



KCP eZasshi 雜誌 November 2010

October 2010

October has already come and gone! It's been a busy early fall here, so we're moving ahead to November. Read on.

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While the sun shines: Mt. Fuji and fun

Fall is setting in, but the sun kept shining. So we got in a trip to Mt. Fuji and, afterward, an amusement park!



From the fifth (out of 10) station, Mt. Fuji looks a little different when we are so close. It takes anywhere from 3 to 8 hours to hike the rest of the way up.



Sensei (left) and student; Mt. Fuji is in the background. Peace!



En route to the amusement park, we discover someone has thought ahead. He made many sandwiches for his fellow classmates and thus was called Sandwich Factory.



We arrive at the Fuji-Kyu Highland amusement park. Just to recreate the feeling of height . . .



Golden cats greet us at the water slide.



This year they opened up a new spot in the park. It contains a big exhibit of the famous animation Evangelion.



Evangelicon looks pretty scary, even without the smoke coming out of his mouth.



The Fuji-Kyu Highland amusement park . . . where gravity has a new meaning. You could say that about Mt. Fuji, too!

[What KCP students say](#)

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A great tool: currency exchange

If you're going to Japan, you'll be doing some financial planning . . . and often in another currency. Here's a great tool to help. You can convert yen to dollars (and vice versa) at the click of a mouse.

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Six levels of Japanese

Students come to KCP with a wide range of abilities in Japanese. We have something to

challenge everyone, as you can see from this description of the six levels available. A placement test puts you in the right level to keep you challenged just enough.

Level 1

Basic Japanese grammar and sentence structures. Begin to communicate in daily life situations. Learn basic Japanese writing systems and write short paragraphs using Kanji learned in class. Become accustomed to Japanese sounds, accents, and intonations through listening drills, classroom exercises, and audio and video tapes. Introduces hiragana, katakana, and roughly 150 kanji.

Level 2

More difficult level of basic Japanese grammar and sentence structures. Develop more complex communication skills and communicate in daily life. Begin to read and comprehend short stories, and write short paragraphs and letters using kanji learned in class. Carry on short conversations through repeated practice and role-playing. Through pronunciation correction, you begin to speak Japanese with more certainty and recognize your own mistakes.

Level 3

More complex, advanced Japanese grammar and sentence structures. Develop advanced conversation skills, and read general articles and essays. Practice speaking in a variety of social situations. Express your ideas and opinions in Japanese and analyze tapes, current news events, and academic essays. Write short essays and journals and deliver speeches in Japanese. Pair work and role playing. You are drilled on sentence structures, and you get plenty of practice carrying on extended conversations and delivering short speeches.

Level 4

Less common advanced Japanese grammar and sentence structures. Special emphasis on Keigo (polite Japanese). Begin reading newspapers and academic textbooks, and write essays. Converse and create short sentences. Read and listen to Japanese essays describing aspects of modern Japan. Improve your conversation ability through class discussions and speeches.

Level 5

More sophisticated Japanese. Express ideas successfully through speeches and writing well-developed essays. Interpret and logically express what you read in daily Japanese newspapers. Learn how to write content-oriented compositions and practice conversations through pair work and role playing.

Level 6

Fluency, for advanced students. Using the appropriate Japanese for various social situations.

After completing this level, most students are able to pass the highest level of the Japanese Language Proficiency Test (Nihongo Nouryoku Shiken)--sufficient to attend a Japanese university as a full-time student. Newspaper readings, television, textbook readings, and current issues in Japan. Your communication skills are enhanced through speeches, discussions, debates, role playing, task listening, and mock interviews.

[The KCP Academic Program](#)

Upcoming program deadlines



Ride the wave!

For the **2011 Spring semester program**, you have until **December 5** to apply. The Spring session itself runs April 4 to June 22.

Happy, um, November,
Mike and the KCP International team

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