**Category: Education**

**Goal**

*(What you want to achieve in 5 years)*

I want to speak and read Japanese with moderate to full fluency.

**Personal Audit**

*(Your skills, knowledge, or experience relating to goal)*

I love Japanese culture (anime, films, food)

I know basic greetings

I visited Tokyo for 2 weeks and have a strong desire to live there

I am excellent at picking up languages

**Objectives**

*(Smaller goals that will help you achieve your main goal)*

Take online classes and download learning apps

Learn Hiragana alphabet and phonetic sounds

Learn Katakana alphabet and phonetic sounds

Learn Kanji alphabet and phonetic sounds

Read beginner-level Japanese language stories and books

Listen to Japanese music

Watch Japanese television and films (with Japanese subtitles)

**Resources**

*(Things you have that will help you achieve your objectives)*

Internet access and smartphone for language-learning app

Money for practice workbooks and online courses

Free weeknights for studying

A friend who lives in Japan (Sam) who I can call to practice

A Japanese bookstore on my block

A collection of Japanese short stories for beginners (with English translations)

**Timeline**

*(Realistic daily, weekly, monthly, and yearly deadlines for each objective)*

Daily: Practice vowel sounds of Hiragana characters plus 5-10 Katakana and Kanji

Practice sounding and writing the characters on learning apps

Weekly: Read a beginner’s level short story in Japanese

Take a practice test of learned characters in workbook

Complete short listening/speaking exercises in online course

Monthly: Call Sam to practice and ask about colloquialisms and etiquette

Complete the next level of online course

Yearly: Travel to Tokyo for a few weeks to immerse myself in the language and culture

Write letters and anecdotes of my own in Japanese

**Obstacles**

*(Things that might hinder your ability to complete objectives)*

Schedule changes or social activities that cut down on study time

Frustration and discouragement with the learning process

Financial issues that impede online classes and/or travel plans