



Learn Japanese Pod with Ami and Alex

Podcast 35: Motivational Japanese Phrases

In this lesson you will learn the following:

- ✓ Learn motivational phrases
- ✓ Learn what vocabulary to use to motivate your friends

LEVEL: Upper Beginner



Introduction

In this lesson you'll learn common useful Japanese phrases used to cheer up and motivate your friends. Everyone struggles from time to time and a word of encouragement can always mean a lot to someone. And in Japan, where teamwork is seen as a virtue, motivating other members in your group to do their best is an important part of building relationships.

You'll find motivational phrases in manga, anime, J-pop and also in casual conversation with your friends. So check out the dialogue and extra phrases in this lesson.

How to study

This lesson includes the main podcast lesson, PDF show notes and an extra audio drill. You can find all of these resources by going to <https://learnjapanesepod.com> and clicking on the title for this lesson.

In the main podcast lesson Ami Sensei and Alex demonstrate the main dialogue, briefly explain the grammar and talk about other Japan related topics.

Then you can use these show notes to read through and study in more depth. We include grammar and vocabulary explanations to better understand the main lesson dialogue.

Finally, you can use the Japanese dialogue only audio file to practice your listening. You can listen to the audio phrase by phrase and then repeat afterwards to practice your speaking and listening skills.

To access the audio podcast for this lesson go to <https://learnjapanesepod.com> and navigate to this lesson.



Main Dialog 1 - Motivational Japanese Phrases

- A: どうしたの？元気なさそうだね。
B: 最近日本語が全然上達しないんだ。
A: 日本語上手じゃん！
B: いや、思うように話せないんだよね。もうだめだ。
A: 大丈夫、大丈夫。塵も積もれば山となる、だよ。
B: それどういう意味？
A: 少しずつ頑張っていけば願いは叶うという意味だよ。
B: わかった！頑張るよ！

Main Dialog 1 - Motivational Japanese Phrases (Pronunciation)

- A: Dōshita no? Genki nasasō da ne.
B: Saikin, Nihongo ga zenzen jōtatsu shinain da.
A: Nihongo jōzu jan!
B: Iya, omou yō ni hanasenain da yo ne. Mō dame da.
A: Daijōbu, daijōbu. Chiri mo tsumoreba yama to naru da yo.
B: Sore dōiu imi?
A: Sukoshi zutsu gambatte ikeba negai wa kanau toiu imi da yo.
B: Wakatta! Gambaru yo!

Main Dialog 1 - Motivational Japanese Phrases (English)

- A: What's the matter. You don't seem very well/happy.
B: Recently my Japanese hasn't improved at all.
A: Your Japanese is great!
B: No, I can't express myself the way I want to. It's no good.
A: It's OK, it's OK. Even dust when piled up becomes a mountain.
B: What does that mean?
A: It means if you try little by little you can realise your dreams.
B: Got it. I'll give it a shot!



Extra Motivational Phrases

Here are some extra motivational phrases. These phrases are featured in both the main podcast lesson and the extra drill audio file. Check out <http://learnjapanesepod.com> to download the podcast and extra drill audio.

1. 頑張って！ *Gambatte!*

Do your best.

2. ファイト！ *Faito!*

Come on, you can do it!

3. 元気出して。 *Genki dashite.*

Cheer up!

4. 大丈夫、大丈夫。君ならできるよ。 *Daijōbu, daijōbu. Kimi nara dekiru yo.*

It's OK. You can do it.

5. 前向きにね。 *Mae muki ni ne.*

Be positive.

6. 焦らないでね。少しずつね。 *Aseranaide. Sukoshi zutsu.*

Don't rush. Do it little by little.

7. 願えば叶うよ。 *Negaeba, kanau yo.*

If you wish it, it will come true.



Random Phrase of the Week

なんとかなる *Nan toka naru*

Things will work out somehow

今の会社を辞めてもなんとかなるよ *Ima Kaisha o yamete mo nan toka naru yo*

Even if you quit your job things will work out

そんな心配しないで、なんとかなるさ *Shinpai shinai de, nan toka naru sa*

Don't worry, things will work out you know.



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