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*Twelve days*  
*in* HOKKAIDO

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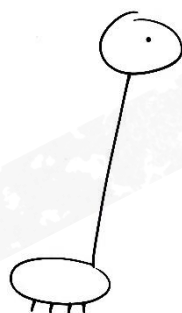
**A textbook to help English language learners talk about Hokkaido. This book is designed to help people show visitors around Hokkaido.**

英語学習者が北海道について話す時に役立つテキストブックです。

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## Introduction

“*Twelve Days in...*” is a series of textbooks that help English language learners learn about a specific area and learn English at the same time. *Twelve Days in Hokkaido* will improve the student’s knowledge of Hokkaido and their English reading, writing, and speaking. A workbook is available to accompany and review the language learned in this textbook.

## How to use this textbook

Students should research answers to the questions on the Internet, use their imaginations, or knowledge gained from personal experience.

Students can listen to James’ diary at [www.premierpotentialpublishing.com](http://www.premierpotentialpublishing.com).

Example answers can be found at the back of this book and at [www.premierpotentialpublishing.com](http://www.premierpotentialpublishing.com).

## Question Color Guide

Green questions are easier and more common.

Amber questions are a little more difficult or require more detail.

Red questions require a lot of knowledge and are more difficult to ask and answer.

# Day 1: Hokkaido

Hokkaido is the northernmost of Japan's four main islands. It is Japan's largest prefecture and the second largest of the major islands. The capital city of Hokkaido is Sapporo. In winter, the temperature drops down to below zero with high levels of snowfall. Summer in Hokkaido is pleasant, the weather doesn't usually get too hot or too humid. Hokkaido is famous for its beautiful scenery, and delicious food. Hokkaido is the perfect holiday destination for anyone who loves the outdoors and winter sports. It's a great place to visit in any season.



**Write about Hokkaido.**

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## Exercise 1

Do research on the Internet then answer the questions.

1. What is the capital city of Hokkaido?

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2. Where can I go skiing in Hokkaido?

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3. When was Hokkaido founded?

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4. What should I do in Hokkaido in winter?

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5. Tell me about the history of Hokkaido.

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## Exercise 2

Write your own questions and answers about Hokkaido.

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A. \_\_\_\_\_

Q. \_\_\_\_\_

A. \_\_\_\_\_

## Exercise 3

Read the conversation then answer the questions.

**A: Passport control officer**

B: Foreign visitor

**A: Business or pleasure?**

B: Actually, both.

**A: What's your occupation?**

B: I'm a travel writer.

**A: How long will you be staying in Hokkaido?**

B: About twelve months.

**A: Where will you be staying?**

B: Many places. First Sapporo, my hotel is in Susukino. After that, I'll move up to Asahikawa. I want to visit the famous zoo. Later in the year, I will go to Hakodate, Otaru, Niseko, and some other places.

**A: Will you be traveling alone?**

B: Yes, but I hope to make some friends while I'm in Hokkaido.

**A: Do you have anything to declare?**

B: Only that I'm really excited about my trip.

**A: That's not very original sir. Here's your passport. Enjoy your trip.**

1. How long will the visitor stay in Hokkaido?

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2. What is the visitor's job?

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3. Is the visitor traveling by himself?

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4. What is the visitor's travel plan?

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## Exercise 4

Do research on the Internet then answer the questions.

1. When was Hokkaido first settled by Japanese people?

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2. What is the second-largest city in Hokkaido?

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3. What should I eat in Hokkaido?

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4. Where are some good places to go in winter?

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5. Tell me about the native people of Hokkaido.

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## Exercise 5

Write your own questions and answers about Hokkaido.

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A. \_\_\_\_\_

Q. \_\_\_\_\_

A. \_\_\_\_\_



# James' Diary

## Hokkaido

January 21<sup>st</sup>

My plane touched down about two hours ago. It's extremely cold, and it's snowing heavily. I was impressed by the ground staff at the airport. They handled the difficult weather conditions very well. My flight wasn't delayed at all.

I'm now waiting at New Chitose Airport. I've got about forty-five minutes to kill until my train to Sapporo. I could get an earlier train I suppose.

My hotel is in a place called Susukino. I've heard it's a really fun place for a night out. I'm looking forward to trying the local food. I've heard that Hokkaido has the freshest vegetables and seafood in Japan.

I will let you know how my trip goes.



**Write your own diary entry about Hokkaido.**

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# Vocabulary

Translate each English word into your native language, then write a sentence using each word.

## Example

wonderful

素晴らしい

Hokkaido is a wonderful place to live.

## Day 1: Hokkaido

beautiful

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fresh

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impressed

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largest

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major

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mountain

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native

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northern

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outdoors

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scenery

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weather

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wildlife

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winter

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# Answers

The following answers are examples and are intended as a guide. Your answers might not match these answers exactly.

All information was sourced from the Internet and was correct at the time of publishing.

Some sample answers are the opinion of the author and are not intended to be treated as facts.

## Day 1: Hokkaido

### Exercise 1 P.7

#### 1. What is the capital city of Hokkaido?

The capital city of Hokkaido is Sapporo.

#### 2. Where can I go skiing in Hokkaido?

Niseko is a popular place to go skiing.

#### 3. When was Hokkaido founded?

It was founded in 1869.

#### 4. What should I do in Hokkaido in winter?

You could go skiing or snowboarding, visit a hot spring, or go to one of the snow or ice festivals in Hokkaido.

#### 5. Tell me about the history of Hokkaido.

Originally the Ainu people lived in the area now known as Hokkaido. The Ainu are thought to have come from what is now Russia. Japanese people settled the island in 1869. Hokkaido has had a few different names over the years. In 1869 it was known as Yezo province.

### Exercise 3 P.8

#### 1. How long will the visitor stay in Hokkaido?

The visitor will stay for twelve months.

#### 2. What is the visitor's job?

The visitor is a travel writer.

#### 3. Is the visitor traveling by himself?

Yes, but he is hoping to make some friends while he is traveling.

#### 4. What is the visitor's travel plan?

The visitor will go to Sapporo first, he will stay in Susukino. Then he will travel to Asahikawa to visit the zoo. He also plans to go to Niseko, Otaru, and Hakodate.

#### Exercise 4 P.9

##### 1. When was Hokkaido first settled by Japanese people?

It was first settled by Japanese people in 1869.

##### 2. What is the second-largest city in Hokkaido?

Asahikawa is the second-largest city in Hokkaido.

##### 3. What should I eat in Hokkaido?

Ramen is an extremely popular dish, different places in Hokkaido have their own specialties. Soft serve ice cream would be a great choice in summer. If you like meat, then you should try Genghis Kahn. It is a grilled lamb dish named after the Mongolian ruler.

##### 4. Where are some good places to go in winter?

Asahiyama Zoo is a good place to go to see cold-climate animals. The Blue Pond in Biei is beautiful in winter. The Snow Festival in Sapporo is fun for the whole family.

##### 5. Tell me about the native people of Hokkaido.

The Ainu are the indigenous people of Hokkaido. They are thought to be descended from the Jomon people who are the people who lived in the Japanese archipelago during the Jomon period. Another theory is that they are descended from the peoples of northern Asia. They were traditionally hunter-gathers. They believed that all things were inhabited by spirits. There are now only about 20,000 Ainu living in Hokkaido, many have moved and are living in cities around Japan.