

Next steps!

- Talk to your teacher about taking GCSE Japanese.
- Talk to students who are already doing or who have done the course.
- Visit the Edexcel website (www.edexcel.com/gcse2009) for more information about what you will be studying and how you will be assessed.

Japanese Question:

Translated literally, in Japanese 'sushi' meant?

Japanese answer:

(b) 'It's sour'

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STUDENT GUIDE

Is this the right subject for me?

If you enjoy communicating with other people, finding out how language works and learning about different countries and cultures, studying GCSE Japanese is an excellent choice for you!

You will:

- be able to share your interests, ideas and opinions with other people who speak the language
- learn about countries where the language is spoken
- add an international dimension to your choice of GCSE subjects, which is something many employers and higher education providers look for
- learn many skills which are useful in a wide range of careers, such as the ability to communicate clearly, being confident about speaking in public and using problem-solving strategies
- create greater opportunities to work abroad, or for companies in the UK with international links. Many employers look for people with language skills.

What do I need to know, or be able to do, before taking this course?

If you've studied Japanese before, you're well prepared to do this GCSE course! You already know a lot of the vocabulary and grammar you'll need for GCSE. You know how to talk about yourself, your family and friends, your hobbies, where you live, school, holidays, food and drink. You'll build on this knowledge during your GCSE course, and move on to new topics.

If you are starting this as a new language for GCSE you can be confident in knowing that, through your previous studies, you have already built up a lot of valuable language skills which will help you to learn a new language.

What can I do after I've completed the course?

People with language skills and knowledge are highly thought of in the modern world. They stand out as talented and successful people, with broad and exciting horizons. Taking this GCSE means you will:

- be able to study AS and A2 Japanese courses
- add an extra dimension to your personal skills profile which will impress anyone who reads your CV
- be in a stronger position to get a job in a company with international links, or improve employability if you would like to work abroad.

Japanese Question:

Translated literally, in Japanese 'sushi' meant?

- (a) Poison
- (b) 'It's sour'
- (c) Taste good'
- (d) 'It's raw'

How will I be assessed?

Speaking	Reading	Writing	Listening
<p>You will carry out two activities.</p> <p>1. Either:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a conversation with your teacher about a photograph you have brought in of something of personal interest to you <p>OR</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a presentation on something that interests you, followed by questions about it from your teacher. <p>2. A conversation with your teacher linked to a different theme.</p> <p>These tasks will be linked to a specific chosen theme.</p>	<p>You will read, and answer questions, about a range of short texts.</p> <p>The texts will be both formal and informal (<i>for example advertisements or emails</i>).</p>	<p>You will have a choice of questions relating to two themes.</p> <p>You will produce two pieces of writing ranging from a short task to an article for a magazine, web page, blog or letter.</p> <p>You will be able to use a dictionary during this paper.</p>	<p>You will listen to, and answer questions on, a range of recorded material relating to set topic areas.</p> <p>You will hear formal speech (<i>for example a telephone message</i>) and informal speech (<i>for example a conversation between friends</i>).</p>

