

JLPT N2: The Professional Standard

18-Week JLPT N2 Prep Course | Updated for 2026

1. The Mission

N2 is the line. It's where "I'm learning Japanese" turns into "I work in Japanese." This is the qualification most employers and universities in Japan actually ask for, the one that unlocks white-collar roles, degree programs, and serious professional trust.

The Japademy JLPT N2 course is built to get you across that line. You'll move into the formal and written registers Japan runs on: news, business correspondence, academic text, and the kind of abstract listening that leaves self-study learners guessing. It's a big jump from N3, and it's exactly why an exam-built course matters. Every grammar point, vocabulary cluster, kanji, and drill is here 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 N2 With Confidence:** Sit the exam already knowing every section's rhythm, thanks to two full mock tests under real conditions before test day.
- **Master Formal & Written Grammar:** Command the sophisticated structures N2 tests, from *～ざるを得ない* and *～かねない* to the connectives and contrast forms that hold together professional and written Japanese.
- **Read Editorial & Academic Text:** Work through news articles, opinion pieces, and academic-style passages, drawing inferences and comparing arguments under time.
- **Follow Abstract Listening:** Keep up with longer, more abstract spoken Japanese, including business and integrated-comprehension audio.
- **Read Around 1,000 Kanji:** Add the advanced characters that make real-world documents and signage genuinely readable.
- **Command the N2 Vocabulary:** Lock in the official N2 word list with spaced-repetition flashcards, including the formal and written vocabulary N3 never touched.

- **Handle Professional Keigo:** Use respectful and humble language with the precision a Japanese workplace expects, not just textbook set phrases.
- **Hold the Credential Employers Require:** Earn the standard most companies and universities in Japan treat as the real threshold for professional and academic work.

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 N2 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 advanced grammar to work out loud.
- **Completion Certificate:** Finish the course and receive your Japademy JLPT N2 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 N2's dense 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?

- **N3 Graduates & Holders:** You've passed the JLPT N3 (or completed Japademy's N3 course, or reached an equivalent level) and you're ready for the real professional threshold.
- **Professionals & Job-Seekers in Japan:** Anyone who needs N2 to qualify for skilled roles, get past HR filters, or handle a Japanese-language workplace with confidence.
- **University Applicants:** Those aiming for degree programs in Japan, where N2 is frequently the minimum entry requirement.
- **The Serious Long-Hauler:** Learners who've come this far and want the credential that genuinely changes what's possible, in work, study, and life in Japan.

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	Formal Connectives	Enter the register of written and professional Japanese with ～において, ～に際して, ～をはじめ, ～を通じて.
02	Change & Correlation	Describe how things shift together using ～に応じて, ～に伴って, ～につれて, ～に従って.
03	Contrast & Concession	Handle sophisticated contrast with ～一方で, ～反面, ～ものの, ～どころか.
04	Cause, Result & Extent	Express consequence and degree with ～あまり, ～ばかりに, ～だけに, ～からには.

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05	Inevitability & Emotion	Convey compulsion and strong feeling with ～ざるを得ない, ～ずにはいられない, ～てならない, ～限りだ.
06	Judgment & Likelihood	State conclusions and probability with ～に違いない, ～かねない, ～かねる, ～まい.
07	Timing & Conditions	Pin down circumstance with ～次第, ～上で, ～たところで, ～か～ないかのうちに.
08	Keigo & Written Style	Master advanced 敬語 for the workplace, plus the である written register N2 expects.
09	Listening Foundations	Follow longer, more abstract spoken Japanese and locate the point under speed.
10	Reading Foundations	Build a method for editorial, opinion, and academic-style passages: read, compare, infer.
11	Grammar Review Sprint I	Consolidate Weeks 1–4 in true exam format, under time.
12	Listening Under Pressure	Tackle quick-response and integrated-comprehension audio at full exam speed.
13	Grammar Review Sprint II	Consolidate Weeks 5–8, including keigo and written style, and fix lingering confusions.
14	Reading Speed & Strategy	Master long-form, comparison, and information-integration questions without losing the clock.
15	Vocabulary & Kanji Lock-In	Close the gaps on the full official N2 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!

7. Course Requirements

- **Prerequisites:** JLPT N3 pass, completion of Japademy's N3 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. N2's vocabulary and reading load rewards consistent daily reps.

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 N2 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 N2 different from N3?

N3 gets you to real conversational proficiency. N2 is the professional standard: formal and written Japanese, denser reading, abstract listening, and a serious step up in vocabulary. It's the level that changes what jobs and programs are actually open to you.

Do I need to pass N3 first?

Not officially, but you should be at N3 level or equivalent before starting. N2 builds directly on N3 grammar and vocabulary, and the jump is real. If you're unsure, our placement questionnaire will tell you where you stand.

Is N2 really the hardest jump?

For most learners, yes. The reading gets longer and more abstract, and the vocabulary load is heavy. That's exactly why studying alone gets so risky here, and why a course built around the real exam structure makes the difference.

Is N2 enough for work or university in Japan?

For most purposes, yes. N2 is the credential the majority of employers and universities treat as their threshold. N1 is generally reserved for specialized or highly language-intensive fields.

11. A Message from the Founder

"N2 is the level that quietly rewrites your options. It's the one on the job posting, the one on the university application, the one that turns Japanese from a skill you have into a life you can build here. Reaching it takes real grit, and I'd be honored to help you get there.." — Kanami Iwasaki



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