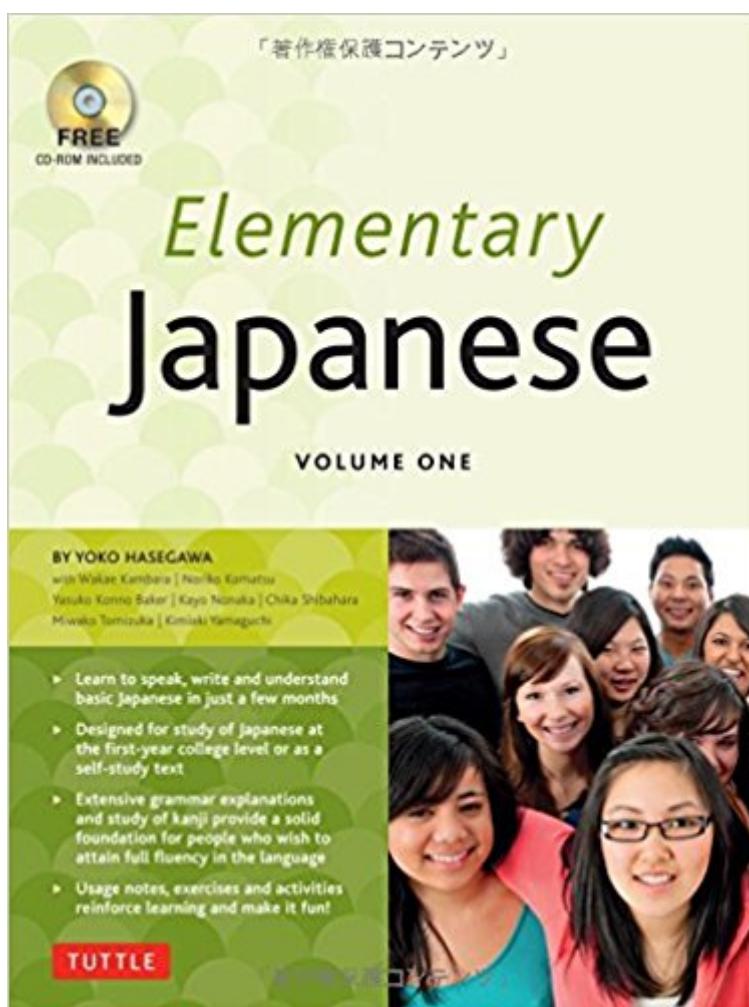


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Elementary Japanese Volume One: This Beginner Japanese Language Textbook Expertly Teaches Kanji, Hiragana, Katakana, Speaking & Listening (Audio-CD Included)





Synopsis

This is a comprehensive beginning-level Japanese textbook and language learning program. Elementary Japanese is designed for students who are just beginning their study of the Japanese language at the first-year college level or on their own. The author and contributors have created a highly structured approach to learning Japanese based on acquiring the fundamental patterns and constructions of the language as well as the Japanese writing system including the basic Hiragana, Katakana and Kanji characters. Each volume of this two-book set is designed for one semester of study. The books feature detailed grammatical explanations which make them extremely useful as references and for review purposes when traveling to Japan or preparing for the Japanese Language Proficiency Examination (JLPT). MP3 audio recordings are included with each volume on free CDs making this a great way to learn Japanese on your own while ensuring that you learn the correct pronunciation. The recordings also help you build up your listening comprehension skills. 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. Elementary Japanese Volume One covers the first semester of a college-level Japanese beginner course. It contains 14 lessons, each representing one week of instruction over multiple sessions. Each lesson consists of a dialogue, usage notes, grammar notes, exercises, new kanji and explanations, and new vocabulary. Authentic Japanese script is used throughout; the two volumes together introduce 313 Kanji.

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interesting, but i wish the audio covered more of what is inside the lesson instead of first

conversation...although i am a short way into the text.

After getting this book and getting into it, I found it very good. I have chosen to learn Japanese through self-study and this book seems to be working well so far. One thing I find is that some areas of the book seem to be made for in-class use and explanation and so they aren't explained or broken down as far as I would like them to be, but I am able to fill in the blanks by using a Japanese learners pod cast and some learn Japanese websites which really complement what the text book is teaching me. Overall, I would recommend this book, but if you are doing self-study it is a good idea to have another resource lined up as well (even a free online one would work, that is what I use).

Ganbatte!

It arrived today!! This is a book that's for the first semester for college Japanese! Awesome for beginners ~~ I was trying to find a book with out romaji because it can cripple you while learning Japanese and this book is exactly what I wanted and needed!!!! Came in awesome condition as well, even tho it's a used book. Super satisfied with my purchase

I've been studying Japanese in community college and independently for several years now, and this is by far the best Japanese textbook I've come across. This is the text used in the first elementary Japanese course at UC Berkeley. I love the way the text is structured and how the Kanji is introduced. (A word of advice for anyone who is seriously studying Japanese: DO NOT get a textbook that does not teach the Kanji or any text with "Made Simple" or "for Busy People" in the title.) I highly recommend this.

Very easy to read and to use, offers help for those just studying or for those like me who can read and write the kana. Very recommendable. Cute pictures and fun assignments.

It gives you a firm foundation and forces you to learn the kanji that it teaches. I would recommend this to anyone that is beginning to learn Japanese.

Great book to study Beginners Japanese. I bought it for my class, but the book is clear on explaining Japanese grammar structure (although sometimes it's hard to understand due to differences in English and Japanese).

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