REAL JAPAN. YOUR WORDS.

# Japanese Scene Practice User Manual

Prepare the Japanese you are likely to need at a real restaurant, hotel, station, shop, or attraction - before you arrive.

What makes it different?
Instead of memorizing a fixed list written for everyone, you choose a real situation and goal. The app generates useful Japanese with English, hiragana, romaji, and audio, then creates a ChatGPT role-play prompt for speaking practice. Demo Mode is available without an account; a free account unlocks up to 5 Live AI practices per month and saves generated practices to My practices.

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| **1. Choose** | Tell the app where you are going and what you want to do. |
| **2. Learn** | Practice what you may say and what you may hear. |
| **3. Rehearse** | Use the generated prompt in the ChatGPT mobile app for live conversation. |

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# Why real-place practice helps

Traditional phrasebooks are useful for general basics, but many phrases may never match your trip. Japanese Scene Practice starts from the event you expect to face: the ramen shop you chose, your hotel check-in, a train transfer, or a purchase you plan to make.

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| **More relevant** | The destination, your role, and your goal guide the practice. |
| **Easier to recall** | Connecting language to a meaningful plan supports context-dependent recall and elaboration. |
| **Ready for both sides** | You study your own lines and the staff member's likely replies. |
| **Practice by doing** | Missions, audio, and role-play turn reading into active retrieval. |

Example: Before visiting a Hakata ramen shop, the app may prepare you to hear Men no katasa wa dou shimasu ka? (How firm would you like your noodles?) and answer Barikata de onegaishimasu. (Very firm, please.)

Learning research does not guarantee that any phrase will be remembered. The practical advantage is that meaningful context, retrieval practice, and rehearsal are generally more useful than passive rereading alone.

## The complete learning loop

1

### Plan the scene

Choose a situation, level, difficulty, real place, and goals.

2

### Study useful language

Read Japanese, hiragana, romaji, and English; listen to Japanese audio.

3

### Complete three missions

Use short goals to focus your practice.

4

### Simulate the conversation

Copy the generated role-play prompt into the ChatGPT mobile app and speak.

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# Quick start

### 1 Open Practice

Go to https://scene.contri-lab.com/practice. Demo Mode works without an account. Create a free account to unlock up to 5 Live AI practices per month and save your generated practices.

### 2 Describe the situation

Enter it in English or Japanese. Include the action and your role: 'Ordering ramen as the customer.'

### 3 Choose level and difficulty

Beginner + Normal is a good first setting.

### 4 Add a real place

Enter the place name manually. Official-site research is planned for Premium Plus and is not part of the current Free launch.

### 5 Choose goals

Select one or more actions, such as order food, ask about the menu, and pay.

### 6 Create and practice

Press 'Create my practice,' learn both sides, complete the missions, then use Step 5 for voice role-play.

## Situation settings

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| **Beginner** | Short survival phrases with simple grammar. |
| **Intermediate** | Natural variations and somewhat more complex sentences. |
| **Advanced** | Flexible responses and more detailed conditions. |
| **Easy** | Predictable, calm interaction. |
| **Normal** | Common real-world variation. |
| **Challenge** | Clarification requests or an unexpected condition. The hidden event appears only in the copied role-play prompt. |

Good input: 'Checking into a hotel as the guest' is clearer than only 'Hotel.'

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# Prepare a real place

The public Free launch does not require place research. Open 'Prepare for a real place' only when you want to add context to your practice, then enter the place name yourself.

1

### Open the place section

Choose 'Prepare for a real place' below the situation settings.

2

### Enter the place name

Type a useful name such as 'Ichiran Shibuya', 'Shinjuku Washington Hotel', or 'Shibuya Station'.

3

### Add an official website if useful

You may paste the venue's public HTTPS website. Do not paste a Google Maps link in this field.

4

### Choose your goals

Select what you want to do there, such as ask about the menu, check in, or ask for directions.

5

### Create the practice

The AI uses your place name, situation, goals, level, and difficulty to prepare the conversation.

Good place input: Use the city and branch when you know them. 'Ichiran Shibuya' is more useful than only 'Ichiran', and 'hotel check-in at Shinjuku Washington Hotel' is more useful than only 'hotel'.

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# What is coming next

The free experience is intentionally useful on its own: enter a situation, place, and goal yourself, then practise what you are likely to need. Premium is scheduled for October 2, 2026, subject to the final readiness decision. Premium Plus remains a later plan for people who want more destination context.

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| **Free today** | Create a personalized scene from your own situation, place name, goals, level, and difficulty. |
| **Premium next** | Premium is scheduled for October 2, 2026, subject to final readiness: $2.99/month with 60 Live AI practices per month. |
| **Premium Plus later** | $7.99/month and 90 Live AI practices per month are planned later, with destination research only where enabled. |
| **Manual fallback** | Manual place entry remains available even when research is unavailable or unnecessary. |

## Why this roadmap matters

1

### Start with one real moment

Prepare the conversation you are most likely to need next.

2

### Build confidence

Learn what to say and what the other person may say back.

3

### Rehearse before arrival

Use audio, missions, and the ChatGPT role-play prompt.

4

### Go deeper when needed

Upgrade only when more practice volume or destination context would genuinely help.

Roadmap promise: The current Free experience remains useful on its own. Future paid features are being developed to add depth, not to make the basic learning flow unusable.

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# Goals, manual entry, and limits

After choosing the place, select one or more goals. The AI connects them into one chronological interaction instead of treating them as unrelated flashcards.

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| **Food** | Order food or drinks; ask about the menu; pay. |
| **Hotel** | Make a reservation; check in or check out; ask for help. |
| **Travel** | Ask for directions; buy something; ask about the price. |
| **Other...** | Write a specific goal, such as asking whether luggage can be left before check-in. |

## If place research is unavailable

Type the Place name and an optional Official website URL below the place section. Then choose goals and create the practice. Manual entry is the normal public Free flow and does not require Google Maps search.

## Understanding allowances

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| **Place research (future)** | Google Maps search and place details are not part of the current public Free or Premium launch. |
| **Official-site context** | Premium Plus may use a limited official-site excerpt later, where enabled. Manual place entry remains available. |
| **Live AI allowance** | Free accounts receive up to 5 new Live AI practices per month. A new practice or regeneration uses one allowance. |
| **Where to check** | Account shows the current plan and remaining allowances. In-app counters and messages are authoritative. |

When a limit is reached, the app explains the reset period and manual-entry fallback instead of silently charging or making unlimited provider calls. The current counters shown in Account are authoritative.

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# Use the generated practice

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| **Scenario** | Review the location, your role, the partner's role, goal, and conditions. |
| **You may say** | Japanese you can use, with hiragana, romaji, English, and audio. |
| **You may hear** | Likely Japanese replies so you are not prepared for only your own line. |
| **Your 3 missions** | Three concrete tasks that turn the lesson into active practice. |

## Audio

Press the speaker icon beside a phrase. The app uses the browser's Japanese speech voice (ja-JP). If there is no sound, check device volume, silent mode, and browser speech support.

## Phrasebook

Press the bookmark icon to save a useful phrase. Open Phrasebook from the top navigation to review or remove saved phrases.

## Regenerate and Role Swap

Regenerate scenario creates another version and uses a Live AI allowance. Role Swap exchanges your role and the partner's role. Use regeneration intentionally instead of repeatedly pressing it.

> Five-minute routine: Listen once, say the phrase without looking, check the romaji only if needed, switch to 'You may hear,' then complete the three missions.

## Language display

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| **Japanese** | The phrase as it is normally written. |
| **Hiragana** | A reading aid for Japanese scripts and pronunciation. |
| **Romaji** | A Latin-letter pronunciation aid; do not rely on it forever. |
| **English** | The intended meaning in the current scene. |

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# Step 5: speak with ChatGPT

Scene Practice automatically creates a role-play prompt based on your situation, place, goals, level, and scenario. Use it in the installed ChatGPT mobile app for a natural back-and-forth simulation.

1

### Copy the prompt

Press 'Copy role-play prompt' in Step 5.

2

### Open the ChatGPT mobile app

Leave the browser, open the installed app, start a new chat, paste the prompt, and send it.

3

### Start Voice

In ChatGPT Settings → Voice, enable Background conversations, then tap the waveform Voice button and begin speaking.

4

### Complete your missions

Try to reach all three goals. Use a short phrase first; ask for a slower repeat when needed.

Important: Use the ChatGPT mobile app's Voice button and enable Background conversations if you want to return here while speaking. The small microphone only turns speech into typed text, and the waveform button may not appear in a web browser.

## What the prompt does

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| **Sets the roles** | You are the learner; ChatGPT acts as staff, clerk, driver, or another partner. |
| **Keeps the level** | The simulation follows the level and scene you prepared. |
| **Adds realism** | Challenge Mode can include a hidden event that is not revealed on the lesson page. |
| **Encourages repair** | You can ask the partner to repeat, slow down, or explain when you do not understand. |

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# Account, plans, privacy, and support

Sign in with Google or a verified email to keep one account identity across devices. A free account unlocks up to 5 Live AI practices per month. Generated Live AI practices are saved to My practices automatically when saving succeeds, and reopening one does not use another allowance. Phrasebook bookmarks are saved in this browser.

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| **Free** | $0/month. Demo Mode works without an account; a free account includes up to 5 Live AI practices per month and saved My practices. |
| **Premium** | $2.99/month with 60 Live AI practices per month. Scheduled for October 2, 2026, subject to final readiness; not yet available in this manual's prelaunch edition. |
| **Premium Plus** | Planned later at $7.99/month with 90 Live AI practices per month. Destination research is available only where explicitly enabled. |

Premium is planned for October 2, 2026, subject to the final Go/No-Go decision. Premium Plus is planned for later. The Account screen and final release notice are authoritative for current availability.

## Privacy

Public Free and Premium users do not use Google Maps search or place details. Approved previews and a later Premium Plus flow may use Google Maps Platform only when explicitly enabled and within separate limits. Manual place entry remains available. If enabled, selected place data is used for the current interaction and is not stored by the server; an official-site excerpt may be sent to OpenAI for that practice request.

## Support and data control

Open Contact from the landing page or the Account screen. Choose a category, enter a subject and message, and add a reply email only if you want a response. Inquiries go to the private owner inbox and are not posted publicly. For account or usage help, copy the privacy-preserving support number from Account into the optional Support number field.

'Delete application data' removes application data associated with the signed-in account; read the confirmation carefully before continuing. Contact inquiries and lesson feedback are removed after 180 days.

Never enter API keys, access codes, passwords, card numbers, or email verification codes in the form. Contact: https://scene.contri-lab.com/contact

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# Troubleshooting and smart examples

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| **Place feels too broad** | Add the city and branch to the place name, then create the practice again if needed. |
| **Official site unavailable** | Continue with the place name only. Official-site research is optional and planned for Premium Plus later. |
| **Limit reached** | Open saved lessons in My practices or wait for the period shown by the app. Free accounts receive up to 5 new Live AI practices per month. |
| **Generation fails** | Keep the situation short and specific, then try once more. Do not repeatedly regenerate. |
| **No audio** | Check device volume, silent mode, and browser speech support. |
| **Cannot sign in** | Check the verification code or choose the correct Google account. |

## Recommended examples

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### Ramen

Situation: Ordering ramen as the customer. Place: Ichiran Shibuya. Goals: ask about the menu, order, pay.

2

### Hotel

Situation: Checking into a hotel as the guest. Place: Shinjuku Washington Hotel. Goals: check in, ask about luggage, ask for help.

3

### Station

Situation: Buying a train ticket as a traveler. Place: Shibuya Station. Goals: ask for directions, ask about price, buy.

Best first setup: Enter 'Ichiran Shibuya' as the place, then choose 'Ask about the menu,' 'Order food or drinks,' and 'Pay.' Create the practice and start with the first phrase.

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