

Exam Tips

About the exam

- There are **3 sections** and takes approximately **25 minutes**
- Remember that your **communication skills** is examined

- ☺ To become a good communicator
- First impressions are important



Oh, nice **smile**. She looks **confident**, too. She looks as if she is really **interested in learning**

He makes mistakes, but he **tries to engage conversation**.



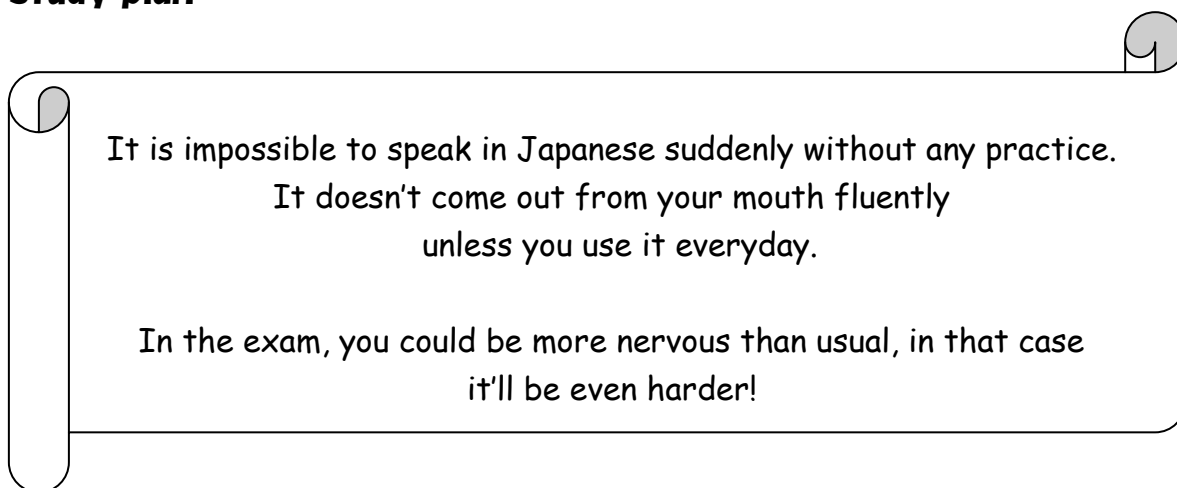
- **Don't hasten** yourself. Take your time and breathe.
- Make **eye contact**.
- Some Japanese gestures help.
Bowing and Nodding
 - You can nod when you understand what the examiner said.
- No matter how you feel you have performed, the exam is not over until you exit the room. Last impressions are important, too.

The examiner is supportive, encouraging and patient.
The examiner does not correct your error during the exam.

Marking Scheme

Section1	<u>General Conversation</u>	total 35 marks
Section2	<u>Topic on card</u>	total 30 marks
	2 minute speaking	10 marks
	Clarification	10 marks
	Opinion	10 marks
Section3	<u>Topic in pictures</u>	total 35 marks
	Describing pictures	9 marks
	Explanation	9 marks
	Opinion	9 marks
	Compare & Contrast	8 marks

Study plan



Read this book thoroughly and prepare your own answers
It is good idea to write down what you are going to say.

5 weeks before the exam

- ♣ Finish writing your speech for each topic <Section 2>
- ♣ Ask your teacher to check your speech
- ♣ Practice your speech

4 weeks before the exam

♣ Practice using “Linking words” and “Magic words” (Practical Information)

Do followings **everyday**

- Speak in Japanese
You can talk to yourself in Japanese.
You can talk with your teacher or classmates in Japanese.
- Test yourself
Make topic cards for yourself and practice

3 weeks before the exam

Do followings **everyday**

- Speak in Japanese and test yourself (as above)
- Make question cards and answer by yourself

だれと行きますか

まいしゅうまつ何をしますか

- Describe what you see
「今日はいいい天気です。あ、あそこにもだちがたっています。名前はポールです。ポールはあおいセーターをきています。」
“It’s a nice day today. Oh, my friend is standing over there. His name is Paul. He is wearing a blue jumper.”

1 week before the exam

Do followings **everyday**

- Speak in Japanese
- Practice with topic cards
- Review

Also...

If you don’t know any Japanese speakers, it is advisable to listen to the CD of your textbook everyday.