



ATAR course examination, 2026

Preparation booklet

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JAPANESE: SECOND LANGUAGE

Practical (oral) examination

Time allowed for this examination

Part A: Preparation of stimulus	15 minutes
Part B: Discussion prompted by stimulus	approximately 3–4 minutes
Part C: Conversation	approximately 7–8 minutes

Materials required/recommended for this examination

To be provided by the supervisor

A Preparation booklet

To be provided by the candidate

Standard items: pens (blue/black preferred), pencils (including coloured), sharpener, correction fluid/tape, eraser, ruler, highlighters
one stimulus item (for example, picture, image, object, diagram, map)
prepared notes (optional)

Special items: one combined print dictionary (Japanese/English and English/Japanese dictionary) or two separate print dictionaries (one English/Japanese and one Japanese/English dictionary)

Note: Dictionaries must not contain any notes or other marks. No electronic dictionaries are allowed.

Important note to candidates

No other items may be taken into the examination room. It is **your** responsibility to ensure that you do not have any unauthorised material. If you have any unauthorised material with you, hand it to the supervisor **before** reading any further.

Structure of the examination

The Japanese: Second Language ATAR course examination consists of a written component and a practical (oral) component.

Structure of the practical (oral) examination

Section	Time allocated (minutes)	Marks available	Percentage of practical examination
Part A Preparation of stimulus	15 minutes	—	—
Part B Discussion prompted by stimulus	approximately 3–4 minutes	20	35
Part C Conversation	approximately 7–8 minutes	20	65
Total			100

Instructions to candidates

Part A: Preparation of stimulus

1. Prepare your response to the stimulus item you have brought with you or the topic you have chosen by using your prepared notes and making further notes on the page provided in this preparation booklet. Notes or annotations are not permitted on the stimulus item.
2. You may refer to dictionaries during the preparation time. Dictionaries cannot be used during Part B and Part C of the examination.
3. Hand the preparation booklet and any prepared notes to the supervisor and take your stimulus item into the interview room.

Part B: Discussion prompted by stimulus

1. Read out your student number (in English) and when asked by the marker (in Japanese), introduce your stimulus item or chosen topic and engage in a discussion prompted by your stimulus item.

Part C: Conversation

1. Participate in a conversation with the marker drawing on a range of topics from Unit 3 and Unit 4.
2. You must follow the requirements for this examination published in the *Japanese: Second Language Practical (oral) examination requirements 2026* document.