

# NewsLetter

## November 2024

Introduction of regular students' activities



### Conversational group class: Less grammar, more speaking.

Learning Japanese has always been important to me because I am half Japanese and struggle to communicate with some of my family members.



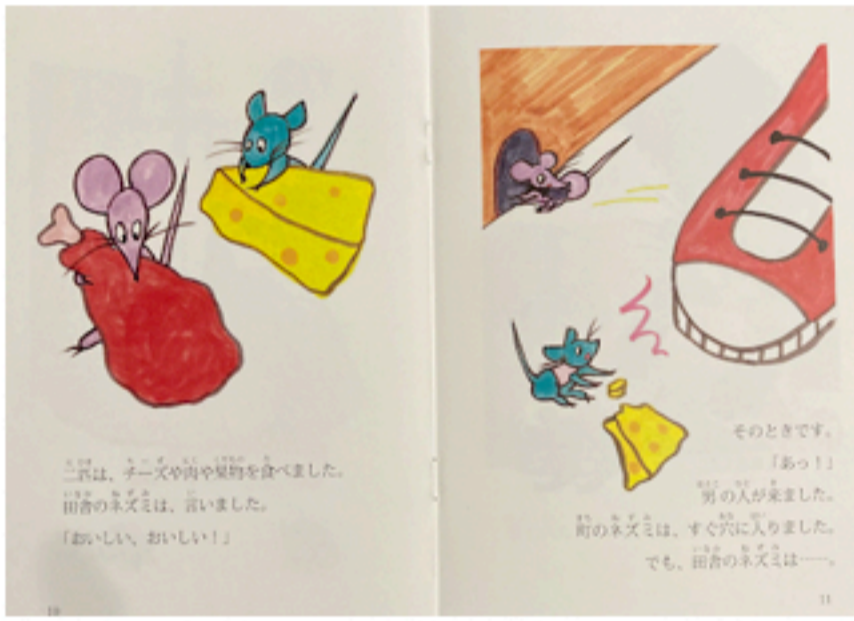
I was trying to learn Japanese independently for years, but I found I lacked consistency and struggled with comprehension. I've been taking classes with Tama-ki-Sensei for around a month and it has made a huge difference. Her grammar lessons are engaging and her listening and repetition practices help to drill in what she is teaching.

I really appreciate how in-depth she teaches pronunciation because it was something I felt confident in, but it turns out I still had a lot to learn! I am excited with the progress I have made in just a little over a month and look forward to continuing learning.

Ellie

### Reading intention class.

Learn grammar and vocabulary from stories.



Grammar, vocabulary, punctuation... language has so many parts. How am I supposed to learn them all? With stories.

Taishukan Japanese Readers are fables, fairy tales and slice-of-life narratives that range from JLPT levels N5 to N2. Each story introduces a few linguistic parts. For example, in “田舎のネズミと町のネズミ” (Country Mouse and Town Mouse), you can see how to compare situations, how to use past and present tense, and how dialogue is written. Downloadable audio recordings let you practice pronunciation and word flow as well.

I'm bad at memorization, and have trouble keeping track of everything at once. Using stories as a framework helps me focus on small steps, and gives me context for what those steps are for. Each story will push me to master a few more parts, until I'm ready to share my own stories too.

Jennifer

## 2024 Alpaca Project

The project is named after our task reading 「アルパカ牧場へ行こう」. This annual group project provides cues of improvement for listening, reading, writing and speaking. All regular students get together to enjoy a variety of activities and practice.

The theme of the lecture and workshop is “How to accelerate reading speed and oral fluency”. You can also enjoy a presentation by the students who attended another class event called Japan tour 2024.

とき: Nov. 24 Sun. 1pm-4pm  
ばしょ: Prince Takamado Japan Centre  
TELUS Centre 201 University of Alberta  
さんかひ: \$30.00 for Semi-regular students  
We appreciate class donations.

Announcement

### Invitation to Year-End Party “忘年会”

とき: Dec 7 Sat. 7 pm  
ばしょ: Yokozuna South : 4121 106 st

As the venue allows us up to 20 people, the priority orders will be :  
Regular students  
Semi-regular students  
Spouses of regular students  
Spouses of Semi-regular students

Thank you for your cooperation