japanese• Use basic classroom expressions• Write name and country in Japanese• Give simple self-introduction• Read prices• Go for shopping• Recognise opening and closing times of a shop• Talk about routine	<p>The course aims to provide an introduction to Japanese with a thorough grounding in the Hiragana and Katakana syllabaries and Japanese pronunciation; to cover a basic stock of structures and vocabulary and to develop ability for everyday conversation in the language. Students completing this course are able to continue to Japanese Beginners 2.</p> <p>The course is taught in English and Japanese and includes coverage of the four skills of speaking, listening, reading and writing and a balance between communicative activities, structure practice and grammar and vocabulary, developing the skills of comprehending and producing Japanese in speech and writing, guided practice in language usage and authentic communicative activities.</p> <p>By the end of the course, students will be familiar with Kana, Japanese number system, everyday objects and routine actions.</p>