

## JF Standard related sites

### The JF Standard for Japanese-Language Education

Website introducing the JF Standard

<https://www.jfstandard.jpf.go.jp/>

### Minna no "Can-do" website

The Minna no "Can-do" website is a database of Can-dos that show levels of Japanese proficiency in the form of statements beginning with "I can ...".

<https://www.jfstandard.jpf.go.jp/cando/>

### Marugoto: Japanese Language and Culture

Website introducing the Japanese language coursebook *Marugoto: Japanese Language and Culture* which was developed based on the JF Standard

<https://marugoto.jpf.go.jp/>

# The JF Standard for Japanese-Language Education

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The Japan Foundation (JF) was established in October 1972 with the objective of promoting international cultural exchange through a comprehensive range of programs in all regions of the world.





# Central to the JF Standard for Japanese-Language Education is the idea that communication in Japanese can lead to mutual understanding among people.



We are now living in a global society where more and more people come into contact with other cultures as part of their personal and professional lives. In order to deepen mutual understanding through cross-cultural language communication the following two competences are needed.

**Competence in accomplishing tasks: the ability to use language to complete specific tasks**

**Competence in intercultural understanding: the ability to understand and respect one's own and other people's cultures**

With the aim of cultivating these competences, the JF Standard for Japanese-Language Education has been developed in order to be practically useful in different educational contexts around the world.



In order for people to understand each other both language and culture are important.



Exactly!

International student: Erin

Erin's teacher: Honigon

Erin's Challenge!! I Can Speak Japanese. <https://www.erin.jpf.go.jp/>



# The JF Standard displays levels using Can-do statements.

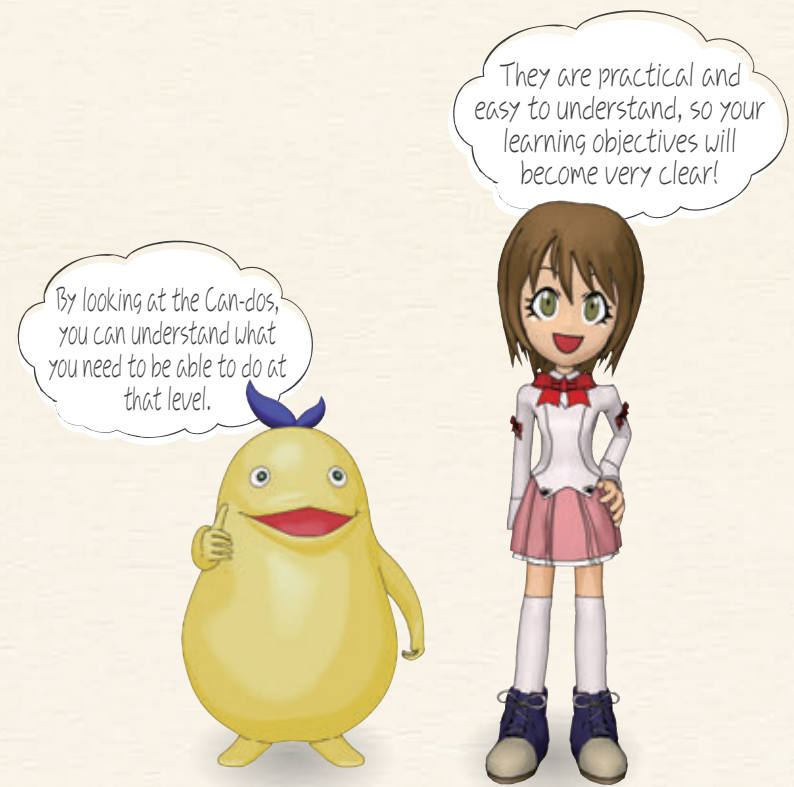
The levels of the JF Standard are not based on what kind of grammar you know, or how many words or kanji you know, but what kind of tasks you can accomplish using Japanese.

These **Can-dos**, beginning with "I can ...", describe ability at completing tasks, and are divided into six levels from A1 to C2. These six levels are the same as those used in the CEFR, so it is possible to understand your Japanese proficiency using levels that are common with those used for other languages.

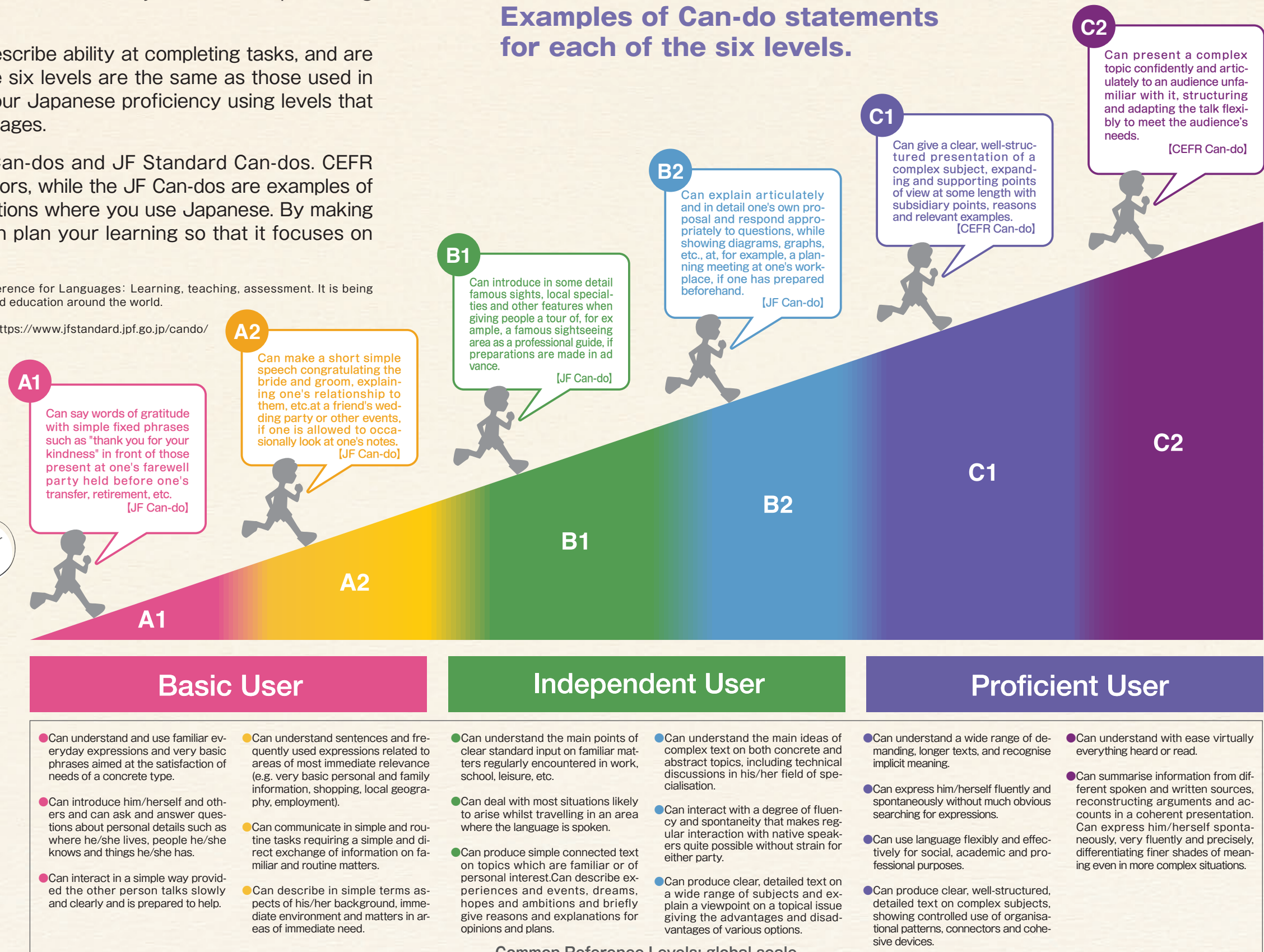
The JF Standard consists of both CEFR Can-dos and JF Standard Can-dos. CEFR Can-dos are multipurpose abstract descriptors, while the JF Can-dos are examples of practical language activities related to situations where you use Japanese. By making these Can-dos learning objectives, you can plan your learning so that it focuses on actual communication.

CEFR is an abbreviation of Common European Framework of Reference for Languages: Learning, teaching, assessment. It is being widely introduced as a common framework for language learning and education around the world.

You can search CEFR Can-dos and JF Can-dos at [Can-do サイト](https://www.jfstandard.jp/f.go.jp/cando/) <https://www.jfstandard.jp/f.go.jp/cando/>



## Examples of Can-do statements for each of the six levels.



Common Reference Levels: global scale



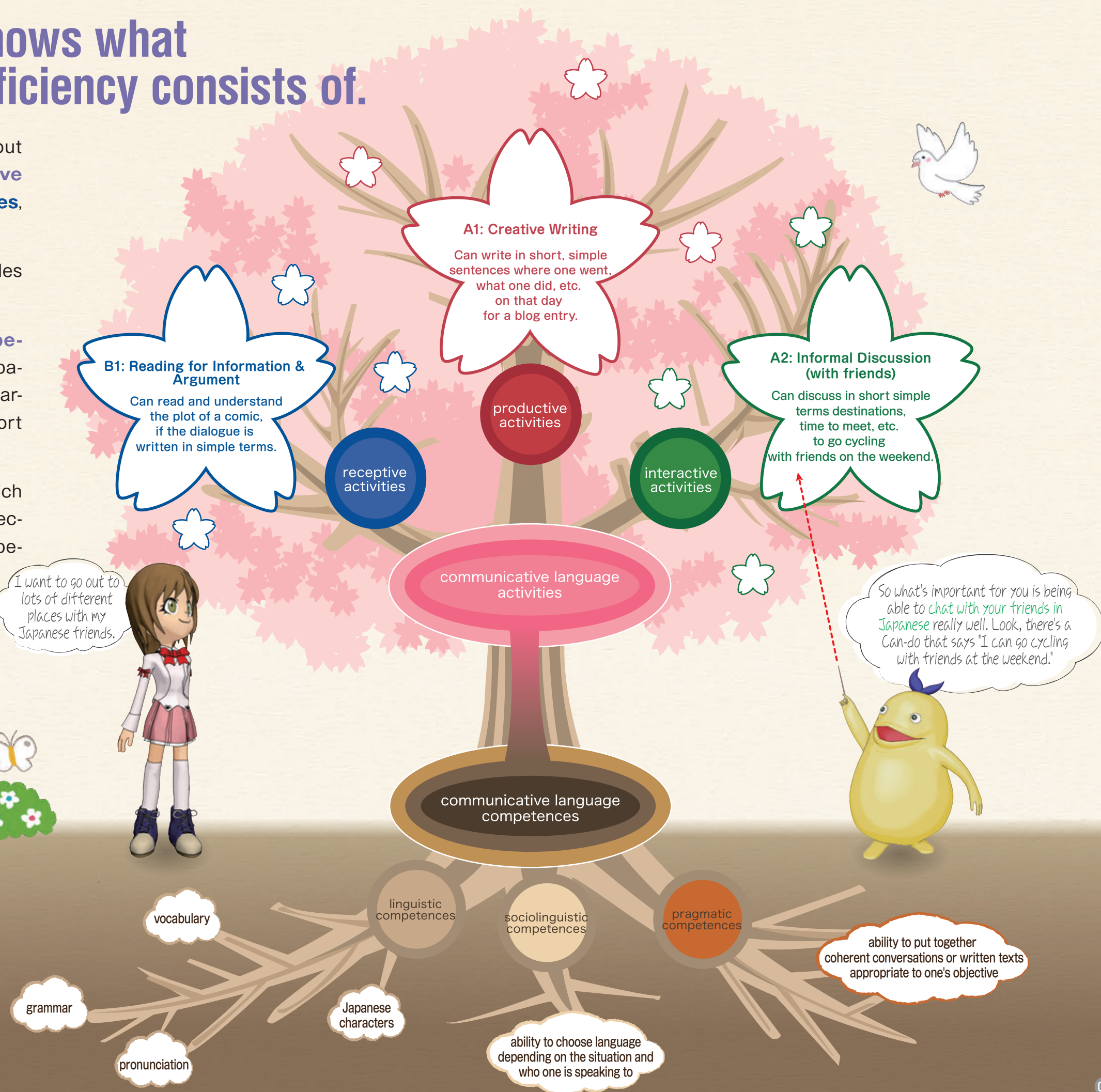
# The JF Standard tree shows what Japanese language proficiency consists of.

The part of the tree where the branches spread out and produce flowers shows specific **communicative language activities**, divided into **receptive activities**, **productive activities** and **interactive activities**.

The Can-dos represented by the flowers are examples of communicative language activities.

The roots show **communicative language competences**, which correspond to knowledge of the Japanese language, such as knowledge of Japanese characters, vocabulary, grammar, etc., and these support the communicative language activities.

By looking at the JF Standard tree, you can see which communicative language activities your learning objectives are, and which communicative language competences support such activities.





# Marugoto: Japanese Language and Cul ture is a Japanese language coursebook that is based on the JF Standard.

Marugoto: Japanese Language and Culture aims to be a course of Japanese language study that contributes to mutual understanding among the people of the world through competence in accomplishing tasks and competence in intercultural understanding.

## Overseas Edition

Latest information on the publication of Marugoto overseas can be found from the following link.

<https://marugoto.jpf.go.jp/en/about/oversea/>

\*Marugoto is currently published in areas including India, Indonesia, Korea, Thailand and many more.

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Learning objectives are shown as Can-do statements.



### Can-do

Can make comments in short simple terms such as "How cute" and "I want that" when shopping with a friend.

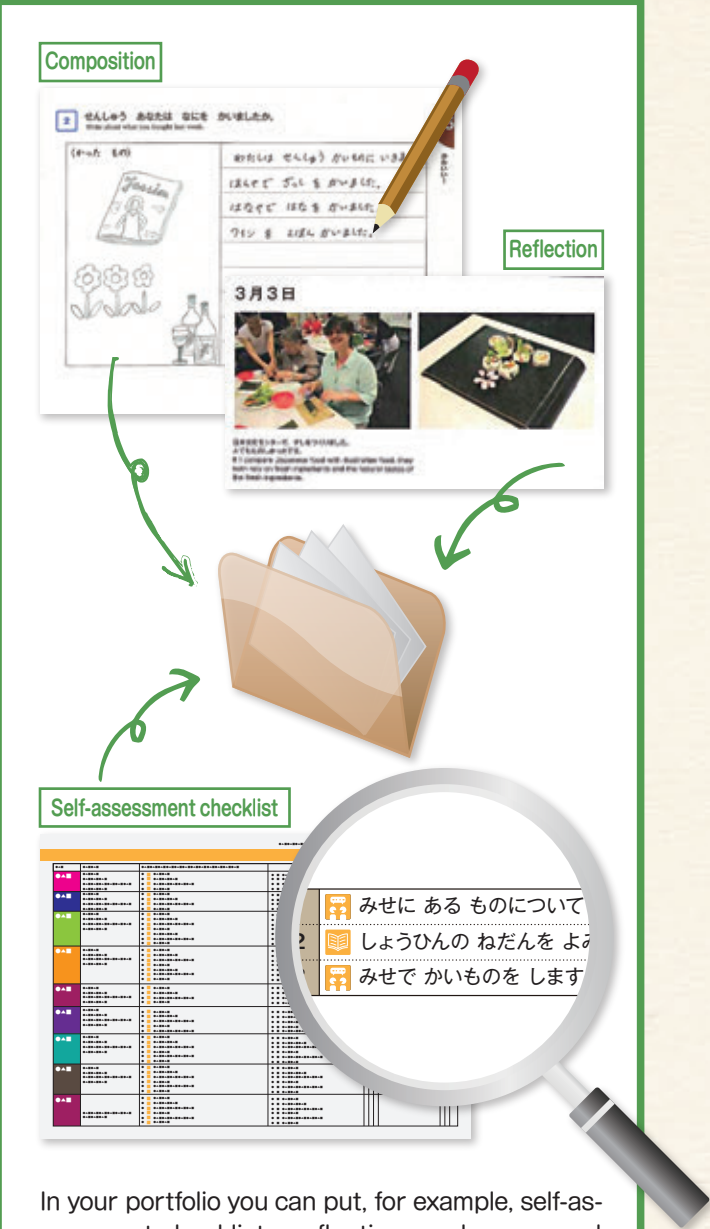


It places an emphasis on intercultural understanding.



You can study language and culture together. You can do this not just by learning about Japanese things, but by looking back and reflecting on your own culture too.

You use the portfolio to manage your own learning.



In your portfolio you can put, for example, self-assessment checklists, reflections on lessons and cultural experiences, compositions and recordings of speeches. By managing your own portfolio you can develop your approach to independent study. By showing your portfolio, you can also share your own learning processes and successes with teachers, classmates, and your family.



# The Japan Foundation carries out a range of activities centred around the JF Standard in order to develop Japanese education overseas.

## Marugoto: Japanese Language and Culture

Marugoto: Japanese Language and Culture is a coursebook based on the JF Standard.



まるごと  
日本のことばと文化

<https://marugoto.jpf.go.jp/>

## Materials Development

Coursebook  
Companion Website

## Marugoto +

Marugoto + is a website where you can study Japanese language and culture following the contents of the coursebook.



<https://marugotoweb.jp/>

## Marugoto Japanese Online Course

This is a course for learning Japanese language skills comprehensively, offered in the Japanese learning platform JF Japanese e-Learning Minato **えみなと**.




<https://www.marugoto-online.jp/info/>

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 JF日本語教育スタンダード

<https://www.jfstandard.jpf.go.jp/>

The JF Standard website provides an overview of what JF standard is and how it can be utilized, as well as related materials and performance samples of each JF standard levels.



みんなの  
**Can-do** サイト

<https://www.jfstandard.jpf.go.jp/cando/>

The Minna no "Can-do" website is a database of Can-dos. It provides support for practical aspects of Japanese language education, such as course design, lesson planning, and materials development.

## Assessment

Test Creation  
Development of Assessment Methods

### Role-play test based on the JF Standard

The role-play test is a test that can measure your ability in spoken interaction.



<https://www.jfstandard.jpf.go.jp/roleplay/ja/render.do>

### Performance samples of JF Standard levels

Performance samples are available for a better understanding of the different levels of JF standard.



<https://www.jfstandard.jpf.go.jp/sample/ja/render.do>

## Teacher Training

The Japan Foundation offers teacher training courses based on the JF Standard for overseas teachers of Japanese.



## Educational Practice

Course Design  
Curriculum Development



## JF Language Course

JF Language Courses are Japanese language and culture course based on the JF Standard.



The JF Language Course Site List  
(As of June 2023)

