

JLPT N3: The Advanced Proficiency

18-Week JLPT N3 Prep Course | Updated for 2026

1. The Mission

N3 is the level where Japanese stops being something you translate and starts being something you follow. You've passed the basics. You can get by. But native-speed conversation still rushes past you, and a news headline or a longer article can still feel like it's written for someone else.

The Japademy JLPT N3 course closes that gap. This is the bridge from "getting by" to genuine working proficiency: the level employers treat as a real conversational benchmark and the one that opens far wider career doors in Japan. As always, every grammar point, vocabulary cluster, kanji, and drill earns its place for one reason: it's on the exam.

2. The Transformation: What You Will Be Able To Do

After the successful completion of this 18-week course, you will be able to:

- **Pass the N3 With Confidence:** Sit the exam already knowing every section's rhythm, thanks to two full mock tests under real conditions before test day.
- **Master N3 Grammar:** Command the nuanced structures N3 lives on, from *わけ* and *はず* to timing forms, verb-nuance suffixes, and the explanatory logic that trips up self-study learners.
- **Speak & Read Polite Japanese:** Finally get comfortable with *keigo* (尊敬語 and 謙讓語), the respectful and humble language N3 tests heavily and the workplace demands daily.
- **Read Around 650 Kanji:** Add roughly 370 new characters to your toolkit, so longer articles and signs read smoothly instead of stopping you cold.
- **Command the N3 Vocabulary:** Lock in the official N3 word list (around 2,000 new words) with spaced-repetition flashcards you can drill anywhere.
- **Follow Natural-Speed Listening:** Keep up with everyday conversation and media-style audio at full speed, and catch the details the exam hides in them.
- **Handle Longer Reading:** Work through N3's denser passages, drawing inferences and finding information without running out of clock.

- **Hold a Credential That Opens Doors:** Earn the qualification that moves you from "I can get by" to "I work in Japanese," recognized by employers and universities alike.

3. The Japademy "Complete Ecosystem"

We don't just give you a class; we give you a system for success. Your enrollment includes:

- **Certified Native Teacher:** A certified Japanese teacher with real JLPT exam expertise, not just a native speaker. She knows where students drop marks and how to fix it before it's too late.
- **18 Live Lessons (105 min each):** Interactive, exam-mapped sessions (up to 10 students) via Zoom. Every week, you're a step closer to ready.
- **Exam-Aligned Curriculum:** Grammar in the exact structure the JLPT tests it, vocabulary and kanji from the official lists, and listening and reading modelled on the real exam format.
- **Practice Flashcards:** Purpose-built Quizlet vocabulary and kanji sets drawn straight from the official N3 lists. Study between lessons, on your commute, or the night before the exam.
- **Full Mock Exam Review:** The final two lessons are dedicated to sitting and reviewing complete JLPT mock tests under real exam conditions.
- **Japanese Conversation Club (JCC):** Because the JLPT doesn't test speaking, we keep class time on what moves the needle, and give you the JCC to put your new grammar to work out.
- **Completion Certificate:** Finish the course and receive your Japademy JLPT N3 Prep certificate, a record of the work you put in before the official exam.

4. The "Japademy Edge"

- **A Teacher Who Knows the Test Inside Out:** There's a real difference between a native speaker and a certified teacher trained in JLPT strategy. Ours untangles N3's trickiest grammar so it clicks, then shows you the exact question patterns the exam repeats every year.
- **Built Around the Exam, Not a Textbook:** A focused group that goes deep. Questions get answered in real time, and nobody gets left behind a week before the test.
- **A Real Deadline, a Real Group:** You and your classmates share one finish line: your exam date. That shared accountability is the thing solo study can never give you.

5. Who is this course for?

- **N4 Graduates & Holders:** You've passed the JLPT N4 (or completed Japademy's N4 course, or reached an equivalent level) and you're ready for the next real challenge.
- **The "Almost Fluent" Learner:** You can hold a basic conversation, but native-speed talk and Japanese media still slip past you. N3 is where that finally changes.
- **Career Advancers:** Anyone who needs a stronger, widely recognized credential to move up at work, apply for better roles, or study in Japan.
- **Residents Going Deeper:** Those living in Japan who want to handle workplace keigo and everyday admin with real confidence, not just survival phrases.

6. The 18-Week Roadmap

Sixteen weeks of structured skill-building, then two weeks of full mock exams. Every week we weave in kanji and vocabulary from the official lists as between-lesson practice.

Week	Focus	Core Capability
01	Cause, Reason & Purpose	Explain why and what for with nuance using ～ため, ～せいで, ～おかげで, ～ように.
02	Conjecture & Hearsay	Express degrees of certainty and report information with ～ようだ, ～みたい, ～らしい, ～そうだ.
03	Explanatory Logic: わけ & はず	Master ～わけだ / ～わけではない / ～わけがない / ～わけにはいかない and ～はず.
04	Timing & States	Pin down exactly when and how with ～ところ, ～ばかり, ～まま, ～うちに.
05	Perspective & Relation	Frame topics and viewpoints using ～について, ～に対して, ～にとって, ～によって.

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06	Keigo Foundations	Build real fluency in 尊敬語 (respectful) and 謙讓語 (humble) language, an N3 pillar.
07	Verb Nuance Suffixes	Add precision with 〜がち, 〜っぱい, 〜きる, 〜かける, 〜すぎる and related endings.
08	Quotation & Hypotheticals	Use 〜という, 〜といっても, 〜ことにする/なる, and express regret with 〜ばよかった.
09	Listening Foundations	Decode natural-speed dialogue and the key phrases that signal the answer.
10	Reading Foundations	Build a repeatable method for N3's longer, denser passages: skim, scan, infer.
11	Grammar Review Sprint I	Consolidate Weeks 1–4 in true exam format, under time.
12	Listening Under Pressure	Tackle media-style audio and quick-response tasks at full exam speed.
13	Grammar Review Sprint II	Consolidate Weeks 5–8, including keigo, and fix the patterns you still mix up.
14	Reading Speed & Strategy	Master information-retrieval and inference questions without losing the clock.
15	Vocabulary & Kanji Lock-In	Close the gaps on the full official N3 word and kanji lists.
16	Full-Section Drills	Timed practice across every section, so nothing on test day feels new.
17	Mock Exam & Review I	Sit and review a full Language Knowledge (vocab & grammar) & Reading mock under real conditions.

18	Mock Exam & Review II	Sit and review a full Listening mock. Final prep, then celebrate how far you've come!
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7. Course Requirements

- **Prerequisites:** JLPT N4 pass, completion of Japademy's N4 course, or an equivalent level. Not sure where you stand? Take our placement questionnaire.
- **Materials:** Everything's included. Your fee covers all lesson materials, your Quizlet vocabulary and kanji sets, and your completion certificate. No textbooks to buy, no surprise extras.
- **Commitment:** 105 minutes for the live class each week, plus regular self-study with your flashcard sets. At N3, steady daily reps matter more than ever.

8. Logistics

- **Format:** 100% online via Zoom. One 105-minute live lesson per week, led by a certified native teacher.
- **Two Intakes a Year:** Timed to the official JLPT schedule. Term 1 starts in January (→ July exam); Term 2 starts in July (→ December exam). Each group is capped tight and spots go quickly.
- **Catching Up:** Miss a session? You'll get a summary of what was covered, and every lesson opens with a short recap of the week before. To earn your certificate, plan to attend at least 15 of the 18 live lessons.
- **Focus:** The N3 has no speaking section, so we spend every minute on what the exam actually scores: grammar precision, vocabulary, kanji, listening, and reading.

9. Trust & Success

- **4.67 / 5 Stars:** Based on 150+ student reviews across Japademy programs.
- **700+ Students & Counting:** A growing community of serious learners who've trusted us with their Japanese journey.

- **Risk-Free Guarantee:** Not satisfied after your first live lesson? Let us know within 6 days for a refund (minus a small admin fee). We just ask for your honest feedback so we can keep improving.

10. Frequently Asked Questions

How is N3 different from N4?

N4 proves you've got the essentials. N3 is the real jump: native-speed listening, longer reading, keigo, and grammar with genuine nuance. It's the level where Japanese starts working for you in the real world, not just on a worksheet.

Do I need to pass N4 first?

Not officially, but you should be at N4 level or equivalent before starting. N3 builds directly on N4 grammar and vocabulary, so a solid foundation makes all the difference. If you're unsure, our placement questionnaire will tell you.

Is keigo really that important?

At N3, absolutely. Respectful and humble language shows up across the exam and runs through every professional interaction in Japan. We give it a dedicated week and keep reinforcing it, so it becomes second nature rather than a source of panic.

11. A Message from the Founder

"N3 is my favorite level to watch students reach. It's the moment the language finally clicks into place: you overhear a conversation on the train and realize you understood it. That shift from studying Japanese to living in it is what we're here for. I can't wait to help you cross that line." — **Kanami Iwasaki**



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