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Announcing *Hejsan! Nihongo*, A Free Japanese Learning Game from Lund University!

Lund University's Centre for Languages and Literature is proud to announce the public release of **Hejsan! Nihongo**, an Adobe Flash-based interactive learning tool for beginner's level Japanese. **Hejsan! Nihongo** has been developed with the aid of university funding, and is free to use for teachers and students of Japanese everywhere. The game itself remains the property of Lund University, Sweden.



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Join your teacher, **Heisan** as he guides you through nine action-packed levels of Japanese learning fun! Battle your enemies by conjugating Japanese verbs and adjectives correctly, and defeat larger foes while increasing your vocabulary!

The game features an unfolding plotline presented through animated sequences and spoken dialogue voice acted by native Japanese speakers. The dialogues work much like in a textbook, and illustrate the vocabulary and inflections used in the game.



The vocabulary used in **Heisan! Nihongo** generally corresponds to Level 4 of the Japanese Language Proficiency Test (<http://www.jlpt.jp/e/>). The sentence patterns and inflections used are appropriate for beginner's level Japanese, and proceed from the present tense *-masu* or polite form to more advanced forms such as the past tense *-mashita* and *-ta*, *-te* forms, and finally to longer constructions such as *-ku nakatta* and *-naide kudasai*.

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Hejsan! Nihongo is intended to be used as a complement to traditional study using textbooks and classroom instruction, making the repetition of verb and adjective conjugations and Sino-Japanese compounds (*jukugo*) more fun and involving.

There is also a function for practicing your *hiragana* input (accessible from the main menu by clicking **PRACTICE**) although it is assumed that students will have a working knowledge of kana before using the game.

To enter the world of **Hejsan! Nihongo**, type <http://www.sol.lu.se/japanska/heisan/> into your web browser and press enter. Please note that having a recent version of Adobe Flash Player installed is necessary for playing the game.

If computer speed is not an issue, you can go to <http://www.sol.lu.se/japanska/heisan/max/> for a full screen version.



Level zero is a tutorial on how to play, so please access the level menu by clicking **START** and then click the **0** to learn all you need to know!

We hope that **Hejsan! Nihongo** will be a useful addition to the many Japanese learning tools already available on the internet, and that students all over the world will use our game to improve their Japanese skills while having fun!

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Enjoy! / *Tanoshinde kudasai!*

The *Hejsan!* ihongo Team

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