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## Languages | Japanese

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## Overview

The current Western Australian Curriculum: Languages was adopted and adapted from the Australian Curriculum version 8.4.

Western Australia provided feedback to the Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority (ACARA) during the consultation for the Australian Curriculum.

The proposed revisions to the Western Australian Curriculum: Languages, Japanese are adopted and adapted from the Australian Curriculum version 9.

## Year 7

In the early adolescence phase of schooling, students align with their peer group and begin to question established conventions, practices and values. Learning and teaching programs assist students to develop a broader and more comprehensive understanding of the contexts of their lives and the world in which they live.

Japanese provides students with opportunities to engage with linguistic and cultural diversity and reflect on their experiences in various aspects of personal life.

In Year 7, students are beginning their learning of the Japanese language, building on prior learning and experiences of learning other languages. They use the Japanese language to exchange information about themselves and others, and to participate in classroom activities. Students use their literacy knowledge to engage with Japanese texts, such as conversations, audio and video clips, articles, songs and stories, and to locate, process and convey key information. They use modelled language to create informative, imaginative and personal texts.

Students become familiar with the systems of the Japanese language, recognising and using intonation, pronunciation, context-related vocabulary and grammatical elements in simple spoken and written Japanese texts. They begin to reflect on the connection between the Japanese language and culture and the language and culture of their own language/s.

In Year 7, students receive support through modelling, scaffolding, and the use of targeted resources. They are encouraged to use the Japanese language for classroom routines and activities and to take risks in their language learning. Regular feedback, encouragement and opportunities to revisit and review support students in the language learning process.

## Year 8

In the early adolescence phase of schooling, students align with their peer group and begin to question established conventions, practices and values. Learning and teaching programs assist students to develop a broader and more comprehensive understanding of the contexts of their lives and the world in which they live.

Japanese provides students with opportunities to engage with linguistic and cultural diversity and reflect on their experiences in various aspects of social life.

In Year 8, students build on the skills, knowledge and understanding of prior learning experiences. They use the Japanese language to exchange and compare information about daily life and to participate in classroom activities. Students use their literacy skills to engage with Japanese texts, such as conversations, messages, posters, audio and video clips, songs and stories, and to locate, process and convey information in different ways. They adapt familiar and modelled language to create informative, imaginative and personal texts for specific purposes.

Students build on their understanding of the systems of the Japanese language, recognising and using features of intonation, pronunciation, context-related vocabulary and grammatical elements in simple spoken and written Japanese texts. They comment on the connection between the Japanese language and culture and the language and culture of their own language/s.

In Year 8, students receive support through modelling, scaffolding, and the use of targeted resources. They are encouraged to use the Japanese language for classroom routines and activities and to take risks in their language learning. Regular feedback, encouragement and opportunities to revisit and review support students in the language learning process.

## Year 9

In the middle adolescence phase of schooling, teaching and learning programs encourage students to develop an open and questioning view of themselves as active participants in their society and the world.

Japanese provides students with opportunities to engage with linguistic and cultural diversity and reflect on their experiences in various aspects of the wider world.

In Year 9, students continue to build on the skills, knowledge and understanding of prior learning and experiences. They use the Japanese language to exchange and compare information about Japan and the culture, and when collaborating in activities involving planning and negotiating. Students use their literacy knowledge to engage with, and convey information from Japanese texts, including authentic sources, such as audio and video clips, online magazines, advertisements, songs, stories and articles. They adapt familiar and modelled language to create and present more detailed, informative, imaginative and personal texts for specific purposes.

Students continue to develop their understanding of the systems of the Japanese language, recognising and using linguistic resources to communicate in Japanese with increasing fluency. They discuss how language choices reflect cultural values, attitudes, beliefs and identity, and they begin to explore how meaning is shaped in Japanese.

In Year 9, students are encouraged to use Japanese as much as possible and to reflect on and monitor their language learning and intercultural experiences. They work increasingly independently and continue to receive guidance, feedback and support.

## Year 10

In the middle adolescence phase of schooling, teaching and learning programs encourage students to develop an open and questioning view of themselves as active participants in their society and the world.

Japanese provides students with opportunities to engage with linguistic and cultural diversity and reflect on their experiences in various aspects of the wider world.

In Year 10, students consolidate and progress the skills, knowledge and understanding of prior learning and experiences. They use the Japanese language to engage in more sustained interactions, exchanging information about future plans and travel, and when collaborating in activities involving planning and negotiating. Students use their literacy knowledge to engage with, and convey information from, increasingly more complex Japanese texts, including authentic sources, such as conversations, audio and video clips, online magazines, advertisements, songs, stories and articles. They draw on familiar and modelled language and an increasing range of linguistic resources to create and present more detailed, informative, imaginative and personal texts for specific purposes.

Students continue to develop their understanding of the systems of the Japanese language, recognising and using linguistic resources to communicate in Japanese with increasing fluency and independence. They discuss how language choices reflect cultural values, attitudes, beliefs and identity, and they begin to explore how meaning is shaped in Japanese.

In Year 10, students work increasingly independently to reflect on and monitor their language learning and intercultural experiences. They are encouraged to use Japanese as much as possible and continue to be guided and mentored.