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This is an extensive beginning level Japanese textbook and Japanese language learning package. Elementary Japanese is designed for students who are just beginning their study of Japanese at the first-year college level or on their own. The author and contributors have created a highly structured approach to learning Japanese that is based on learning the fundamental patterns and constructions of the language as well as the writing system including basic kanji.

Systematic grammatical explanations are provided in enough detail for this book to be used as a reference work as well as an introductory textbook. The accompanying MP3 audio CD is a great way to learn Japanese and ensures correct pronunciation and helps to build listening comprehension. After completing this course, you will be able to:
Describe yourself, your family and your friends.
Talk about daily events using basic vocabulary

and grammatical constructions. Understand conversations on these topics as well as classroom activities. Read Japanese articles and write short and simple compositions and letters. [Multilingual Matters](#) "Inoue has accomplished an extraordinary task, which is without precedent in the East Asian Fields. To my knowledge, no author has ever demonstrated as persuasively as she does that the issues concerning women's Japanese can be explored in such an innovative, engaging way. *Vicarious Language* brilliantly displays how effectively Foucauldian archaeology can be introduced to the study of gender and language, and undermines any of the previous studies in English of what is erroneously referred to as the unique feature of the Japanese language. This is a superb model of engaged scholarship."—Naoki Sakai, author of *Voices of the Past: The Status of Language in Eighteenth-Century Japanese Discourse* "Miyako Inoue's *Vicarious Language* is a work of scholarly distinction and cultural insight. She explores the texture of Japanese

modernity, its national rituals and social practices, by way of a sustained, semiotic analysis of women's language—the language of self-expression that women use in intimate and institutional contexts, and the language used to define the gendered roles assigned to women within the powers of patriarchy. Her sources range widely from scholarly studies to the 'popular opinion' fostered by newspapers and advertisements; her excellent ethnography investigates the strategies of institutions and organisations, while inquiring into the politics and poetics of everyday life; her analytic method is, at once, conceptually sophisticated and textually intensive. This is a work that allows you to participate in the lifeworld of the Japanese language, at the illuminating moment when gender relations are writ large in the social syntax of national life. This is a book that will make a lasting impression on a range of disciplines."—Homi K. Bhabha, Anne F. Rothenberg Professor, Harvard University [Rethinking Language and Culture in Japanese Education](#) Innovative

Language Learning
 ONE PIECE 32 In the main chapter, we look into the characteristics of the Japanese language through everyday phrases like this, which can often be seen on social media. What kind of language is Japanese? We wanted to create a book that gives a thorough explanation for people who are not familiar with the language. The book was co-written by university language researchers (PhD holders) who study the languages of the world, who specialize in topics such as what are the common characteristics among languages and what are their 'individual characteristics' (it is a field of Linguistics called Linguistic Typology). It was essential for the book to be written by researchers studying the Japanese language as one of many languages in the world, instead of Japanese language specialists. We also asked Japanese language teachers with a long history of teaching English speakers, to write about different learning methods. The book is filled with rich information on the ways of studying Japanese by making use of internet resources, a

new approach towards studying Japanese in this digital era, and the Japanese input on keyboard and smartphone, together with many useful website links. If you happen to come in contact with the Japanese culture and become interested in the Japanese language too, we recommend you read this book. You can get to know about the characteristics, history and evolution, writing and sounds, and even the internet slang of Japanese. This book should be interesting, even if you do not intend to study Japanese. This book is available in English and Japanese. It is an interesting book which gives a fresh perspective for native speakers as well. Those of you with advanced language skills, challenge yourself to read it in Japanese too. * Japanese is used in some parts. In most cases, the image will be correctly displayed, but it may have visualizing problems if you are using a hardware which is not compatible with Japanese characters. In such cases, please install a Japanese font to try to see if it can be correctly displayed. Below are some free Japanese fonts which have high

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 Seniority-based hierarchy (jougé kankei) is omnipresent in Japanese group dynamics. How one comports, depends on one's status and position vis-à-vis others. To-date, no study shows what constitutes this hierarchy, where and when individuals growing up in Japan first come into contact with it, as well as how they learn to function in it. This book fills in the lacunae. Considering jougé kankei as a social institution and adopting a discourse analytic approach, this volume examines the ways in which institutional jougé kankei as an enduring

feature of Japanese social life are created and reproduced. The monograph analyses how seniority-based relations are enacted, legitimised, transmitted, and reified by social actors through language use and paralinguistic discursive practices, such as the use of space, objects, signs, and symbols. It also looks at how established rules could be challenged. The empirical data on which findings are based are gathered through 10 months of ethnographic fieldwork from 2015 to 2018 in Japanese schools, with certain types of data (school club etiquette books and uniforms) being presented and analysed for the first time. This volume also shows continuity and change of *jouge kankei* from school to work.

[A History of Japan](#) Cornell University Press

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! [Japanese Stories for Language Learners](#) Tuttle Publishing

Immigrant Japan? Sounds like a contradiction, but as Gracia Liu-Farrer shows, millions of immigrants make their lives in Japan, dealing with the tensions between belonging and not belonging in this ethno-nationalist country. Why do people want to come to Japan? Where do immigrants with various resources and demographic profiles fit in the economic landscape? How do immigrants narrate belonging in an environment where they are "other" at a time when mobility is increasingly easy and belonging increasingly complex? Gracia Liu-Farrer illuminates the lives of these immigrants by bringing in sociological,

geographical, and psychological theories—guiding the reader through life trajectories of migrants of diverse backgrounds while also going so far as to suggest that Japan is already an immigrant country.

A History of Writing in Japan University of Hawaii Press

"The Japanese language uses a set of symbols called 'hiragana' (to spell Japanese words), 'katakana' (to spell foreign words), and 'kanji' (to represent entire words or names). Over the course of BOOK 1, we will teach you groups of hiragana piece-by-piece to gradually build up your understanding and familiarity."--Introduction.

Elementary Japanese Volume Two New York : H.W. Wilson

In *The Dutch Language in Japan (1600-1900)* Christopher Joby offers the first book-length account of the knowledge and use of the Dutch language in Tokugawa and early Meiji Japan, which had a profound effect on Japan's language, society and culture.

Classical Japanese Penguin

This biography of the first foreign-born samurai and

his journey from Africa to Japan is “a readable, compassionate account of an extraordinary life” (The Washington Post). When Yasuke arrived in Japan in the late 1500s, he had already traveled much of the known world. Kidnapped as a child, he had ended up a servant and bodyguard to the head of the Jesuits in Asia, with whom he traversed India and China learning multiple languages as he went. His arrival in Kyoto, however, literally caused a riot. Most Japanese people had never seen an African man before, and many of them saw him as the embodiment of the black-skinned Buddha. Among those who were drawn to his presence was Lord Nobunaga, head of the most powerful clan in Japan, who made Yasuke a samurai in his court. Soon, he was learning the traditions of Japan’s martial arts and ascending the upper echelons of Japanese society. In the four hundred years since, Yasuke has been known in Japan largely as a legendary, perhaps mythical figure. Now *African Samurai* presents the never-before-told biography of this unique figure of the sixteenth century, one whose

travels between countries and cultures offers a new perspective on race in world history and a vivid portrait of life in medieval Japan. “Fast-paced, action-packed writing. . . . A new and important biography and an incredibly moving study of medieval Japan and solid perspective on its unification. Highly recommended.” —Library Journal (starred review) “Eminently readable. . . . a worthwhile and entertaining work.” —Publishers Weekly “A unique story of a unique man, and yet someone with whom we can all identify.” —Jack Weatherford, New York Times—bestselling author of *Genghis Khan: An Introduction to Japanese - Syntax, Grammar & Language* Penguin UK How does language or culture come to be standardized to the degree that it is considered ‘homogeneous’? How does teaching language relate to such standardization processes? How can teaching be mindful of the standardization processes that potentially involve power relations? Focusing on the case of Japanese, which is often viewed as

homogenous in terms of language and culture, this volume explores these questions in a wide range of contexts: the notions of translation and modernity, the ideologies of the standardization of regional dialects in Japan, current practices in college Japanese-as-a-Foreign-Language classrooms in the United States, discourses in journals of Japanese language education, and classroom practices in nursery and primary schools in Japan. This volume’s investigation of standardization processes of Japanese language and culture addresses the intersections of theoretical and practical concerns of researchers and educators that are often overlooked. *Kojiki* Harlequin To this day, Japan’s modern ascendancy challenges many assumptions about world history, particularly theories regarding the rise of the west and why the modern world looks the way it does. In this engaging new history, Brett L. Walker tackles key themes regarding Japan’s relationships with its minorities, state and economic development, and the uses of science and medicine. The book

begins by tracing the country's early history through archaeological remains, before proceeding to explore life in the imperial court, the rise of the samurai, civil conflict, encounters with Europe, and the advent of modernity and empire. Integrating the pageantry of a unique nation's history with today's environmental concerns, Walker's vibrant and accessible new narrative then follows Japan's ascension from the ashes of World War II into the thriving nation of today. It is a history for our times, posing important questions regarding how we should situate a nation's history in an age of environmental and climatological uncertainties.

Koreo-Japonica Cornell University Press
Thousands of wounded servicemen returned to Japan following the escalation of Japanese military aggression in China in July 1937. Tens of thousands would return home after Japan widened its war effort in 1939. In *Casualties of History*, Lee K. Pennington relates for the first time in English the experiences of Japanese wounded soldiers and disabled veterans of Japan's "long"

Second World War (from 1937 to 1945). He maps the terrain of Japanese military medicine and social welfare practices and establishes the similarities and differences that existed between Japanese and Western physical, occupational, and spiritual rehabilitation programs for war-wounded servicemen, notably amputees. To exemplify the experience of these wounded soldiers, Pennington draws on the memoir of a Japanese soldier who describes in gripping detail his medical evacuation from a casualty clearing station on the front lines and his medical convalescence at a military hospital. Moving from the hospital to the home front, Pennington documents the prominent roles adopted by disabled veterans in mobilization campaigns designed to rally popular support for the war effort. Following Japan's defeat in August 1945, U.S. Occupation forces dismantled the social welfare services designed specifically for disabled military personnel, which brought profound consequences for veterans and their dependents. Using a wide array of written and visual historical sources,

Pennington tells a tale that until now has been neglected by English-language scholarship on Japanese society. He gives us a uniquely Japanese version of the all-too-familiar story of soldiers who return home to find their lives (and bodies) remade by combat.

Harper Collins

Where does Japanese come from? The linguistic origin of the Japanese language is among the most disputed questions of language history. One current hypothesis is that Japanese is an Altaic language, sharing a common ancestor with Korean, Tungusic, Mongolic and Turkic. But, the opinions are strongly polarized. Especially the inclusion of Japanese into this classification model is very much under debate. Given the lack of consensus in the field, this book presents a state of the art for the etymological evidence relating Japanese to Korean, Tungusic, Mongolic and Turkic. The different Altaic etymologies proposed in the scholarly literature are gathered in an etymological index of Japanese appended to this book. An item-by-item sifting of the evidence

helps to hold down borrowings, universal similarities and coincidental look-alikes to a small percentage. When the remaining core-evidence is screened in terms of phonological regularity, the answer to the intriguing question is beginning to take shape.

The Discursive Construction of Hierarchy in Japanese Society BRILL

Handbook of Japanese Lexicon and Word Formation Walter de Gruyter GmbH & Co KG

Kingdom of Characters Cambridge University Press

This fantastically varied and exciting collection celebrates the great Japanese short story, from its modern origins in the nineteenth century to the remarkable works being written today. Short story writers already well-known to English-language readers are all included here - Tanizaki, Akutagawa, Murakami, Mishima, Kawabata - but also many surprising new finds. From Yuko Tsushima's 'Flames' to Yuten Sawanishi's 'Filling Up with Sugar', from Shin'ichi Hoshi's 'Shoulder-Top Secretary' to Banana Yoshimoto's 'Bee Honey', The Penguin Book of Japanese Short

Stories is filled with fear, charm, beauty and comedy. Curated by Jay Rubin, who has himself freshly translated several of the stories, and introduced by Haruki Murakami, this book will be a revelation to its readers.

Facts about the World's Languages Handbook of Japanese Lexicon and Word Formation

Benny Lewis, who speaks over ten languages—all self-taught—runs the largest language-learning blog in the world, *Fluent in 3 Months*. Lewis is a full-time "language hacker," someone who devotes all of his time to finding better, faster, and more efficient ways to learn languages. *Fluent in 3 Months: How Anyone at Any Age Can Learn to Speak Any Language from Anywhere in the World* is a new blueprint for fast language learning. Lewis argues that you don't need a great memory or "the language gene" to learn a language quickly, and debunks a number of long-held beliefs, such as adults not being as good of language learners as children.

[Immigrant Japan](#) Princeton Legacy Library

This is an invaluable study guide and practice book for learning basic

Japanese kanji. *Learning Japanese Kanji Practice Book* is intended for beginning students, or experienced speakers who need to practice their written Japanese. Kanji are an essential part of the Japanese language and together with kana (hiragana and katakana) comprise written Japanese. This book presents the kanji characters that are most commonly used. All the kanji and related vocabulary words in this book are those that students are expected to know for Level 5 of the Japanese Language Proficiency Test. (JLPT). Characters that appear in the AP Japanese Language and Culture Exam are flagged. Readings, meanings, and common compounds are presented. The correct method of writing each character is clearly indicated and practice boxes with strokes that can be traced are provided, along with empty boxes for freehand writing practice. Lots of exercises are included to give students the opportunity to practice writing sentences containing the Kanji. Indexes at the back allow you to look up the characters by their

readings and English meanings. This kanji book includes: Step-by-step stroke order diagrams for each character. Special boxes with grid lines to practice writing characters. Extra printable practice grids Words and phrases using each kanji. Romanizations (romanji) to help identify and pronounce every word.

The Tosa Diary Springer Nature

10 Japanese Short Stories for Beginners - Read Entertaining Japanese Stories to Improve your Vocabulary and Learn Japanese While Having Fun. You may ask yourself how to learn Japanese fast without spending too much time with studying dry Japanese grammar. The answer is, learning Japanese with a cultural interesting short story book will definitely enhance your general understanding of the Japanese language and improve your Japanese reading skills. This book is a collection of 10 entertaining and culturally interesting Japanese short stories for beginners and intermediate Japanese

learners. The book also includes many unique mystery stories that will stimulate your imagination. (The stories are from our Japanese novels series second version) The stories are written in Hiragana, Katakana, and about 250 basic Kanji characters which correspond to the advanced beginner and low intermediate levels. The stories also come with Furigana. The stories are followed by a line-by-line English translation, which will certainly speed up the learning process quite a bit. This book also includes a reading guide that explains the basics of the language and its characters. You get many practical examples on how to read the characters and you can also use this book as a language learning tool or Japanese textbook to advance with your Japanese skills at your own pace. Here you have a book for Japanese-language practice that will improve your Japanese reading skills, enhance your Kanji knowledge, and finally will entertain you. Lost in Tokyo Teaching in Japan Karaoke Japanese

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