

*Phase #2 – Checklist (Week #2 – Week #16)*

**Purpose:** Learn to Read and Pronounce Japanese Characters

**Time to Complete:** 15 Weeks (3.5 Months)

**Ninja Brain Prep #1 – Learn Japanese Pronunciation**

*(Estimated Time to Completion: 30 Minutes)*

- Read the Pronouncing Japanese section of this guide a few times.
- Keep that information in mind as you proceed to Brain Prep #2.

**Ninja Brain Prep #2 – Learn Hiragana & Katakana**

*(Estimated Time to Completion: 1 Week)*

- Get a free app or program for learning hiragana and katakana.
- Learn the reading and pronunciation of every single character.
- Learn to write the characters (recommended, but you don't really need to if you don't feel like it; personally, I *never* handwrite any Japanese).
- Keep using your chosen app or program every single day until you know all of the characters like the back of your hand.

**Ninja Brain Prep #3 – Learn All 2,136 Joyo Kanji**

*(Estimated Time to Completion: 97 Days)*

- Download Anki.
- Download the Nihongoshark.com Kanji Deck.
- Set Anki's preferences.
- Start learning new kanji.
- Repeat new-kanji-learning process 2,131 times.
- Review kanji flashcards every day.