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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. An introduction to Japanese through authentic, commonly-used sentences. This best-selling Japanese textbook is a user-friendly guide for beginners designed for use in a classroom or self-study. It adopts a very different approach from other Japanese language books—teaching you the underlying sentence structures and patterns of Japanese along with essential vocabulary and phrases so you can attain basic fluency quickly. The emphasis is on acquiring a working knowledge of simple, everyday Japanese sentences. This new edition has been thoroughly updated and expanded to reflect the way Japanese is spoken in Japan today. Manga illustrations have been added to each dialogue along with the latest jargon for the internet, social media, cellphones, and IT, and a bidirectional dictionary is included at the back. Each self-contained lesson presents a simple four-step method: Step 1: Basic Sentences: Each lesson begins with a few simple sentences. Essential vocabulary and phrases are learned within the context of these sentences. Audio recordings by native speakers are in the downloadable audiok. Step 2: Communication Notes: A detailed discussion of each sentence follows to assist you in understanding the underlying structure and how to form

new sentences based on the same pattern. Step 3: Everyday Conversations: Authentic dialogues with manga illustrations and native-speaker recordings show you how people communicate naturally in Japan today through simple, everyday interactions. Step 4: Exercises: Several sets of easy exercises help reinforce your understanding of the key points presented in the lesson and review what you have learned so you can move on to the next lesson.

Grammatical terms - Characteristics of Japanese grammar - Basic conjugations - Verbs - Connection forms of important expressions - Numerals and counters - Compound words.

This book constitutes the refereed proceedings of the 8th Language and Technology Conference: Challenges for Computer Science and Linguistics, LTC 2017, held in Poznan, Poland, in November 2017. The 31 revised papers presented in this volume were carefully reviewed and selected from 108 submissions. The papers selected to this volume belong to various fields of: Speech Processing; Multiword Expressions; Parsing; Language Resources and Tools; Ontologies and Wordnets; Machine Translation; Information and Data Extraction; Text Engineering and Processing; Applications in Language Learning; Emotions, Decisions and Opinions; Less-Resourced Languages.

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!

This book is based on a study of referees' reports and letters from journal editors on reasons why papers written by non-native researchers are rejected due to problems with English grammar. It draws on English-related errors from around 5000 papers written by non-native authors, several hundred emails, 500 abstracts by PhD students, and over 1000 hours of teaching researchers how to write and present research papers. The exercises include the following areas: active vs passive, use of we articles (a/an, the, zero) and quantifiers (some, any, few etc) conditionals and modals countable and uncountable nouns genitive infinitive vs -ing form numbers, acronyms, abbreviations relative clauses and which vs that tenses (e.g. simple present, simple past, present perfect) word order Exercise types are repeated for different contexts. For example, the difference between the simple present, present perfect and simple past is tested for use in papers, referees' reports, and emails of various types. Such repetition of similar types of exercises is perfect for revision purposes. English for Academic Research: Grammar Exercises is designed for self-study and there is a key to

all exercises. Most exercises require no actual writing but simply choosing between various options, thus facilitating e-reading and rapid progress. The exercises can also be integrated into English for Academic Purposes (EAP) and English for Special Purposes (ESP) courses at universities and research institutes. The book can be used in conjunction with the other exercise books in the series and is cross-referenced to: English for Research: Usage, Style, and Grammar English for Writing Research Papers English for Academic Correspondence and Socializing Adrian Wallwork is the author of around 30 ELT and EAP textbooks. He has trained several thousand PhD students from 35 countries to write and present academic work.

The CEFR Companion volume broadens the scope of language education. It reflects academic and societal developments since the publication of the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR) and updates the 2001 version. It owes much to the contributions of members of the language teaching profession across Europe and beyond. This volume contains: ? an explanation of the key aspects of the CEFR for teaching and learning; ? a complete set of updated CEFR descriptors that replaces the 2001 set with: - modality-inclusive and gender-neutral descriptors; - added detail on listening and reading; - a new Pre–A1 level, plus enriched description at A1 and C levels; - a replacement scale for phonological competence; - new scales for mediation, online interaction and plurilingual/pluricultural competence; - new scales for sign language competence; ? a short report on the four-

year development, validation and consultation processes. The CEFR Companion volume represents another step in a process of engagement with language education that has been pursued by the Council of Europe since 1971 and which seeks to: ? promote and support the learning and teaching of modern languages; ? enhance intercultural dialogue, and thus mutual understanding, social cohesion and democracy; ? protect linguistic and cultural diversity in Europe; and ? promote the right to quality education for all.

A concise summary of Japanese grammar is presented for beginning students of the language. Topics include parts of speech, sentence structure, idioms, and pronunciation advice. All Japanese words are presented phonetically. Important points of grammar or vocabulary, as well as subject heads, are printed in a second color as a quick-reference aid for students. New to this edition is a Japanese-English vocabulary list.

A new course in business Japanese from the authors of the bestselling Japanese for Busy People series. The Association for Japanese-Language Teaching (AJALT), renowned for its Japanese for Busy People series, has developed a comprehensive course for students who need to use Japanese in a business environment. Japanese for Professionals is a serious and detailed manual of the language of trade, commerce, and government, aimed at intermediate students who work with Japanese on a daily basis. Thirteen lessons introduce common business situations—first-time meetings, directing subordinates client negotiations with key sentences, and a dialogue to illustrate how Japanese is used in a business context. Precise definitions for all new vocabulary and lucid explanations of

grammar, idioms, and cultural differences provide the reader with powerful communication tools for the office. Exercises and quizzes have been included to help students check their progress, and four lessons have been set aside for review. Busy professionals will find the bilingual glossaries a useful reference even after completing all the lessons in this clear and extremely helpful textbook. FEATURES: • Emphasis on how to communicate with Japanese colleagues and clients • All elements of working Japanese, from using the telephone to directing subordinates, presented in thirteen systematic and fully structured lessons • Focuses on authentic spoken Japanese through dialogues based on real-life business situations • 165 Essential Expressions classified into 50 business functions that can be used by all busy professionals • Detailed analysis in English of all phrases and expressions introduced in this text • Challenging exercises and quizzes that actually reinforce language acquisition • Four special chapters for comprehensive review and further practice • Three special chapters provide important background information about common Japanese business practices • Equally effective as part of a college course or for learners studying without formal tuition • Furigana (phonetic superscripts) added to all difficult kanji and two full bilingual glossaries

Want to speak Japanese but don't know where to start? This book is for you! Don't waste money buying ten different books when you can learn everything you need in this one book. Don't waste money taking classes at a school when you can teach yourself. With Speak Japanese in 90 Days, all of the prep work is done for you. Each daily lesson will teach you not only what, but how to study. Speak Japanese in 90 Days is a comprehensive self study guide, and teaches everything you need to know for the JLPT N5 (Japanese Language Proficiency Test) as well as most of the grammar needed for

the JLPT N4. It can also be used by intermediate students to brush up on grammar and vocabulary. The content includes: How to Study - Tips and tricks on how to study and what to study to learn and retain the language quickly. Pronunciation - An easy and accurate guide for English speakers. Every sentence is written with English pronunciation, Japanese kana, and kanji. Grammar - All essential grammar tested in the JLPT N5 and most of the grammar tested in the JLPT N4. Vocabulary - Over 1000 of the most common Japanese words and phrases. Vocabulary nuances - Detailed explanations of how to use vocabulary correctly, that you can't find in a dictionary or other text books.
A fun and helpful resource for anyone interested in learning some Japanese—whether you're 5 or 100! This picture dictionary covers the 1,500 most useful Japanese words and phrases. Each word and sentence is given in Japanese script—with a Romanized version to help you pronounce it correctly—along with the English meaning. The words are grouped into 40 different themes or topics, including basics like meeting someone new and using public transportation to culture-specific topics like celebrating Japanese holidays and eating Japanese food. This colorful picture dictionary includes: Hundreds of color photographs 1,500 Japanese words and phrases 40 different topics—from social media and WiFi to paying and counting Example sentences showing how the words are used Companion online audio recordings by native Japanese speakers of all the vocabulary and sentences An introduction to Japanese pronunciation and grammar An index to allow you to quickly look up words Japanese Picture Dictionary makes language learning more fun than traditional phrasebooks. This resource is perfect for beginners of all ages—curious kids, visual learners and future travelers to Japan.
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Francis, an informa company.

Memorising kanji readings is one of the biggest hurdles when learning Japanese. The Kanji Code teaches a systematic method of learning the readings of kanji or Chinese characters. By studying phonetic components and other visual clues, students of Japanese can reduce their reliance on rote memorisation and feel more in control of their learning.

This cutting edge collection considers how the Japanese language functions as a key element of Japanese soft power in Asia. Within Japanese culture itself, the promotion of language has been an area of ambivalence. This interdisciplinary book looks across the fields of language policy, language teaching, socio-linguistics, cultural studies and history to identify the links between Japan's language policies and broader social, economic and political processes. It examines the challenges that undermine Japan's potential soft power by identifying a gap between the "official Japan" portrayed by the Japanese government and the "cultural Japan" that foreigners perceive. It also reveals historical continuity in the way Japanese language is perceived and promoted by policy makers and how the current practices of Japanese language teaching in Asian countries have been shaped within the framework of "international exchange", which has been a key concept in Japanese foreign policies since the 1970s. It particularly considers the concept of 'Cool Japan' as a symbol of Japan's interpretation of its cultural power and offers a thoughtful assessment of the future of Japanese as a form of soft power in Asia as the country prepares for the 2020 Tokyo Olympics.

The Japanese are known for their polite discourse and deferential demeanor, but there's another side to the language of the land of the rising sun--and every one of its biting curses, scathing slanders, and frustration-venting

expressions is captured here in this priceless repertoire of "colorful" Japanese expressions. 16 line drawings.
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.
The method that has helped thousands—Read Japanese Kanji Today provides readers with a quick and simple method to learn kanji characters. Far from being a complex and mysterious script, Japanese writing is actually a simple and fascinating

pictographic and ideographic system, easily understood and mastered. With the approach used in this easy-to-read, entertaining kanji book you'll soon be able to recognize and read over 400 kanji, whether or not you have any knowledge of Japanese grammar or the spoken Japanese language. The 400+ kanji characters stick in your mind thanks to an engaging text and illustrations that show the historical development and meaning of each character. The description of each kanji explains its origins and development, its modern uses, and how it is pronounced. Many examples of everyday usage are included. This new, expanded edition has added: Pronunciations Readings Vocabulary Stroke Order Practice Boxes Use Read Japanese Kanji Today to learn kanji quickly and painlessly!

Over 50,000 entries provide equivalents for Japanese and English words, idioms, phrases, and common expressions

Everyone wants to produce writing that is clear, concise, and grammatically accurate, but getting to that point is not always easy. If you've ever had difficulty finding the right phrase to complete a simple sentence or have struggled to put a complicated thought into words, The Only Grammar and Style Workbook You'll Ever Need is for you. In this book, grammar savant Susan Thurman guides you through the complexities of spelling, usage, and style in the English language. Her comprehensive

drills show you how to: Find the right words Identify the parts of speech Recognize elements of a good sentence Avoid common grammatical and punctuation mistakes Write clearly and directly With more than 150 exercises and in-depth lessons, this workbook will quickly become your go-to resource for all your writing needs.

This comprehensive book helps you learn the 92 basic Kana characters and 2,136 standard Kanji characters. Complete, compact and authoritative—this Japanese language book provides all the information needed to learn kanji and kana, including the 92 basic hiragana and katakana phonetic symbols (known collectively as Japanese Kana) and the 2,136 standard Joyo Kanji characters that every Japanese person learns in school. This new and completely revised edition reflects recent changes made to the official Joyo kanji list by the Japanese government. The kana and kanji are presented in an easy and systematic way that helps you learn them quickly and retain what you have learned and improve your mastery of the Japanese language. The ability to read Japanese and write Japanese is an essential skill for any student and will build on their previous knowledge and improve on their overall capacity to learn Japanese. A concise index allows you to look up the Kanji in three different ways (so the book also serves as a Japanese Kanji dictionary) and extra spaces are

provided to allow you to practice writing Japanese. Japanese Kanji and Kana contains: All 2,136 official Joyo kanji with readings and definitions. Characters are graded by their JLPT examination levels. Up to 5 useful vocabulary compounds for each kanji. Brush and pen cursive forms as well as printed forms. 19 tables summarizing key information about the characters. Kanji look–up indexes by radicals, stroke counts and readings.

It's amazing how 100 key words and phrases provide instant communication! Do you want to speak simple Japanese but are too busy to study it? Are you visiting Japan for a short time and want a Japanese phrase book to help you communicate? If so, then this thoroughly revised second edition of Boye Lafayette De Mente's classic, bestselling phrase book and Japanese dictionary is for you. It's tiny 0.4 x 4.1 x 5.9 inches size makes it incredibly convenient to travel with but without losing the essential content for communication. The idea of Instant Japanese is simple—learn 100 words and phrases and say 1,000 things. The trick is knowing which 100 words to learn, but the author, De Mente has solved the problem, choosing only those words you'll hear again and again. Even with a vocabulary this small, you'll be surprised how quickly and fluently you too can communicate in the Japanese language. Words are repeated in different combinations, building familiarity without effort. A brief guide to

pronunciation allows the user to say the phrases correctly and a Japanese dictionary allows for quick reference. Here's a sample of what you'll be able to do with this Japanese phrasebook: Meet people Go shopping Ask directions Ride the subway Order food and drinks And much more… About this new edition: This new, expanded edition contains 15% more content, fun manga-style illustrations, Japanese etiquette tips and additional information on which destinations, personalities and trends are hot in Japan right now!

Every serious student of Japanese needs a reliable and user–friendly dictionary in their collection. Tuttle Concise Japanese Dictionary, now with 30% more content, is a completely updated dictionary designed for students and business people who are living in Japan and using the Japanese language on a daily basis. Its greatest advantage is that it contains recent idiomatic expressions which have become popular in the past several years and which are not found in other competing dictionaries. The dictionary has been fully updated with the addition of recent vocabulary relating to computers, mobile phones, social media and the Internet. Other special features that set this dictionary apart include: Over 25,000 words and expressions including idioms and slang. User-friendly layout with main entries in color. Complete Japanese–English and English–Japanese sections. Romanized forms and the Japanese script

are given for all Japanese words. A guide to pronunciation helps the user to pronounce Japanese words correctly. Different senses of each word are distinguished by multiple definitions.

Japanese Kanji and Kana Workbook offers a systematic approach to learning Japanese characters. It is designed to be used with the best-selling Japanese Kanji & Kana: A Guide to the Japanese Writing System. Presenting all 92 Hiragana and Katakana and 617 high-frequency Kanji characters, this character workbook teaches you how to write the Kanji and Kana neatly and correctly. Included for each character are the Japanese and Chinese readings, stroke order writing guides, English meanings, vocabulary, radicals, and ample space for writing practice. This valuable Japanese language book also includes an introduction explaining how to begin learning the Japanese writing system and two Kanji indexes—one by radicals, the other by readings. The 617 kanji characters provided cover all Kanji required to take the AP Japanese Language and Culture Exam and the JLPT levels N5, N4, and N3.

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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Following on the phenomenal success of Remembering the Kanji, the author has prepared a companion volume for learning the Hiragana and Katakana syllabaries of modern Japanese. In six short lessons of about twenty minutes, each of the two systems of "kana" writing are introduced in such a way that the absolute beginner can acquire fluency in writing in a fraction of the time normally devoted to the task. Using the same basic self-taught method devised for learning the kanji, and in collaboration with Helmut Morsbach and Kazue Kurebayashi, the author breaks the shapes of the two syllabaries into their component parts and draws on what he calls "imaginative memory" to aid the student in reassembling them into images that fix the sound of each particular kana to its writing. Now in its third edition, Remembering the Kana

has helped tens of thousands of students of Japanese master the Hiragana and Katakana in a short amount of time . . . and have fun in the process.

Provides proven score-raising techniques, drills for all sections, a list of the most important vocabulary words, and five full-length practice exams, with answers, along with tips on scholarships, admissions, and financial aid.

Included are over 1,200 MP3s of each Vocabulary and Example Sentence. There are also individual chapter list MP3s which combine the Japanese vocabulary word, the example sentence, and then the English translation. We put these MP3s together so you can listen while driving, while walking the dog, or while going through the book.The FREE download link is found on the last page.Taking the Japanese Language Proficiency Test is a great way to not only assess your Japanese skills, but also to give yourself a concrete goal for your learning. I am a firm believer in setting goals. It is the quickest way to make progress.Unfortunately, with goal-setting, there is usually the problem of maintaining motivation. By paying money and making plans to sit in a test (usually) in a different city; however, you are making a major investment of time and money. There are few pressures in life that can motivate better than time or money. That's why we always recommend any serious student of Japanese to sign up and study for the JLPT.Japanese Vocabulary for JLPT N4 covers all the vocabulary needed to pass the Japanese Language Proficiency Test level N4. This is the easiest of the test levels and is suitable for beginners who have mastered hiragana.Add the 1,200+ MP3s to your MP3 player, iPhone, or computer and listen while studying the book. Compilation MP3 files of each chapter's list are also included. These have each word followed by the example sentence for sequential learning.

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MP3s (download link found on the last page)Whether you are planning to take the Japanese Language Proficiency Test N5 or just would like a solid start on learning kanji, this book will teach you the most useful kanji in an easy-to-understand way. Download the MP3s and the accompanying PDF for a complete learning system (included for no extra charge).There are about two thousand kanji needed to be literate in Japan. But in reality, knowing just a few hundred will give you the tools to read most anything, even if you may need to occasionally refer to a dictionary. This book will give you the most important of these characters. Very few foreigners have mastered kanji. Could you be one of them? Learn the most common readings, useful example jukugo (kanji combinations), and understand usage with an example sentence for each kanji. Best of all, download the 103 sound files from our server and listen while you learn. We are also including a PDF version in the download so you can optionally study from your computer as well.* 103 essential kanji as found on the JLPT N5 test* FREE MP3s of all the readings and examples found in the book* Mnemonic and helpful comments throughout* Every kanji has its correct stroke order shown* Each kanji has multiple examples and an example sentence showing usageArigatou--and here's to your Japanese!

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.

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–Japnese 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. Japanese for Busy People is the most popular Japanese

language textbook series in the world. With over 20 components including texts, workbooks, CDs, videos and teacher's manuals, it is also one of the most comprehensive. Now, a decade after its first revision, the entire series is being redesigned, updated and consolidated to meet the needs of 21st-century students and businesspeople who want to learn natural, spoken Japanese as effectively as possible in a limited amount of time. The book features not only a sleek, new design but also a unit structure that groups thematically linked lessons together, making it easier than ever to learn Japanese. Moreover, it now comes with a CD containing audio for the dialogues and listening exercises from the text. The exercises in the book have also been thoroughly revised to incorporate more comprehension and production tasks. Many of these exercises are illustrated, making for a stimulating learning experience, and the purpose of each one is clearly stated. This first of three volumes introduces "survival Japanese" — the absolute minimum amount of Japanese needed to live in Japan. Thus, the vocabulary and grammatical items it introduces are limited to about a third of what is typically introduced in a first-year course. In addition, the book features notes on Japanese culture intended to expand the learner's understanding of Japan, its customs and people. Japanese for Busy People I is available in two formats: romanized and kana. The Romanized Version uses romanized Japanese throughout, with kana in the Opening Dialogues of each lesson. The Kana Version — exposing students to hiragana and katakana from the very beginning — uses only kana.The content of the two books is otherwise exactly the same. The companion volume, Japanese for Busy People 1: The Workbook for the Revised 3rd Edition contains a variety of illustrated exercises for mastering the basic sentence patterns presented in the main text.
Applied linguistics is the best single label to represent a wide

range of contemporary research at the intersection of linguistics, anthropology, psychology, and sociology, to name a few. The Handbook of Japanese Applied Linguistics reflects crosscurrents in applied linguistics, an ever-developing branch/discipline of linguistics. The book is divided into seven sections, where each chapter discusses in depth the importance of particular topics, presenting not only new findings in Japanese, but also practical implications for other languages. Section 1 examines first language acquisition/development, whereas Section 2 covers issues related to second language acquisition/development and bilingualism/multilingualism. Section 3 presents problems associated with the teaching and learning of foreign languages. Section 4 undertakes questions in corpus/computational linguistics. Section 5 deals with clinical linguistics, and Section 6 takes up concerns in the area of translation/interpretation. Finally, Section 7 discusses Japanese sign language. Covering a wide range of current issues in an in an in-depth, comprehensive manner, the book will be useful for researchers as well as graduate students who are interested in Japanese linguistics in general, and applied linguistics in particular. Chapter titles Chapter 1. Cognitive Bases and Caregivers' Speech in Early Language Development (Tamiko Ogura, Tezukayama University) Chapter 2. Literacy Acquisition in Japanese Children (Etsuko Haryu, University of Tokyo) Chapter 3. Age Factors in Language Acquisition (Yuko Goto Butler, University of Pennsylvania) Chapter 4. Cross-lingual Transfer from L1 to L2 Among School-age Children (Kazuko Nakajima, University of Toronto) Chapter 5. Errors and Learning Strategies by Learners of Japanese as an L2 (Kumiko Sakoda, Hiroshima University/NINJAL) Chapter 6. Adult JFL Learners' Acquisition of Speech Style Shift (Haruko Minegishi Cook, University of Hawai'i at Manoa) Chapter 7. Japanese

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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

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