TOP 50 CONVERSATION TOPICS FOR MOVING TO & LIVING IN JAPAN

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Start from Easy Topics and Grow into Advanced Conversations

At JAPAN LANGUAGE FACTORY, we train you to hold real conversations in Japanese step by step. Start with simple daily-life topics, then move up to longer, deeper, and more advanced conversations.

Time

Advanced Topics

Finance / Real Estate / Taxes / Legal / Business / Negotiation / Economy / Politics / History / Insurance Claims

Upper Intermediate Topics

Career / Business Cards / Networking / Japanese Manners / Work Culture / School / Housing / Visa / Healthcare

Intermediate Topics

Neighbors / Home Problems / Complaints / City Hall / Gym / Hobbies / Kids' Activities / Making Friends

Lower Intermediate Topics

Directions / Transportation / Hotel / Onsen / Phone Plan / Bank / Utilities / Doctor / Dentist

Introductory Topics

Greetings / Self-Introduction / Café / Convenience Store / Grocery Shopping / Restaurant / Reservation

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Introductory Topics

Easy, useful, and perfect for beginners.

1	**Basic Greetings & First Conversations**	Practice greetings, thank you, excuse me, nice to meet you, and simple first conversations.
2	**Introducing Yourself**	Say your name, where you are from, what you do, why you are learning Japanese, and why you came to Japan.
3	**Small Talk About Weather and Daily Life**	Talk about the weather, weekends, hobbies, food, work, and daily routines.
4	**Going to a Café**	Order coffee, ask about seats, Wi-Fi, takeout, and payment options.
5	**Going to a Convenience Store**	Talk about bags, heating food, payment, receipts, point cards, and basic questions.
6	**Going Grocery Shopping**	Ask where items are, check prices, talk about ingredients, and understand labels.
7	**Going to a Restaurant**	Order food, ask questions, request recommendations, and pay the bill.
8	**Going to an Izakaya**	Order drinks, ask about the menu, share food, and enjoy casual conversation.
9	**Making a Reservation on the Phone**	Book a restaurant, hair salon, hotel, lesson, or appointment by phone.
10	**Going to a Barbershop or Hair Salon**	Talk about haircut length, style, color, appointments, and preferences.

Lower Intermediate Topics

Practical conversations for daily life in Japan

11	**Asking for Directions**	Ask where something is, confirm the station exit, understand landmarks, and follow directions.
12	**Taking a Taxi or Using Public Transportation**	Tell the driver your destination, ask about routes, train lines, bus stops, and fares.
13	**Shopping for Clothes or Shoes**	Ask about size, color, price, fitting rooms, returns, and recommendations.
14	**Talking at a Hotel or Ryokan**	Practice check-in, check-out, luggage, breakfast, room requests, and hotel rules.
15	**Going to an Onsen**	Talk about entrance fees, rules, towels, tattoos, lockers, and onsen etiquette.
16	**Setting Up a Phone Plan**	Talk about SIM cards, phone contracts, data plans, monthly fees, and cancellation rules.
17	**Opening a Bank Account**	Practice conversations about bank forms, ID, residence cards, debit cards, and online banking.
18	**Setting Up Utilities**	Practice conversations for electricity, gas, water, internet, and moving into a new home.
19	**Going to the Doctor**	Explain your symptoms, pain, medicine, allergies, medical history, and treatment needs.
20	**Going to the Dentist**	Talk about tooth pain, cleaning, treatment, appointments, and dental concerns.

Intermediate Topics

Real-life conversations that require more confidence

21	**Talking with Neighbors**	Practice greetings, small talk, trash rules, noise issues, local information, and neighborhood manners.
22	**Explaining Problems at Home**	Talk about air conditioning, water leaks, electricity, internet problems, repairs, and maintenance.
23	**Making a Complaint Politely**	Practice polite complaints at restaurants, hotels, stores, gyms, and service counters.
24	**Asking for Help at City Hall**	Talk about address registration, health insurance, tax documents, certificates, and local procedures.
25	**Joining a Yoga Class, Boxing Gym, or Fitness Club**	Talk about class schedules, memberships, fitness goals, injuries, and training routines.
26	**Joining a Car or Motorcycle Club in Japan**	Talk about cars, motorcycles, hobbies, events, maintenance, and weekend drives.
27	**Playing Golf with Local Japanese People**	Practice golf conversations, small talk, invitations, etiquette, and casual networking.
28	**Participating in Kids' Activities in Japan**	Practice conversations with other parents, teachers, coaches, and activity organizers.
29	**Making Japanese Friends as an Adult**	Practice starting conversations, asking questions, making plans, and building friendships.
30	**Joining a Local Community in Japan**	Talk about neighborhood groups, local events, community activities, and volunteering.

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Upper Intermediate Topics

Longer conversations for work, family, and local life

31	**Explaining Your Job and Career**	Talk about your profession, career history, company, responsibilities, and goals.
32	**Exchanging Business Cards**	Learn how to introduce yourself professionally and exchange business cards naturally.
33	**Networking with Japanese Professionals**	Practice meeting business contacts, introducing yourself, and building professional relationships.
34	**Understanding Japanese Manners and Social Rules**	Talk about etiquette, indirect communication, reading the room, and cultural expectations.
35	**Japanese Work Culture and Communication**	Discuss meetings, teamwork, hierarchy, workplace manners, and communication style.
36	**Talking to Your Child's Teacher**	Discuss your child's progress, school life, concerns, behavior, homework, and activities.
37	**Parenting and Education in Japan**	Talk about Japanese schools, teachers, homework, entrance exams, clubs, and parenting culture.
38	**Buying a House or Renting an Apartment**	Discuss rent, deposits, contracts, neighborhoods, property agents, and housing conditions.
39	**Visa, Residency, and Immigration**	Talk about visa renewals, residence cards, immigration procedures, and permanent residency.
40	**Healthcare System and Insurance in Japan**	Discuss health insurance, medical costs, hospital systems, and healthcare access.

Advanced Topics

Deep conversations, professional situations, and high-level discussions

41	**Bank Loans and Personal Finance**	Talk about home loans, savings, investments, credit cards, and personal money management.
42	**Real Estate Investment in Japan**	Talk about buying property, rental income, Airbnb, investment risks, and long-term value.
43	**Accounting and Taxes in Japan**	Discuss tax filing, business expenses, invoices, accountants, and financial reporting.
44	**Legal Issues and Contracts**	Discuss contracts, legal problems, business agreements, and working with a lawyer.
45	**Starting a Business in Japan**	Talk about opening a company, building a business, hiring people, and running operations in Japan.
46	**Business Negotiation in Japanese**	Practice negotiating prices, contracts, schedules, proposals, and business conditions.
47	**The Japanese Economy and Inflation**	Talk about the yen, inflation, salaries, living costs, and economic changes in Japan.
48	**Politics and Social Issues in Japan**	Discuss aging society, declining birth rate, education, gender roles, and social challenges.
49	**Japanese History and Culture**	Talk about samurai history, the Edo period, temples, shrines, traditional culture, and modern Japan.
50	**Emergency Situations and Insurance Claims**	Practice conversations about accidents, natural disasters, police reports, hospitals, and insurance claims.

Key Message

Most language schools start with vocabulary and grammar.

JAPAN LANGUAGE FACTORY starts with real conversation topics you actually need in Japan.

Start with simple conversations like ordering at a restaurant or introducing yourself.

Then grow into real-life topics like housing, healthcare, city hall, business, finance, immigration, and Japanese history.

Your fluency grows when your conversation topics grow.