

Season ONE: 水仙 by Dazai Osamu

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Prerequisite

An understanding of basic Japanese grammar and a desire to further one's interest with regard to reading and writing Japanese.

Course Description

This course takes a unique approach to advancing one's understanding of the Japanese language. It uses a gradual, immersive, blended, story-based approach that enables serious learners of the language a means by which to apply that knowledge to life at work, and to life itself.

We will learn from one of Japan's master storytellers, Dazai Osamu, using a short story that is appropriately challenging for the engaged reader..., a story that is fun, quirky and filled with heaps of current vocabulary and instructive grammar. This course provides an educational experience the likes of which most have not previously experienced.

We will focus on the following factors that play a significant role in linguistic development; (1) input, output, and interaction; (2) learning methodologies; (3) grammar and syntax; and (4) storytelling.

Learning Outcomes

By the end of the course, you should be able to do the following:

- *apply* knowledge gained from this course to enjoy more of the Japanese language in both written and spoken form;
- *express* yourself and *respond* to nuanced work/life situations that take place on a daily basis with colleagues and friends;
- *express* yourself more clearly on the page and via the spoken word without the need to translate in your head;
- *provide* examples of key grammar concepts and syntax used at all levels of Japanese;
- *define* and *use* with flexibility, familiar and advanced vocabulary;
- *compare* and *contrast* word and grammar choices so you can discuss intelligently and with clarity the language with native Japanese speakers;
- *establish* a roadmap to learning that will give you greater satisfaction and success with your language learning;

- *evaluate* the effectiveness of pedagogical materials related to second language learning;
- *assess* and *apply* knowledge gained from this course to dispel popular misconceptions about how Japanese is intended to be learned.

Thinkific Site

This course is managed in Thinkific. To view the syllabus, additional readings, quizzes and other important course information, log in at https://learn.maplopo.com/users/sign_in

Required Materials

1. Dazai Osamu, 水仙 (1942) (translated by Maplopo, 2023)
2. In addition to the primary text, you will read recommended materials for the group calls that will be held in the latter portion of the course. A list of those supplemental materials are provided in the course calendar (to be determined year-by-year). Links to readings (all within the public domain) are posted within Thinkific. There is no cost for these readings.

Grading Criteria

Grades are assessed for the course solely to determine your final Pine, Bamboo, or Plum status. Business and educational partners may, of course, have additional reasons for scores.

Evaluations	60% (12% each)
Group Session Essays	10%
Supplemental Reading Feedback Sessions	10%
Quizzes	15%
Participation	5%

Pine: 90-100

Bamboo: 76-89

Plum: 75-68

Quizzes & Evaluations

There will be final evaluations for nearly all sections. The evaluation format will include, but is not limited to, short answer questions, composite questions, and J to E translation-related scenarios. Please take note of the following exam policies for this course:

1. We believe strongly that tests are not a marker of one's true capability with a language. Nor are tests indicative of one's priority for, and passion toward, learning. Quizzes and evaluations within the course are purely designed so you can set personal benchmarks—which are important. With this in mind, we do not force a passing grade on quizzes in order to move forward to future modules. Rather than restrict progress, we

provide pre-drafted instructive feedback for all incorrect answers, which we feel is most important. That said, we encourage students to retake quizzes should they feel there is still more to learn.

NOTE: Even though Maplopo does not require a passing grade to move forward on quizzes and evaluations, if you are a Maplopo Schoolhouse student taking the course as part of a benefit package at work, your internal team may require you to obtain a particular grade on quizzes and evaluations. In such cases, students *always* have the ability to retake an assessment until a score of at least 80% is achieved—all Maplopo partner institutions agree to this pedagogical standard. We want to encourage students to continue to learn, not stop them in their tracks.

2. If you are taking this course as part of a requirement at work, please be sure to be in frequent contact with your onsite manager or learning administrator regarding your progress. You may have deadlines outside those of your fellow students within the general makeup of Maplopo Schoolhouse. It's your responsibility to be aware of this. Additionally, because your grades are likely tied to performance goals, knowing where you stand with your internal team is critical (See above note.)
3. If you are a college student taking the course as part of a Maplopo partnership with your college or university, to receive any completion bonus negotiated by your university, you will need to complete the course *by the date prescribed by your professor or member of the faculty.*

Thinkific Quizzes

Every 1-2 weeks you will complete a short quiz in Thinkific regarding material previously covered in the course. The purpose of the quizzes is to provide you with periodic feedback regarding your understanding of important points covered in the course.

Group Calls and Participation

In the final two sections of the course, you will have seven group group calls with a Maplopo instructor. On these calls we will either discuss the supplemental reading, or a pre-scheduled writing assignment. To keep bandwidth and comfort at their highest levels, we will only use audio during these calls. Your instructor will use screen sharing technology to help facilitate these sessions.

Sessions will run 90 minutes.

Cheating, Copyright and Plagiarism

All students are required to submit an academic honesty statement prior to moving into the initial modules of the course.

Regarding copyright, any attempt to copy, share or distribute whatsoever any materials within

the course, will result in quick and appropriate legal action. All materials created by Maplopo are under copyright.

Keep in mind that should you be taking the course as part of a work or academic program you may also have to abide by any work, college or university policies regarding cheating and plagiarism.

This, of course, goes for using any form of modern technology (including AI), which may allow you to produce work that is not 100% your own. During group sessions, we anticipate that all work submitted and discussed is based upon your own work.












Students with Disabilities













Individuals with physical, perceptual, or learning disabilities should contact us at maplopo@maplopo.com for information regarding accommodations.






















To date, we have aimed to make the course as complete for all students as possible, including custom subtitling and professional audio and video production designed to meet a variety of standards. If you are in need of such accommodations, please consult with us on a confidential basis at your earliest convenience.























Tentative Schedule





















*Downloads available within Thinkific are marked with "Th"





















										
Online Group Session	Feedback	Reading	Zip File	Anki Deck	Airtable Database	Audio Lesson	Video Lesson	PDF Lesson/Worksheet	Quiz/Evaluation	Story Analysis





















INTRO	<p>Course Introduction</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">  A message from Doc & Reiko  Learning Science: How to digest the videos  Learning Science: How to do the cold listens
SECTION I	
	<p>ThResources for Section ONE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">  Consolidated Anki Deck Downloads  Audio Immersion Pack  Complete PDF Sentence Bundle  Interactive Sentences w/ Audio 001-059  Interactive Sentences w/ Audio 060-185  Interactive Sentences w/ Audio 186-304  Interactive Sentences w/ Audio 305-335  Workbook Answer Keys
	<p>Verb Conjugation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">  Introduction and the syllabary






















	<p> Stem, inflection, and sound levels</p> <p> Conjugation pattern videos:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">  Godan  Godan, exceptions  Kami-ichidan  Kami-ichidan, part two  Shimo-ichidan  Kahen  Sahen  Addendum 1  Addendum 2  Addendum 3  Addendum 4 <p>Th<u>Supplemental Materials</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Verb Conjugation Selected Slides (Part 1-10) ● Verb Conjugation Addenda, Selected Slides (Part 10-13) ● Conjugation Charts (filled) ● Conjugation Charts (blank)
Paragraph 1	
EP. 1	<p>First paragraph summary</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">  Pre-lesson vocabulary w/audio  Cold listen and initial reading  Reading comprehension quiz  Overview sheet with vocabulary  Pacing and structure worksheet  First paragraph summary  Vocabulary Quiz
EP. 2	<p>という</p> <p> という (Spotlight, #1)</p>

















	 という worksheet  Recap: という
EP. 3-5	の  の (Spotlight, #2—Part I)  の (Spotlight, #2—Part II)  の (Spotlight, #2—Part III)  の worksheet  Recap: の
EP. 6	こと  こと (Spotlight, #3)  こと worksheet  Recap: こと
EP. 7	ている  ている (Spotlight, #4—Part I)  ている (Spotlight, #4—Part II)  ている worksheet  ている
Feedback Loop	 What did you think?
Paragraph 2	
EP. 8	Second paragraph summary  Pre-lesson vocabulary w/audio  Cold listen and initial reading  Reading comprehension quiz  Overview sheet with vocabulary  Pacing and structure worksheet  Second paragraph summary  Vocabulary Quiz






















<p>EP9.</p>	<p>～ていたら～た</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">  ～ていたら～た (Spotlight, #5)  ～ていたら～た worksheet  Recap: ～ていたら～た
<p>EP10.</p>	<p>なかなか</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">  なかなか (Spotlight, #6)  なかなか worksheet  Recap: なかなか
<p>EP11.</p>	<p>～てあげる</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">  ～てあげる (Spotlight, #7)  ～てあげる worksheet  Recap: ～てあげる
<p>Feedback Loop</p>	<p> How's the pacing so far? And...</p>
<p>Paragraph 3 & 4</p>	
<p>EP12.</p>	<p>Third and Fourth Paragraph Summaries</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">  Pre-lesson vocabulary w/audio  Cold listen and initial reading  Reading comprehension quiz  Overview sheet with vocabulary  Pacing and structure worksheet  Third and fourth paragraph summaries  Vocabulary Quiz
<p>EP13</p>	<p>～てくれる</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">  ～てくれる (Spotlight, #8)  ～てくれる worksheet  Recap: ～てくれる






















<p>EP14.</p>	<p>～ていく</p> <p> ～ていく (Spotlight, #9)</p> <p> ～ていく worksheet</p> <p> Recap: ～ていく</p>
<p>EP15.</p>	<p>れる、られる</p> <p> れる、られる (Spotlight, #10)</p> <p> れる、られる worksheet</p> <p> Recap: れる、られる</p>
<p>EP16.</p>	<p>たしか</p> <p> たしか (Spotlight, #11)</p> <p> たしか worksheet</p> <p> Recap: たしか</p>
<p>EP17.</p>	<p>～ては～ものだ</p> <p> ～ては～ものだ (Spotlight, #12)</p> <p> ～ては～ものだ worksheet</p> <p> Recap: ～ては～ものだ</p>
<p>Paragraph 5.1</p>	
<p>EP18.</p>	<p>Fifth Paragraph Summary (Part I)</p> <p> Pre-lesson vocabulary w/audio</p> <p> Cold listen and initial reading</p> <p> Reading comprehension quiz</p> <p> Overview sheet with vocabulary</p> <p> Pacing and structure worksheet</p> <p> Fifth paragraph summary (Part I)</p> <p> Vocabulary Quiz</p>
<p>EP19.</p>	<p>ふいと</p> <p> ふいと (Spotlight, #13)</p>





















	 ふいと worksheet  Recap: ふいと
EP20.	<p>ではあるまいか</p>  ではあるまいか (Spotlight, #14)  ではあるまいか worksheet  Recap: ではあるまいか
EP21.	<p>～てしまう</p>  ～てしまう(Spotlight, #15)  ～てしまう worksheet  Recap: ～てしまう
EP22.	<p>ようだ</p>  ようだ (Spotlight, #16)  ようだ worksheet  Recap: ようだ
EP23	<p>という #2</p>  という #2 (Spotlight, #17)  という #2 worksheet  Recap: という #2
EP24.	<p>ないわけではあるまい</p>  ないわけではあるまい (Spotlight, #18)  ないわけではあるまい worksheet  Recap: ないわけではあるまい
EP25.	<p>もの</p>  もの (Spotlight, #19)  EP25. もの worksheet  Recap: もの
EP26.	<p>べきはずはない</p>



















	 べきはずはない (Spotlight, #20)  べきはずはない worksheet  Recap: べきはずはない
Paragraph 5.2	
EP27.	Fifth Paragraph Summary (Part II)  Pre-lesson vocabulary w/audio  Cold listen and initial reading  Reading comprehension quiz  Overview sheet with vocabulary  Pacing and structure worksheet  Fifth paragraph summary (Part II)  Vocabulary Quiz
EP28.	~ならば~かもしれぬ  ~ならば~かもしれぬ (Spotlight, #21)  ~ならば~かもしれぬ worksheet  Recap: ~ならば~かもしれぬ
EP29.	そうだ  そうだ (Spotlight, #22)  そうだ worksheet  Recap: そうだ
EP30.	ちがいない  ちがいない (Spotlight, #23)  ちがいない worksheet  Recap: ちがいない
EP31.	ともなれば  ともなれば (Spotlight, #24)  ともなれば worksheet























	 Recap: ともなれば
EP32.	<p>~てくる</p> <p> ~てくる (Spotlight, #25)</p> <p> ~てくる worksheet</p> <p> Recap: ~てくる</p>
EP33.	<p>ばかり</p> <p> ばかり (Spotlight, #26)</p> <p> ばかり worksheet</p> <p> Recap: ばかり</p> <p>Th<u>Supplemental Materials</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The complete Section ONE slide deck library
Feedback Loop	 You're knockin' it out of the park!
Review	Section ONE Pre-exam review
EVALUATION	Section ONE Comprehensive Test
Section II	
	<p>ThResources for Section TWO</p> <p> Consolidated Anki Deck Downloads</p> <p> Audio Immersion Pack</p> <p> Complete PDF Sentence Bundle</p> <p> Interactive Sentences w/ Audio</p> <p> Workbook Answer Keys</p>
Paragraph 6 & 7	
EP34.	<p>Paragraph Six & Seven Summaries</p> <p> Pre-lesson vocabulary w/audio</p> <p> Cold listen and initial reading</p> <p> Reading comprehension quiz</p>






















	 Overview sheet with vocabulary  Pacing and structure worksheet  Paragraph six and seven summaries  Vocabulary Quiz
EP35.	いよいよ  いよいよ (Spotlight, #27)  いよいよ worksheet  Recap: いよいよ
EP36.	とでもいう  とでもいう (Spotlight, #28)  とでもいう worksheet  Recap: とでもいう
EP37.	といっても  といっても (Spotlight, #29)  といっても worksheet  Recap: といっても
EP38.	~と  ~と (Spotlight, #30)  ~と worksheet  Recap: ~と
Paragraph 8	
EP39.	Paragraph Eight Summary  Pre-lesson vocabulary w/audio  Cold listen and initial reading  Reading comprehension quiz  Overview sheet with vocabulary  Pacing and structure worksheet



















	 Paragraph eight summary  Vocabulary Quiz
EP40.	よっほど  よっほど (Spotlight, #31)  よっほど worksheet  Recap: よっほど
EP41.	～て  ～て (Spotlight, #32)  ～て worksheet  Recap: ～て
EP42.	～から  ～から (Spotlight, #33)  ～から worksheet  Recap: ～から
Paragraph 9	
EP43.	Paragraph Nine Summary  Pre-lesson vocabulary w/audio  Cold listen and initial reading  Reading comprehension quiz  Overview sheet with vocabulary  Pacing and structure worksheet  Paragraph nine summary  Vocabulary Quiz
EP44.	敬語  敬語 (Spotlight, #34)  敬語 worksheet  Recap: 敬語












Paragraph 10	
EP45.	<p>Paragraph Ten Summary</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">  Pre-lesson vocabulary w/audio  Cold listen and initial reading  Reading comprehension quiz  Overview sheet with vocabulary  Pacing and structure worksheet  Paragraph ten summary  Vocabulary Quiz
EP46.	<p>ばかりか</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">  ばかりか (Spotlight, #35)  ばかりか worksheet  Recap: ばかりか
EP47.	<p>そうだ #2</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">  そうだ #2 (Spotlight, #36)  そうだ #2 worksheet  Recap: そうだ #2
Paragraph 11	
EP48.	<p>Paragraph Eleven Summary</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">  Pre-lesson vocabulary w/audio  Cold listen and initial reading  Reading comprehension quiz  Overview sheet with vocabulary  Pacing and structure worksheet  Paragraph eleven summary  Vocabulary Quiz
EP49.	<p>そうだ #3</p>

	 そうだ #3 (Spotlight, #37—Part I)  そうだ #3 (Spotlight, #37—Part II)  そうだ #3 (Spotlight, #37—Part III)  そうだ#3 worksheet  Recap: そうだ #3
EP50.	<p>まま</p>  まま (Spotlight, #38—Part I)  まま (Spotlight, #38—Part II)  まま worksheet  Recap: まま
	<p>Th<u>Supplemental Materials</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The complete Section TWO slide deck library
Feedback Loop	 Which book?
Review	Section TWO Pre-exam review
EVALUATION	Section TWO Comprehensive Test
Section III	
	<p>ThResources for Section THREE</p>  Consolidated Anki Deck Downloads  Audio Immersion Pack  Complete PDF Sentence Bundle  Interactive Sentences w/ Audio  Workbook Answer Keys
Paragraph 12 & 13.1	
EP51.	<p>Paragraph Twelve & Thirteen (Part I)</p>  Pre-lesson vocabulary w/audio  Cold listen and initial reading  Reading comprehension quiz

	<ul style="list-style-type: none">  Overview sheet with vocabulary  Pacing and structure worksheet  Paragraph twelve and thirteen (Part I) summary  Vocabulary Quiz
<p>EP52.</p>	<p>ない、ず、ぬ、ざる</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">  ない、ず、ぬ、ざる (Spotlight, #39—Part I)  ない、ず、ぬ、ざる (Spotlight, #39—Part II)  ない、ず、ぬ、ざる worksheet  Recap: ない、ず、ぬ、ざる
<p>EP53.</p>	<p>～た(連体修飾)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">  ～た(連体修飾) (Spotlight, #40—Part I)  ～た(連体修飾) (Spotlight, #40—Part II)  ～た(連体修飾) (Spotlight, #40—Part III)  ～た(連体修飾) worksheet  Recap: ～た(連体修飾)
<p>Paragraph 13.2</p>	
<p>EP54.</p>	<p>Paragraph Thirteen (Part II)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">  Pre-lesson vocabulary w/audio  Cold listen and initial reading  Reading comprehension quiz  Overview sheet with vocabulary  Pacing and structure worksheet  Paragraph thirteen (Part II) summary  Vocabulary Quiz
<p>EP55.</p>	<p>せる、させる</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">  せる、させる (Spotlight, #41—Part I)  せる、させる (Spotlight, #41—Part II)

	 せる、させる (Spotlight, #41—Part III)  せる、させる worksheet  Recap: EP55. せる、させる
Paragraph 14 & 15	
EP56.	Paragraph Fourteen & Fifteen  Pre-lesson vocabulary w/audio  Cold listen and initial reading  Reading comprehension quiz  Overview sheet with vocabulary  Pacing and structure worksheet  Paragraph fourteen and fifteen summaries  Vocabulary Quiz
EP57.	~ではおれない  ~ではおれない (Spotlight, #42—Part I)  ~ではおれない (Spotlight, #42—Part II)  ~ではおれない worksheet  Recap: ~ではおれない
Paragraph 16	
EP58.	Paragraph Sixteen  Pre-lesson vocabulary w/audio  Cold listen and initial reading  Reading comprehension quiz  Overview sheet with vocabulary  Pacing and structure worksheet  Paragraph sixteen summary  Vocabulary Quiz
Paragraph 17 & 18	

<p>EP59.</p>	<p>Paragraph Seventeen</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">  Pre-lesson vocabulary w/audio  Cold listen and initial reading  Reading comprehension quiz  Overview sheet with vocabulary  Pacing and structure worksheet  Paragraph sixteen summary  Vocabulary Quiz
<p>EP60.</p>	<p>～てもらう, 授受表現</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">  ～てもらう, 授受表現 (Spotlight, #43—Part I)  ～てもらう, 授受表現 (Spotlight, #43—Part II)  ～てもらう, 授受表現 (Spotlight, #43—Part III)  ～てもらう, 授受表現 (Spotlight, #43—Part IV)  ～てもらう, 授受表現 worksheet  Recap: ～てもらう, 授受表現
<p>EP61.</p>	<p>～も～だが～も～</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">  ～も～だが～も～ (Spotlight, #44—Part I)  ～も～だが～も～ (Spotlight, #44—Part II)  ～も～だが～も～ worksheet  Recap: ～も～だが～も～ <p><u>ThSupplemental Materials</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The complete Section THREE slide deck library
<p>Feedback Loop</p>	<p> Who would win?</p>
<p>Review</p>	<p>Section III Review</p>
<p>EVALUATION</p>	<p>Level Check Quiz</p> <p><u>ThSupplemental Materials</u></p>

	Level Check Quiz Audio & English Translation Downloads
Section IV	
	Resources for Section IV  Consolidated Anki Deck Downloads
Paragraph 19-24	
	Paragraph Nineteen through Twenty-Four  Story analyses entirely in Japanese  Online Group Session 1  Online Group Session 2  Online Group Session 3  Online Group Session 4
Section V	
	Resources for Section V  Consolidated Anki Deck Downloads
Paragraph 25-32	
	 Story analyses entirely in Japanese  Online Group Session 5  Online Group Session 6  Online Group Session 7
Certifications Awarded	