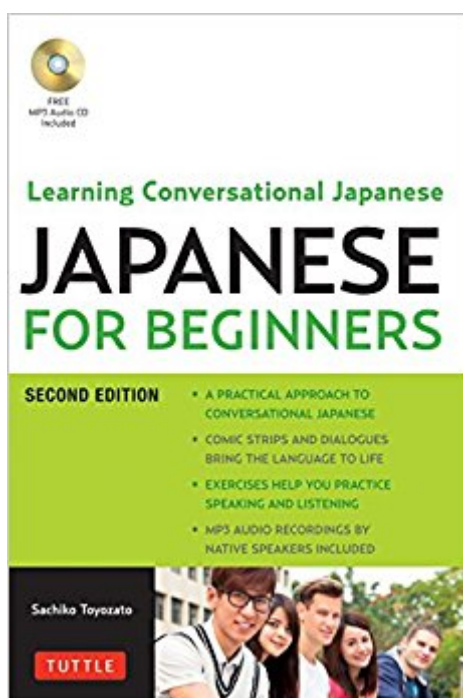


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# Japanese For Beginners: Learning Conversational Japanese - Second Edition (Includes Audio Disc)



## Synopsis

Japanese for Beginners is a straightforward learning guide which enables beginners to pick up a functional knowledge of spoken Japanese very quickly and easily. This complete Japanese language package has helped many thousands of people learn to speak colloquial Japanese. It is designed for busy people who wish to pick up a working knowledge of Japanese on their own in just a few days, rather than a few years. Japanese for Beginners makes this possible by providing a firm grounding in grammar and sentence structure using dialogues and vocabulary that reflect authentic Japanese situations and manga comic strips to emphasize contemporary culture and humor. Key features of Japanese for Beginners: Practical Japanese phrases help you converse with ease. Comic strips (Japanese manga) and dialogues bring Japanese to life. Exercises help you to practice speaking and listening. MP3 audio CD features native Japanese speakers to help you pronounce Japanese like a pro. Drills and exercises are included in each chapter to help you practice the sentence patterns and vocabulary, and MP3 audio recordings by native speakers on the free audio CD are invaluable in teaching the correct pronunciation of Japanese words. About this new edition: Japanese for Beginners is now expanded to include IT, Social Media, mobile phone conversations and texting!

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## Customer Reviews

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I bought this book because after looking at the description, it teaches informal Japanese, which I think will be more common for me after you get to know somebody well. You only talk polite to those you don't know well or strangers after all so I gave this book a shot. So most textbooks teach the polite Japanese because the Japanese are in fact, very polite when talking to strangers and co-workers etc since the language is very class-based depending on where you stand in society (employee talking to your boss, stranger talking to an elder, teacher talking to kids) but this book goes out of its way to teach you to speak more, casually, informal, and more common Japanese once you get acquainted with a stranger. This book has "33 chapters" which I look at as more of sections rather than chapters as each has a few pages explaining new concepts and building on what you have previously learned. This book has LOTS of content and is will very well get you understanding, listening, and speaking Japanese at a rather decent level. Reading? In my opinion, this book deserves 5 stars because it has a lot of content to teach you with plus the comic strips are funny and will keep you engaged. BUT, this book is ALL romaji. This book makes it very clear though, that it does not teach you how to read Japanese as it wants you to listen and speak first. So this is my fault for being biased towards that. The comic strips are in hiragana though with romaji on the next page and it explains the usage of certain aspects of the language.. such as *〜* and *〜* and can only manage to explain well enough by showing you which words use it by showing you the Kanji (*〜* vs *〜* for example). All in all, this book is a very thorough enough book (with the exception of the script) and you will be left with the minimum amount of questions. What I recommend though, for those more advanced who are interested in improving their writing and reading is, write the dialogues in a notebook in the Japanese script, so you won't be forced to read the romaji in the book and then just listen to the audio, which is very clear. This is a must-buy for beginners and people who want to learn more about the more informal, casual Japanese.

Just started reading this book but it seems like it is just what it says it is. Actually I won't be using it too much until I learn more formal Japanese. I work at a Japanese company and this language would be too informal for my communication with my work colleagues, but I appreciate learning the differences.

Working great so far. I appreciate the CD so I can really experience and practice. Gets you involved without boring you.

Thanks!

This is a valuable book hidden behind a very ordinary title. It's \*not\* yet another textbook telling you how to ask what time it is or where is the toilet. This book explains the casual and informal Japanese that is used in the real world -- the contractions and informal verb forms that you hear in Japanese TV shows, movies, and anime, as opposed to the formal and unrealistic Japanese that is presented in most textbooks.

I wrote a review about how the cd didn't work But I feel stupid now because the cd does work I just didn't know how to work it I am deeply sorry for that Review in which I gave it 2 stars Buy now that I found out how to work it it is awesome and I'm excited to learn Japanese so 5 stars thank you

Excellent

This Book is great but one thing that is missing is the translations on the CD it only has the Japanese and not the English translations

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