

Japanese Placement Test for Fall 2026

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Thank you for your interest in studying Japanese with us here at Brown University. We would like to ask all incoming students to take the placement test. This page explains the four-step process for completing the placement test.

1. [SPOT Test](#)

The SPOT (Simple Performance-Oriented Test) test was developed at Tsukuba University in Japan. It is used widely in Japan and abroad for level-placement purposes, as well as for assessment and diagnosis of a test takers' Japanese proficiency level.

The test will take approximately 30 to 60 minutes and requires a **headset**. Please set aside enough time for yourself and be in a quiet place when you take it. Your results will come back immediately via a PDF file which you will submit to us via Google Forms (Step 3).

Please go to: <https://ttbj.cegloc.tsukuba.ac.jp/p1.html>, and scroll to the very bottom and click on "**Individual Application (個人受験申込)**." Select the option "**SPOT90 + Grammar90 + 漢字SPOT50**" and click **Next**.

2. [Survey](#)

3. [Essay](#)

Once you have completed (or nearly completed) these three tasks, please make an appointment for an interview. Interviews will be given: **Early September**. Please finish these three steps by the time of the interview. Please visit the placement test site around Mid-August to schedule an interview or sign-up from the link below.

4. [Interview Sign-Up](#)

5. Textbook Information & Chapters covered

Course Fall	Textbook Chapters	Course Spring	Textbook Chapters
JAPN0100	Genki I L1-L8	JAPN0200	Genki I L9-Genki II L16

JAPN0300	Genki II L17-L23	JAPN0400	Quartet I L1-L4
JAPN0500	Quartet I L5-6 Quartet II L7-8	JAPN0600	Quartet II L9-12
JAPN0700	Authentic materials	JAPN0800	Authentic materials
JAPN0911	Authentic materials	JAPN0912	Authentic materials

Genki 1: Third Edition by the Japan Times

Genki 2: Third Edition by the Japan Times

Quartet 1: by the Japan Times

Quartet 2: by the Japan Times

Thank you and we all look forward to seeing you in Fall 2026!

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