



FREE STUDY MATERIAL

JLPT N5 Checklist

Tick off what you already know and see at a glance whether you are ready for the exam.

How to use this checklist

Go through every point honestly and only tick a box when you are truly confident. When almost every box is filled, you are ready for the JLPT N5. Any open points show you exactly what to practise next.

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Hiragana

- I can read and write all 46 basic hiragana with confidence.
- I know the voiced sounds (dakuten and handakuten): が・ざ・だ・ば・ぱ.
- I can read the combined sounds (yoon): きゃ・しゅ・ちょ.
- I understand the small つ as a double consonant: がっこう.
- I recognise long vowels: おう・えい.
- I read hiragana fluently, without any romaji.

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Katakana

- I can read and write all 46 basic katakana with confidence.
- I know dakuten and handakuten in katakana.
- I can read the long vowel mark: コーヒー・ラーメン.
- I recognise common loanwords: テレビ・パソコン・テスト.

漢

Kanji (around 100 characters)

- I can read and write the numbers 一・二・三 to 十, plus 百・千・万.
- I know the time kanji: 日・月・火・水・木・金・土・年.



- I know the core kanji: 人・大・小・上・下・中・本・学・生.
- I know directions and places: 東・西・南・北・国・店・駅.
- I know the key on and kun readings for each kanji.
- I recognise around 100 N5 kanji inside a reading text.

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Vocabulary (around 800 words)

- I know everyday greetings and polite set phrases.
- I know family, colours, weekdays, months and telling time.
- I know food, places, transport and school words.
- I know the most common N5 verbs: 行く・食べる・見る・する・来る.
- I know the most common adjectives: 大きい・小さい・新しい・いい.
- I understand around 800 N5 words, both passively and actively.

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Grammar

- I use the particles confidently: は・が・を・に・へ・で・と・も・の.
- I build です and ます sentences, including negative and past.
- I know the verb groups and the て-form, ない-form and た-form.
- I tell い-adjectives from な-adjectives and can negate them.
- I use これ・それ・あれ and ここ・そこ・あそこ correctly.
- I know counters and quantities: 一つ・一人・一枚.
- I understand question words: なに・だれ・どこ・いつ・いくら・どうして.
- I build key patterns: ~たい・~ましょう・~てください・~があります.

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Listening

- I understand slow, simple everyday conversations.
- I understand typical phrases from school, shops and travel.



- I catch times, prices, dates and quantities reliably.
- I can follow short announcements and simple instructions.

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Reading

- I read short texts in hiragana, katakana and simple kanji.
- I understand signs, timetables and short notes.
- I get the main point of simple emails and messages.

試

Exam and format

- I know the three parts: vocabulary, grammar with reading, listening.
- I know the exam takes around 90 minutes.
- I know the pass mark: at least 80 of 180 points, plus a minimum score per section.
- I have completed at least one full mock exam.

Ready when almost every box is ticked

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