

JLPT Can-do Self-Evaluation List: Listening

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		N1	N2	N3	N4	N5
↑ difficult	1					
	2					
	3					
	4					
	5					
	6					
	7					
	8					
	9					
	10					
↓ easy	11					
	12					
	13					
	14					
	15					
	16					
	17					
	18					
	19					
	20					

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	less than 25%
	25–50%
	50–75%
	75% or higher

JLPT Can-do Self-Evaluation List: Reading

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		N1	N2	N3	N4	N5		
	difficult	1	I can understand the main points of articles on politics, economics, etc., in newspapers and magazines.					
	2	I can understand the points, opinions, and argument structure of editorial columns (e.g. in newspapers, etc.).						
	3	I can read novels, understanding the feelings of the characters and the story line.						
	4	I can understand what the author wants to say in narrative essays.						
	5	I can understand the main ideas of academic/technical texts on topics I am concerned about.						
	6	I can understand the content of official letters and e-mails written in polite Japanese.						
	7	I can understand inquiries and requests from business partners.						
	8	I can understand the content of articles in newspapers and magazines written about familiar everyday topics.						
	9	I can get necessary information from travel guidebooks and magazines about entering university or finding jobs.						
	10	I can understand the definitions provided in general Japanese-Japanese dictionaries.						
	11	I can get necessary information from the brochures of products (e.g. product features, etc.).						
	12	I can understand the main story lines of short stories.						
	13	I can understand post cards and e-mails from my acquaintances and friends.						
	14	I can get necessary information (e.g. lecture or meeting schedules, etc.) from notice boards at school or work.						
	15	I can understand the sale dates and prices listed in newspaper advertisements and fliers.						
	16	I can read train schedules and guide signs at stations in order to determine what time to board my train.						
	17	I can read and understand New Year's and birthday cards.						
	18	I can understand simple memos.						
	easy	19	I can understand simple instructions with pictures (e.g. how to put out trash, how to prepare meals).					
	20	I can understand my appointment day and time from appointment reservation charts at my school, etc.						

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