

250 Essential Kanji For Everyday Use Volume 1

Beginner-level students wishing to read Japanese need to learn hiragana, the most basic of three Japanese scripts, used for writing words of native origin. Kodansha's Hiragana Workbook is an all-new, streamlined workbook designed precisely for such students. It introduces all aspects of the script — reading, writing, and pronunciation — in a fun, accessible format, packed with illustrations and exercises. One page each is devoted to the 46 basic characters. These include instructions for character formation and space to practice writing, as well as a selection of vocabulary for further reading and writing. The vocabulary are all commonly used words that students can put to immediate use in conversation; and their readings — pronounced by a professional voice actor — are available as free downloads from the Net. Frequent review pages allow students to test their understanding of the hiragana at various stages. The appendixes offer additional practice exercises, as well as grids for playing hiragana Battleship and Bingo. There are also 120 pull-out flashcards for playing Memory, Scrabble, and other games.

Making Out in Japanese is a fun, accessible and thorough Japanese phrase book and guide to the Japanese language as it's really spoken. Sugoku suki! Mata aeru?—(I'm crazy about you! Shall we meet again?) Answer this correctly in Japanese, and you may be going on a hot date. Incorrectly, and you could be hurting someone's feelings or getting a slap! Japanese classes and textbooks tend to spend a lot of time rehearsing for the same fictitious scenarios, but chances are while in Japan you will spend a lot more time trying to make new friends or start new romances—something you may not be prepared for. If you are a student, businessman or tourist traveling to Japan and would like to have an authentic and meaningful experience, the key is being able to speak like a local. This friendly and easy-to-use Japanese phrasebook makes this possible. Making Out in Japanese has been updated and expanded to be even more helpful as a guide to modern colloquial Japanese for use in everyday informal interactions—giving access to the sort of catchy Japanese expressions that aren't covered in traditional language materials. As well as the Romanized forms (romanji), each expression is now given in authentic Japanese script (kanji and kana with furigana pronunciation clues), so that in the case of difficulties the book can be shown to the person the user is trying to communicate with. This Japanese phrasebook includes: A guide to pronouncing Japanese words correctly. Explanations of basic Japanese grammar, such as intonation, word stress, and particles. A guide to male and female usage. Romanized forms of words and phrases (romanji). Complete Japanese translations including Japanese characters (kanji) and the Japanese alphabet (kana). Useful and interesting notes on Japanese language and culture. Lots of colorful, fun and useful expressions not covered in other phrasebooks. Titles in this unique series of bestselling phrase books include: Making Out in Chinese, Making Out in Indonesian, Making Out in Thai, Making Out in Korean, Making Out in Hindi, Making Out in Japanese, Making Out in Vietnamese, Making Out in Burmese, Making Out in Tagalog, Making Out in Hindi, Making Out in Arabic, Making Out in English, More Making Out in Korean, and More Making Out in Japanese.

A Guide to Writing Kanji & Kana Book 2 continues the systematic approach to learning how to write Japanese characters that was introduced in Book 1. With 1,166 entries, this workbook completes the study of all 1,945 characters prescribed for everyday use by the Japanese Ministry of Education. Included under each entry are the Japanese and Chinese readings, stroke order, English meanings, sample compounds, radicals, and ample practice space. Completing this valuable resource book are an introduction explaining how best to use this book and an index to all the characters found in both Book 1 and Book 2. For a complete course that covers reading as well as writing Japanese, it is recommended that these workbooks be used with Kanji & Kanji: A Handbook and Dictionary of the Japanese Writing System, also available from Tuttle Publishing.

This is a convenient and travel-sized English to Tagalog Dictionary Over ten million Filipinos speak Tagalog, the official language of the Philippines. This dictionary addresses the growing need for a concise, reliable, and inexpensive English–Tagalog dictionary. It is ideal for teachers, students, businesspeople, travelers, and others who are interested in studying Tagalog. The key to understanding the Tagalog language is a thorough familiarity with the stresses, glottal vowels, and basic vocabulary of the language, all of which are treated in this book. Pronunciation guidelines were determined by the Institute of National Language, which based its preference on standard Manila dialect. Used in conjunction with Tagalog for Beginners or Elementary Tagalog, also published by Tuttle Publishing, this dictionary is an indispensable tool to those learning Tagalog or traveling to the Philippines. Over 6,000 practical entries. Perfect for learning everyday vocabulary. Uses pronunciation guidelines from the Institute of National Language in the Philippines. Ideal for teachers, students and travelers.

This material is designed to enable students to learn kanji and kanji-based vocabulary indispensable to Japanese communication. Consists of reference book, workbook one, workbook two. Suitable for self study.

Essential Kanji is an integrated course for learning to read and write the 2,000 basic Japanese characters. It introduces the kanji that are now in everyday use, a mastery of which makes it possible to read most modern Japanese. Devised for either home or classroom use, the book has been tested and refined by years of use in university classes taught by the author.

Do you want to learn Japanese the fast, fun and easy way? And do you want to master daily conversations and speak like a native? Then this is the book for you. Learn Japanese: Must-Know Japanese Slang Words & Phrases by JapanesePod101 is designed for Beginner-level learners. You learn the top 100 must-know slang words and phrases that are used in everyday speech. All were hand-picked by our team of Japanese teachers and experts. Here's how the lessons work: • Every Lesson is Based on a Theme • You Learn Slang Words or Phrases Related to That Theme • Check the Translation & Explanation on How to Use Each One And by the end, you will have mastered 100+ Japanese Slang Words & phrases!

How can the Japanese for Busy People series help you learn Japanese? Japanese for Busy People is, as the title suggests, a concise course for 'busy' students who want to learn natural, spoken Japanese as effectively as possible in a limited amount of time. Three main texts—Japanese for Busy People I, Japanese for Busy People II, and Japanese for Busy People III—with related workbooks, cassette tapes, ODs, teacher's manuals, and videos make up this fully integrated three-level series. At each level, enough vocabulary and grammar has been provided to enable the learner to communicate in uncomplicated adult language without having to memorize excessive amounts of vocabulary and language patterns that are not immediately useful. All components of the Japanese for Busy People series have been prepared under the guidance of a working group of experienced Japanese language instructors who reviewed and tested the material in an authentic classroom environment. Japanese for Busy People II: The Workbook is the ideal resource for any student who wishes to improve speaking, listening, reading, and writing skills in Japanese. This collection of exercises and activities has been developed to provide practice for sentence patterns presented in both the Revised Edition and Kana Version of Japanese for Busy People II. The workbook can be used both in the classroom as a

supplement for introducing or reviewing lessons, and outside the classroom for homework and review. When coordinated with the exercises and quizzes in the main textbook, this workbook should enable learners to improve their command of basic Japanese in a relatively short time.' This fully illustrated Workbook includes: 'Structure Practice' -To understand the meaning and structure of sentence patterns. 'Receptive Practice' -To understand how a structure is used in context. 'Productive Practice' -To form spoken and written sentences based on the sentence patterns. Japanese for Busy People II: Workbook Tapes (available separately) has been specially designed to support this workbook.

Essential Japanese Grammar is an indispensable study guide for students of the Japanese language at all levels. Long the standard in Japanese language education, it provides clear, jargon-free explanations of how Japanese grammar works and offers hundreds of example sentences. It is an essential handbook for self-study or for the classroom and should be a valued resource for years to come. A strong foundation in grammar is vital to those wishing to learn Japanese as a whole. Essential Japanese Grammar presents a number of unique features. First, grammatical terminology has been kept to a minimum so that extensive prior knowledge of grammar is not required. Second, abundant example sentences written in Japanese characters (kana and kanji) followed by romanji and English translations. Third, the authors have tried to reveal aspects of grammar that may not be found in comparable grammar books such as rare Japanese verbs, adjectival nouns, clauses adverbs, etc. This Japanese grammar book contains: parts of speech. sentence constructions. conjugations forms. speech styles and tones. accentuation rules. essential words and functional elements. an appendix for referencing and cross-referencing Japanese words.

This is a comprehensive, self-study workbook for learning Japanese characters. Mastering Japanese Kanji can help you greatly reduce the time and effort involved in learning to read Japanese and write Japanese. It does so by introducing a method that is both effective and easy to use in memorizing the meanings and pronunciations of Kanji—the array of characters that are used in the Japanese language to symbolize everything from abstract ideas to concrete nouns. Learning any of the kanji is a two step process, requiring that you remember both the visual aspect of a character (so you can recognize it when you see it) and the aural aspect (so you will know how to say and, thus, read it). The method employed by Mastering Japanese Kanji will show you how to tackle both of these aspects from the outset, and by so doing enable you to immediately get down to the practical (and fun!) business of recognizing and reading kanji on everything from street signs to newspapers. By the time you finish this book, in fact you will be able to boast of a Japanese vocabulary numbering in the thousands of words. Key features: Downloadable audio helps to reinforce the written material Teaches the 200 most common kanji and the hundreds of compounds that use include them. Unique, specially–designed drawings and entertaining stories help you learn more quickly. Sample sentences, along with common words and compounds, expand your vocabulary by showing each kanji used in context. Stroke–order diagrams show the correct way to write each chapter. Chapter and cumulative review exercises help ensure master of what you've learned. Complete indexes show Japanese readings and English meanings for all Kanji. Contents of the downloadable audio: Stroke order animations for all 200 kanji characters. Native speaker audio recordings of all: Kanji characters. Common words and compounds. Sample sentences.

Volume 2 (4th ed.) updated to include the 196 kanja approved in 2010 for general use.

This portable, user–friendly Japanese language guide, phrasebook and dictionary is the cheapest and easiest way to learn Japanese before and during your trip. If you only want to purchase one Japanese language book—Essential Japanese is the way to go. Part of Tuttle Publishing's Essential Series, it is a great first introduction and beginner guide to the language of Japan and is also designed as a Japanese phrasebook, making it the most versatile Japanese language learning tool on the market. Perfect for business people or tourist traveling to Japan or for students who want to supplement their learning, this book's easy indexing feature allows it to act as a Japanese phrase book or as an English–Japanese Dictionary. A clever "point to" feature allows you to simply point to a phrase translated in Japanese without the need to say a word. You will soon find yourself turning to Essential Japanese again and again when visiting Japan and working or interacting with Japanese speakers. In this book you will find: Over 1500 practical sentences for everyday use. A glossary of over 200 terms and expressions. Latest Japanese vocabulary and Japanese phrases for smart phones, social media and more. Japanese characters (kana and kanji) as well as Latin script (romanji). Extensive information about Chinese grammar and pronunciation. This beginner Japanese book will help you to quickly and easily learn Japanese. Your ability to read Japanese, write Japanese, speak Japanese, and comprehend Japanese will be vastly improved without having to take an entire Japanese language class. Other titles in this bestselling series of phrasebooks include: Essential Japanese, Essential Chinese, Essential Korean, Essential Tagalog, and Essential Arabic.

Learning Hiragana and Katakana is a systematic and comprehensive Japanese workbook that is perfect for self study or in a classroom setting. Written Japanese combines three different types of characters: the Chinese characters known as kanji, and two Japanese sets of phonetic letters, hiragana and katakana, known collectively as kana, that must be mastered before the Japanese kanji can be learned. Learning Japanese Hiragana and Katakana provides beginning-level students of Japanese a thorough grounding in the basic hiragana and katakana phonetic symbols or syllabaries. A comprehensive introduction presents their basic function, origin, pronunciation and usage. The main body of the book is devoted to presenting the 92 hira and kata characters along with their variations, giving step-by-step guidelines on how to write each character neatly in the correct stroke order, with plentiful practice spaces provided for handwriting practice. This Japanese workbook includes: Systematic and comprehensive coverage of the two Japanese kana systems. Ample provision for Japanese kana practice, review, and self-testing at several levels Detailed reference section explaining the origin and function of kana, and the various kana combinations. Access to online Japanese audio files to aid in correct pronunciation. Helpful additional information for language students accustomed to romanized Japanese. Vocabulary selected for usefulness and cultural relevance. About this new edition: The new third edition has been expanded and revised to include many additional reading and writing exercises. Accompanying online recordings demonstrate the correct pronunciation of all the characters, vocabulary, and sentences in the book.

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finding a street address or buying a train ticket in Japan require a basic working knowledge of kanji—the Japanese system of writing based on Chinese characters. Essential Japanese Kanji, teaches you the kanji you'll need in everyday situations in lessons prepared by teachers from the prestigious University of Tokyo.

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This book enables you to easily recognize the 500 most essential Japanese Kanji—and to memorize their readings and meanings quickly and easily! This book teaches an innovative new method to learn the basic 500 Japanese characters—teaching you how to easily recognize the Kanji and to remember their readings and meanings. Learning to read Japanese and write Japanese requires knowing hundreds of Kanji. Traditionally, the ability to learn Kanji characters was accomplished purely by rote memorization. This method is extremely slow, tedious and time-consuming. The new science of mnemonics has changed all that. By associating an easily-remembered visual image and story with each Kanji, the learner is able to commit the characters to long-term memory far more easily and quickly than ever before. mnemonics also dramatically helps students to write kanji as well. This revolutionary new method has been tried by many thousands of students and it really works! Using a systematic building-block approach to written Japanese, this beginner kanji book also shows you how more complicated characters are constructed from simpler elements. And similar mnemonic strategies are provided for learning the different pronunciations or "readings" of the characters. Use the downloadable audio recordings by Japanese native speakers to perfect your pronunciation. It also provides a unique interactive software program showing you how to write each character and allowing you to write it yourself on screen! This book can be used by anyone, and requires no prior knowledge of the Japanese language. It can be used in conjunction with any Japanese textbook to learn the important Kanji characters upon which the language is based. Key features of this book include: Drawings and stories to create mental associations for the characters that stick in the brain and allow you to recall their meanings and readings. Downloadable content shows you how to write each kanji character Native speaker audio recordings for all the Kanji characters, vocabulary and sample sentences. Sample sentences to expand your vocabulary by showing you how the Kanji are actually used. Extensive review exercises to reinforce what you've learned. User-friendly indexes allowing you to look-up the Kanji and use the book like a Kanji dictionary. The 500 Kanji characters provided in this book include all the characters needed for the AP and JLPT Level 4 and 5 exams—giving you access to approximately 80 percent of all the Kanji characters you encounter in Japan!

My guide to Japanese grammar has been helping people learn Japanese as it's really spoken in Japan for many years. If you find yourself frustrated that you can't understand Japanese movies or books despite having taken Japanese classes, then this book is for you. It will help you finally understand those pesky particles and break down grammatical concepts that will allow you to comprehend anything from simple to very complex sentences. You will also learn Japanese that's spoken by real people including casual speech patterns and slang, stuff that's often left out in most textbooks. Don't take my word for it, just check out my website and order this book to have it handy wherever you go.

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"Every student of Japanese-and perhaps more importantly, every teacher of Japanese-should read this small book." "Is there a dark conspiracy among schools and textbooks to make Japanese seem far more complicated than it really is? Of course not. But there might as well be." So begins this ground-breaking book that sets out to demonstrate that Japanese is "simple, logical and beautiful" and that most of the apparently "arbitrary rules" that you "just have to learn" can be reduced to simple, easily intuitive patterns if you just understand how the language really works. The problem is that Japanese is continually described in terms that fit English and other European languages. This prevents us from seeing Japanese as it really is and often creates a sense of vagueness and guesswork and the illusion of multiple irregularities and exceptions. In fact, there is nothing vague about Japanese, and it has (unlike most languages) very few irregularities. It is extremely precise, economical and elegant. What is needed is a model that allows us to see Japanese on its own terms rather than trying to describe it in terms of European languages - an enterprise akin to doing electronics with a kitchen knife. Building on the pioneering work of Dr. Jay Rubin, Cure Dolly provides the foundation of a new model for understanding Japanese. One that does not involve difficult terminology or abstruse concepts, but allows us to see

Japanese in easy, commonsense terms. An ambitious claim? The proof of the pudding is in the eating. Applying Cure Dolly's methods, we do indeed gain a clear, intuitive grasp of many things that seemed complex or confusing before. This is not a massive tome, but a short book, whose aim is not to deliver hundreds of Japanese grammatical fish, but to show the reader how to fish for herself. It is not aimed at the absolute beginner. The reader should know at least a little basic grammar. But arming oneself with these concepts at an early stage in Japanese will make everything much easier. However, even advanced students can benefit from these eye-opening techniques that really do help to unlock the simple elegance of Japanese. Cure Dolly is co-founder and editor of the KawaJapa Japanese-learning website. The method that's helped thousands in the U.S. and Japan learn Japanese successfully. The Japanese language has two primary writing systems, kanji characters—which are based on Chinese characters and hiragana and katakana—a mnemonics based alphabet. This handy book teaches you a new mnemonics-based method to read and write the 430 highest-frequency kanji characters. Along with its sister book: Japanese Hiragana and Katakana for Beginners it provides a complete introduction to written Japanese. Japanese Kanji for Beginners contains everything you need to learn the kanji characters required for the Advanced Placement Japanese Language and Culture Exam. It is designed for use by high school or college students as well as independent learners. The kanji learned in this book closely adhere to those introduced in every major Japanese language textbook. Key features of Japanese Kanji for Beginners include: The 430 highest-frequency kanji characters 44 simple, easy-to-follow lessons Concise information on kanji elements, readings and pronunciations Extensive exercises, drills, and writing practice Downloadable content with printable flash cards, practice quizzes and extra exercises The Extensive downloadable content contains a set of printable kanji flash cards to assist learners in reviewing and memorizing the kanji in the book. It also provides sample vocabulary quizzes in a multiple-choice format similar to those in the AP exam, as well as additional exercises that further reinforce the newly learned kanji.

Pocket-size visual guide for remembering the Japanese syllabaries--perfect for beginners!

A neuropsychologist shows how outmoded methods for teaching reading have resulted in plummeting literacy levels and offers a new program, based on careful research, that teaches any child--including those with attention deficits--to read well. 35,000 first printing. Tour.

My First Japanese Kanji Book is an inventive and unique introduction to kanji for children. Written by the mother-daughter team of Eriko and Anna Sato, this lovely book introduces 109 kanji characters to children with poems and illustrations. It includes all the Japanese Government-specified first grade level kanji characters and a sprinkling of simple second to sixth grade characters. The kanji are introduced in the context of 36 colorful paintings and poems by 14-year-old Anna Sato, herself a kanji learner. Each of the poems is presented in both Japanese and English, and all kanji are accompanied by furigana (small hiragana letters), stroke-order diagrams, sample vocabulary and boxes for writing practice. A charming and educational volume, My First Japanese Kanji Book can be used as a self-study text, a supplementary material in Japanese language schools or a gift book for family or friends. An MP3 audio CD reinforces learning and ensures correct pronunciation.

Do you know what the hardest thing for a Japanese learner is? Finding PROPER reading material that they can handle...which is precisely the reason we've written this book! You may have found the best teacher in town or the most incredible learning app around, but if you don't put all of that knowledge to practice, you'll soon forget everything you've obtained. This is why being engaged with interesting reading material can be so essential for somebody wishing to learn a new language. Therefore, in this book we have compiled 20 easy-to-read, compelling and fun stories that will allow you to expand your vocabulary and give you the tools to improve your grasp of the wonderful Japanese language. How Japanese Short Stories for Beginners works: - Each chapter possesses a funny, interesting and/or thought-provoking story based on real-life situations, allowing you to learn a bit more about the Japanese culture. - Having trouble understanding Japanese characters? No problem - we provide you with the English translation below each paragraph, allowing you to fully grasp what you're reading! - The summaries follow a synopsis in Japanese and in English of what you just read, both to review the lesson and for you to see if you understood what the tale was about. Use them if you're having trouble. - At the end of those summaries, you will be provided with a list of the most relevant vocabulary from that chapter, as well as slang and sayings that you may not have understood at first glance! Do not get lost trying to understand or pronounce it all, either, as all of the vocabulary words are Romanized for your ease of learning! - Finally, you'll be provided with a set of tricky questions in Japanese, allowing you the chance to prove that you learned something in the story. Whether it's true or false, or if you're doing the single answer questions, don't worry if you don't know the answer to any - we will provide them immediately after, but no cheating! We want you to feel comfortable while learning Japanese; after all, no language should be a barrier for you to travel around the world and expand your social circles! So look no further! Pick up your copy of Japanese Short Stories for Beginners and level up your Japanese language skills right now!

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Students of Japanese are familiar with the term "particle," and realize that they, like English prepositions, require a special effort to master. This handbook provides all the information one would need on these tricky units of grammar. All About Particles covers more than 70 particles those that are used regularly as well as those used less frequently in more than 200 uses. The book can be approached as a guiding textbook and studied from beginning to end. It is as a reference book, however, that All About Particles shines. It is light and easy to carry, slim enough to fit into the corner of a shoulder bag, and concise enough to quickly clarify particle-related questions. It is a priceless tool for any serious student of Japanese. In its previous incarnation as a part of the Power Japanese Series, ISBN 978-0-87011-954-5, and sold more than 40,000 copies worldwide.

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Los Angeles Times bestseller • More than 1.5 million copies sold "If hygge is the art of doing nothing, ikigai is the art of doing something—and doing it with supreme focus and joy." —New York Post Bring meaning and joy to all your days with this internationally bestselling guide to the Japanese concept of ikigai (pronounced ee-key-guy)—the happiness of always being busy—as revealed by the daily habits of the world's longest-living people. *And from the same authors, don't miss The Book of Ichigo Ichie—about making the most of every moment in your life.* * * * What's your ikigai? "Only staying active will make you want to live a hundred years." —Japanese proverb According to the Japanese, everyone has an ikigai—a reason for living. And according to the residents of the Japanese village with the world's longest-living people, finding it is the key to a happier and longer life. Having a strong sense of ikigai—the place where passion, mission, vocation, and profession intersect—means that each day is infused with meaning. It's the reason we get up in the morning. It's also the reason many Japanese never really retire (in fact there's no word in Japanese that means retire in the sense it does in English): They remain active and work at what they enjoy, because they've found a real purpose in life—the happiness of always being busy. In researching this book, the authors interviewed the residents of the Japanese village with the highest percentage of 100-year-olds—one of the world's Blue Zones. Ikigai reveals the secrets to their longevity and happiness: how they eat, how they move, how they work, how they foster collaboration and community, and—their best-kept secret—how they find the ikigai that brings satisfaction to their lives. And it provides practical tools to help you discover your own ikigai. Because who doesn't want to find happiness in every day? A

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