

Japanese (Teach Yourself) (English and Japanese Edition) by H.J. Ballhatchet,S.K. Kaiser



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A clearly structured introductory course in the "Teach Yourself" tradition, designed to enable the student with no previous knowledge of Japanese to hold conversations on many non-technical subjects. A cassette is available separately or as part of a book/cassette pack.



Reviews of the Japanese (Teach Yourself) (English and Japanese Edition) by H.J. Ballhatchet,S.K. Kaiser

Na

Nowhere in the write up was it mentioned that book should have accompanying cd. This book did not and I cannot find the cd anywhere, making learning difficult.

Vudogal

Having to grapple with a language with an entirely different structure to English whilst living in Japan, I chose this book having used the German counterpart earlier. I found 'Beginners Japanese' to be perfectly paced & practical for everyday living. Starting out with the basics, Helen Gilhooly teaches you useful Questions & statements in believable everyday conversational situations. Without the use of difficult grammatical terminology, she introduces different ways of using the language & slowly builds up vocabulary which can be applied to what you have been learning. Before long you are making up your own sentences & applying them to necessary situations.

If you're into a lot of technical Grammar, then pass this book by, but if you want to learn how to speak Japanese quickly, without necessarily knowing the workings of the language,(I don't know the workings of English!) then this book is a great resource.

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Easy to digest lessons; nice lay-out (at least in my edition) and you can listen to parts of the audio without actually having to look in the book. I like that the author has included hints (hinto) and study-tips. What it lacks is kana and kanji. (One chapter will introduce you to a few kana and 17 kanji; 1-10 and the days of the week, but in my opinion you'll need more than that.) Also it wouldn't hurt with a little bit more audio. I think it's a nice investment although hardly the best book out there and absolutely not essential when it comes to learning Japanese.

Hate&love

This is a book for people who wish to walk before they learn to run. You will not be bogged down with kanji, and the like, but will learn pronunciation and structure of the Japanese language very quickly. It's very well structured and the easiest of five self learn books I own. Learn to speak then learn to read is my advice. The book alone only gets 4 stars as UK/USA English pronunciation differs from Japanese so, as with all language books, I strongly advise anyone considering this book, which I again state is the best I've come across, to get the tapes that go with it, I then give it 5 stars+.....

Ytli

I think this book is wonderful. Now I could finally understand what my friends are saying. Plus I'll finally understand the Japanese anime I watch. I recommend this book to anyone who wants to learn a new language but feels it's a drag!

Vispel

Due to the lack of translations of the dialogues after lesson four or so I would not recommend this book. They could have put them in the back of the book. The dialogue contents are not too bad but a bit boring. It also lacks charts to put the grammatical points in a wholistic viewpoint. Many of the "Teach Yourself" series suffer from this type of format. I would look to other sources rather than use this series of books from Britain

Fenrikasa

Like any book, if you work hard enough you'll get something out of it. This book just doesn't make it very easy on you. It moves fast with little explanation. Virtually no Japanese characters are taught, and the ones that are seem to be nearly random. It would probably make you want to give up learning Japanese.

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