



COMPREHENSIVE STUDY GUIDE — FREE SAMPLE

JLPT N5

Vocabulary Cheat Sheet

10 Most Frequent JLPT N5 Words

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Quick Reference

Top 10 words sorted by frequency — sample from 500-word guide

#	WORD	READING	ROMAJI	ENGLISH	FREQ
1	^{わたし} 私	わたし	<i>watashi</i>	I, me; used by anyone, formal or informal	10/10
2	あなた	あなた	<i>anata</i>	you; often used in informal situations	10/10
3	^{ひと} 人	ひと	<i>hito</i>	person; human being, an individual	10/10
4	^{なに} 何	なに	<i>nani</i>	what; used to ask about things	10/10
5	^{いぬ} 犬	いぬ	<i>inu</i>	dog; a common domestic animal	10/10
6	^{ねこ} 猫	ねこ	<i>neko</i>	cat; a common domestic animal	10/10
7	^{いく} 行く	いく	<i>iku</i>	to go; move from one place to another	10/10
8	^た 食べる	たべる	<i>taberu</i>	to eat; consume food	10/10
9	^{みる} 見る	みる	<i>miru</i>	to see; to watch or look at	10/10
10	する	する	<i>suru</i>	to do; perform an action	10/10

Deep Dive

Detailed breakdown with examples, collocations, and usage notes

#1

私

わたし

watashi

noun

10/10

FREQ

I, me; used by anyone, formal or informal

わたし がくせい
私は学生です。

I am a student.

COMMON PATTERNS:

私の名前 私は 私の家

Commonly used by both males and females in formal contexts. In casual settings, males might use '僕' or '俺'.

#2

あなた

あなた

anata

noun

10/10

FREQ

you; often used in informal situations

せんせい
あなたは先生ですか？

Are you a teacher?

COMMON PATTERNS:

あなたの名前 あなたは あなたの家

Avoid using 'あなた' in formal situations; use the person's name with さん instead.

#3

10/10

人

FREQ

ひと

hito

noun

person; human being, an individual

ひと だれ
あの人は誰ですか？

Who is that person?

COMMON PATTERNS:

日本人 いい人 人が多い

Can be combined with other words to specify types of people, like '日本人' (Japanese person).

#4

10/10

何

FREQ

なに

nani

noun

what; used to ask about things

なん
これは何ですか？

What is this?

COMMON PATTERNS:

何ですか 何をしますか 何時

Pronounced 'なん' before certain consonants like 'd' and 't'.

#5

10/10

犬

FREQ

いぬ

inu

noun

dog; a common domestic animal

いぬ す
犬が好きです。

I like dogs.

COMMON PATTERNS:

犬を飼う

犬の散歩

犬が吠える

Often used in daily conversation. '犬' can be combined with verbs like '飼う' (to keep) or '散歩' (walk).

#6

10/10

猫

FREQ

ねこ

neko

noun

cat; a common domestic animal

ねこ
猫がいます。

There is a cat.

COMMON PATTERNS:

猫を飼う

猫の鳴き声

猫が寝る

Cats are popular in Japan, often appearing in cultural references and media.

#7

行く

いく

iku

verb (godan)

10/10

FREQ

to go; move from one place to another

がっこう いく
学校へ行きます。

I go to school.

COMMON PATTERNS:

行く予定 行きたい 行く時間

Use 'へ' or 'に' to indicate the destination. Commonly conjugated to '行きます' in polite form.

#8

食べる

たべる

taberu

verb (ichidan)

10/10

FREQ

to eat; consume food

ごはん たべる
ご飯を食べます。

I eat rice.

COMMON PATTERNS:

食べ物 食べたい 食べる時間

An essential verb for daily activities. Conjugates to '食べます' in polite form.

#9

10/10

見る

みる

miru

verb (ichidan)

FREQ

to see; to watch or look at

えいが み
映画を見ます。

I watch a movie.

COMMON PATTERNS:

見ること 見たい 見える

Commonly used for visual activities. Conjugates to '見ます' in polite form.

#10

10/10

する

する

suru

verb (irregular)

FREQ

to do; perform an action

しゅくだい
宿題をします。

I do homework.

COMMON PATTERNS:

勉強する 仕事をする 運動する

A versatile verb used in many contexts. Often combined with nouns to form compound verbs.



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