

## Japanese Demystified Eriko Sato

The easy way to learn the Japanese writing system! In this beginner's workbook, students of Japanese will learn to read and write the Hiragana and Katakana alphabets, as well as 50 basic Kanji characters. A step-by-step approach moves from tracing letters to reading and writing complete words quickly and effectively. In this comprehensive guide, language learners will find: The 92 Hiragana and Katakana letters 50 Kanji characters Illustrations to help you remember each letter and its associated sound An extensive bidirectional dictionary Hundreds of drills suitable for self-study or classroom use An answer key for all exercises Useful everyday vocabulary and phrases—from numbers and colors to food and social media Free printable flashcards to help you review what you've learned Online audio recordings by a native speaker to help with pronunciation Instead of dealing with separate Hiragana and Katakana workbooks, as is common, this comprehensive guide provides an efficient way to learn both with the help of one book.

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This is an invaluable study guide for learning Japanese characters. The major struggle facing all beginning Japanese language students is to learn to recognize, read and write hundreds of Japanese characters. The Second 100 Japanese Kanji adopts a structural approach that helps students to overcome the initial difficulty of reading kanji and writing kanji and quickly master the basic Japanese characters that are fundamental to this language. Intended for beginning students, this beginner kanji guide teaches characters that have been carefully selected and sequenced for rapid and effective learning. Each kanji is shown separately on a single page, along with its different readings, its English meanings, romaji (romanization), a stroke-order guide and ample space for writing practice. This book includes: Step-by-step stroke order diagrams for each character. Special boxes with grid lines to practice writing characters. Words and phrases using each kanji. Romanizations (romanji) to help identify and pronounce every word.

A great story can lead a reader on a journey of discovery—especially if it's presented in two languages! Beautifully illustrated in a traditional style, Japanese Stories for Language Learners offers five compelling stories with English and Japanese language versions appearing on facing pages. Taking learners on an exciting cultural and linguistic journey, each story is followed by detailed translator's notes, Japanese vocabulary lists, and grammar points along with a set of discussion questions and exercises. The first two stories are very famous traditional Japanese folktales: Urashima Taro (Tale of a Fisherman) and Yuki Onna (The Snow Woman). These are followed by three short stories by notable 20th century authors: Kumo no Ito (The Spider's Thread) by Akutagawa Ryunosuke (1892-1927) Oborekaketa Kyodai (The Siblings Who Almost Drowned) by Arishima Takeo (1878-1923) Serohiki no Goshu (Gauche the Cellist) by Miyazawa Kenji (1896-1933) Reading these stories in the original Japanese script—and hearing native-speakers read them aloud in the accompanying free audio recording—helps students at every level deepen their comprehension of the beauty and subtlety of the Japanese language. Learn Japanese the fun way—through the country's rich literary history.

Say sayonara to your fears of speaking Japanese! Interested in learning to speak Japanese but feel intimidated by the complex characters and pronunciations? No need to worry! Even if your only experience is ordering sushi, Japanese Demystified will have you saying konnichiwa to your new language skills in no time. Beginning with a review of Japanese writing systems, basic pronunciation, and everyday expressions, this book covers key grammar fundamentals such as particles, nouns, verb forms, and honorifics. You'll build your Japanese vocabulary with essential words and phrases and quickly master this challenging language. Test yourself at the end of every chapter for reinforcement that you're fast on your way to speaking, writing, and understanding Japanese. This fast and easy guide features: Clear and straightforward explanations of Japanese grammar fundamentals Numerous examples of simple and complex sentence structures Japanese hiragana, katakana, and kanji with phonetic transliterations for all Japanese words Helpful writing and speaking exercises that bring the Japanese language to life Coverage of everyday topics as well as conversational expressions Quizzes at the end of each chapter to reinforce new material Simple enough for a beginner, but challenging enough for a more experienced student, Japanese Demystified is your shortcut to mastering this complex language.

This Japanese language book contains 61 short lessons grouped into 14 chapters—each of which presents a wide variety of activities and exercises and yet is designed to be covered in a single session. This "daily multivitamin" approach to language learning makes it easy to track your progress and to review later! An audio CD comes free with the book, providing native speaker recordings giving correct pronunciations for the dialogs and vocabulary in each lesson. Contemporary Japanese is a textbook series for beginning students of Japanese at the college or high school level. It is intended for classroom use as well as self study. Each lesson in the book is very short and has a single, clearly-defined objective. All lessons make use of the "active discovery" approach which encourages rapid learning through "guess and try" problem-solving and participation as opposed to rote memorization. This highly effective method uses real-life conversations that make learning fun by involving you in a conversation

with your peers. It also removes the fear of saying something wrong! Key Features of This Japanese language textbook include: Basic sounds, words, phrases and kana Describing the property of people and things Identifying things and people Requesting Description Expressing what you have Using numbers and katakana Talking about the past Coming and going Relating states and events Describing daily-life activities Talking about the present Location of people and things Expressing the characteristics of people and things Available separately is Contemporary Japanese Workbook Volume 1. This accompanying Japanese workbook serves as a supplementary material as well as a standalone comprehensive workbook for practicing and reviewing the language. An audio CD containing drills, dialogs and listening comprehension exercises for most activities accompanies the workbook. Publisher's Note: Products purchased from Third Party sellers are not guaranteed by the publisher for quality, authenticity, or access to any online entitlements included with the product. The most hands-on, practical workbook for learning to read, write and speak Japanese flawlessly Practice, practice, practice—and improve your ability to read, write and speak Japanese as it's really used. Practice Makes Perfect: Complete Japanese Grammar, Premium Second Edition has everything you need to progress from beginning to advanced fluency, from clear explanations and practical examples to all the practice required for language mastery. This updated, new edition boasts audio support online and via mobile app, ensuring you'll speak the language as well as you write and speak it. The answers to more than 100 exercises in the book have been recorded and are available via the McGraw-Hill Language Lab app, and you can also (depending on your mobile device's capabilities) record your own answers to compare with native speakers. • 200 exercises in 15 units covering all aspects of Japanese grammar, with explanations that include useful/helpful comparisons with English grammar—including hiragana, katakana, and kanji script • Author has a proven teaching record, with extensive experience as an educator and curriculum developer • All example sentences are written in Japanese script, with Romanization alongside to help pronunciation • Exercises for use either in the classroom use or for individual study • New to this edition: recordings of answers to many exercises throughout book

Hiyaku: An Intermediate Japanese Course provides a progressive intermediate course in Japanese, incorporating modern teaching methods and practicing all four language skills. Hiyaku provides content-based instruction, with authentic and semi-authentic dialogues and readings, all carefully selected to instruct and inspire students as they learn Japanese. Key features of the textbook include: highly structured chapters, beginning with warm-up exercises followed by focused practice of each of the four skills gradual introduction to increasingly authentic materials content taken from original Japanese sources such as books, TV programs, magazines, newspapers and websites extensive audio material provided as FREE MP3 files on a companion website instructor's materials, including PowerPoint files provided through the companion website. Hiyaku does not simply teach language and basic cultural points: it also helps students gain a holistic understanding of Japanese society and history, and provides the necessary foundation for the advanced study of Japan and its language.

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A fast and painless way to learn Japanese--now with all new quiz and test questions and a companion 75-minute audio CD Japanese DeMYSTiFieD takes the mystery and menace out of learning Japanese by walking you step-by-step through the fundamentals of the language. The book/audio CD package lets you work at your own pace and arms you with the essentials of Japanese grammar in an unintimidating format. You will be able to: Understand basic grammar structures and verb tenses Pronounce Japanese sounds correctly Identify Japanese characters Build a Japanese vocabulary Communicate with confidence The Japanese in the book is presented in both Japanese characters (hiragana, katagana, and kanji) and phonetic translation for easy pronunciation. Inside you will find: Hundreds of brand-new quiz and test questions with answer keys, similar to those used in standardized scholastic exams Chapter-opening objectives that give you insight into what you are going to learn in each step Questions at the end of every chapter that reinforce your learning and pinpoint your weaknesses "Still Struggling?" icons that offer specific recommendations for those difficult subtopics

How to pick up basic Japanese-fast Japanese is the fifth most studied language in the U.S., with over 40,000 college students enrolled in Japanese courses every year, and Japan ranks as the eighth most popular international destination for American travelers. Focusing on real-world language skills that people can put to use right away-from asking directions to talking numbers-this phrasebook is a must for travelers and students. Eriko Sato, PhD, is a native Japanese speaker and Professor of Japanese at SUNY Stony Brook.

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Emily, Nico and Teo are sitting on the grass after school, minding their own business, when -- unbelievable! -- a giant talking fox dressed in a kimono appears. Explaining that he knows magic, speaks 3,000 languages and is respected as a sensei (master), he wonders if the three kids are ready to learn Japanese from him.

Publisher's Note: Products purchased from Third Party sellers are not guaranteed by the publisher for quality, authenticity, or access to any online entitlements included with the product. Say sayonara to your fears of learning Japanese with the updated premium edition of this fast, painless guide The updated third edition of Japanese DeMYSTiFieD provides you with the comprehensive, step-by-step educational experience that has made the DeMYSTiFieD language series such a success. This established, unintimidating approach to speaking, reading, and writing a new language takes the mystery and menace out of the



learning process, whether in class or at home. Hundreds of quiz and test questions, chapter-opening objectives, and specific recommendations for difficult subtopics and individual weaknesses help you learn basic grammar structures and verb tenses, pronunciation, essential vocabulary, and how to communicate with confidence. In addition to DeMYSTiFieD's time-tested strategies, this edition features 70 minutes of streaming audio recordings and chapter review quizzes via the unique McGraw-Hill Language Lab app, so you can enhance your study via mobile or online, at home, in class, or on the go.

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Learn the Japanese you need. Gain the language skills you want. Practice Makes Perfect: Basic Japanese is your trusted companion to your Japanese learning experience. Each chapter focuses on key grammar concepts and essential vocabulary, which are accompanied by helpful, clear examples. With these fundamentals under your belt, you will learn to communicate in authentic Japanese--how to meet new people, engage in small talk, make suggestions and requests, express ideas, and more. You will, of course, get plenty of practice, practice, practice using your new skills. Whether you are learning on your own or taking a beginning Japanese class, Practice Makes Perfect: Basic Japanese will help you build your confidence in communicating in this complex language. Practice Makes Perfect: Basic Japanese includes: Everyday Japanese presented in both Japanese characters (hiragana, katakana, and kanji) and phonetic translation High-frequency vocabulary Grammar basics An introduction to Japanese pronunciation and writing systems Hundreds of exercises in a variety of formats for whatever your learning style

This Japanese language workbook was created as a supplementary material for Contemporary Japanese. It can also be used as a standalone workbook for practicing and learning Japanese on your own. It focuses on the four basic language skills of speaking, listening, reading and writing—and contains worksheets and activities covering vocabulary, grammar and conversations in the context of daily school life, business and travel. An audio CD is included containing drills, dialogs and listening comprehension exercises for activities in the workbook. Contemporary Japanese is a textbook

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There's no easier, faster, or more practical way to learn the really tough subjects Forensics Demystified explains forensic science in a logical progression from evidence collection through analysis and finally to the scientist actually testifying in court. This self-teaching guide comes complete with key points, background information, quizzes at the end of each chapter, and even a final exam. Simple enough for beginners but challenging enough for advanced students, this is a lively and entertaining brush-up, introductory text, or classroom supplement.

Contemporary Japanese Workbook, Volume 2 was created as a supplementary material for Contemporary Japanese: An Introductory Textbook for College Students. A workbook which is best used for reviewing and reinforcing the concepts and learning materials introduced in the textbook, it is also designed to function as a standalone comprehensive workbook. Some of the features included for this purpose are (a) presentation of a brief note on the concept tested before every question, (b) providing of vocabulary and kanji glossaries on unfamiliar words, and (c) an audio input by native speakers. This workbook also offers materials in the business, traveling and daily life contexts, in addition to the college life context featured greatly in the textbook. Contemporary Japanese Workbook series comes in two volumes, consisting of 26 chapters (Chapter One to Fourteen in Volume 1 and Chapter Fifteen to Twenty-Six in Volume Two) in all. It integrates all the information provided in the textbook. Each chapter in the workbook has specific objectives and includes the following six sections: Kanjia and vocabulary Grammar. Conversation and Usage. Listening Comprehension. Writing. New Vocabulary Reference List. In Contemporary Japanese Workbook Volume One, hiragana characters are introduced in Chapter One in the form of questions along with audio recordings, and are used in subsequent chapters without ruby, in this case in romanji. Katakana characters are introduced in Chapter Four, also in the form of questions, and are used in subsequent chapters without ruby. Kanji characters are introduced in the form of questions, accompanied by detailed information such as meanings, component equations, remembering guides, stroke order, and usage examples. The required kanji characters in every chapter are introduced without ruby. When they appear again in the following chapters, ruby is sparingly provided, wherever it is thought to be helpful, and the use of this pronunciation guide is gradually reduced. Non-required kanji characters occasionally appear with ruby to help learners get accustomed to kanji and thus, able to see the phrase boundaries in a sentence easily.

Learning Hiragana and Katakana is a systematic and comprehensive Japanese workbook that is perfect for self study or in a classroom setting. Written Japanese combines three different types of characters: the Chinese characters known as kanji, and two Japanese sets of phonetic letters, hiragana and katakana, known collectively as kana, that must be mastered before the Japanese kanji can be learned. Learning Japanese Hiragana and Katakana provides beginning-level students of Japanese a thorough grounding in the basic hiragana and katakana phonetic symbols or syllabaries. A comprehensive introduction presents their basic function, origin, pronunciation and usage. The main body of the book is devoted to presenting the 92 hira and kata characters along with their variations, giving step-by-step guidelines on how to write each character neatly in the correct stroke order, with plentiful practice spaces provided for handwriting practice. This Japanese workbook includes: Systematic and comprehensive coverage of the two Japanese kana systems. Ample provision for Japanese kana practice, review, and self-testing at several levels Detailed reference section explaining the origin and function of kana, and the various kana combinations. Access to online Japanese audio files to aid in correct pronunciation. Helpful additional information for language students accustomed to romanized Japanese. Vocabulary selected for usefulness and cultural relevance. About this new edition: The new third edition has been expanded and revised to include many additional reading and writing exercises. Accompanying online recordings demonstrate the correct pronunciation of all the characters, vocabulary, and sentences in the book.

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Includes Audio CD. Contemporary Japanese: A Textbook for College Students is designed for beginning students of the Japanese language at the university level. It is designed for use in the classroom as well as for self-study. Each lesson is based on a single communicative objective and makes much use of the discovery approach (guess and try) so that students learn through problem-solving and participation as opposed to being taught by rote. Its unique innovative and effective way of teaching through observing real-life conversations takes a fun approach to learning the language that will motivate independent and non-vocational learners. Contemporary Japanese Workbook Volume 1 serves as a supplementary material for Contemporary Japanese: A Textbook for College Students Volume 1, as well as a self-sufficient comprehensive workbook for practicing and reviewing Japanese. Focusing on four language skills (speaking, listening, reading and writing), it contains 13 chapters of worksheets and activities on vocabulary and grammar usage, and conversations in the context of formal and informal college daily life, business and traveling. An audio CD containing drills, dialogues, and listening comprehensions for most activities accompanies the workbook.

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Essential Japanese Grammar is an indispensable study guide for students of the Japanese language at all levels. Long the standard in Japanese language education, it provides clear, jargon-free explanations of how Japanese grammar works and offers hundreds of example sentences. It is an essential handbook for self-study or for the classroom and should be a valued resource for years to come. A strong foundation in grammar is vital to those wishing to learn Japanese as a whole. Essential Japanese Grammar presents a number of unique features. First, grammatical terminology has been kept to a minimum so that extensive prior knowledge of grammar is not required. Second, abundant example sentences written in Japanese characters (kana and kanji) followed by romanji and English translations. Third, the authors have tried to reveal aspects of grammar that may not be found in comparable grammar books such as rare Japanese verbs, adjectival nouns, clauses adverbs, etc. This Japanese grammar book contains: parts of speech. sentence constructions. conjugations forms. speech styles and tones. accentuation rules. essential words and functional elements. an appendix for referencing and cross-referencing Japanese words.

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Master essential language skills to build your confidence in basic Japanese Whether you are learning on your own with a textbook or taking a beginning class, Practice Makes Perfect: Basic Japanese will support your study and build your confidence in your new language. Each chapter of this proven guide focuses on essential vocabulary and key grammar concepts, illustrated with clear examples. You will then learn to communicate in authentic Japanese: how to meet new

people, engage in small talk, express ideas, and more. More than 230 entertaining exercises will help you practice your new skills, including a new chapter devoted entirely to review. And this second edition is also accompanied by flashcards and audio recordings, available via app, that will provide a new dimension and flexibility to your study. Practice Makes Perfect: Basic Japanese will help you master: High-frequency vocabulary Core grammar concepts Japanese pronunciation and writing systems Everyday Japanese presented in Japanese characters and phonetic translation A user-friendly book that works equally well in a classroom setting or as a self-study text, Basic Japanese takes a different approach from other language books, emphasizing the structure of the language rather than vocabulary. By focusing on sentence patterns as the key to attaining a basic competence in Japanese, it offers a comprehensive introduction to the modern colloquial language. Each lesson is set up to ease learners into not just understanding new material but mastering it, using a four-step method: Step 1: Basic Sentences: Each lesson begins with the key to quick mastery of spoken Japanese—learning and understanding new sentence patterns. Vocabulary is learned in context. A Basic Vocabulary section lists only essential words and phrases that are relevant to the theme of the lesson. Step 2: Structure Notes: Next the learner is guided through complete, in-depth explanations of the sentences' grammar essentials, to aid in mastering the sentence patterns. Step 3: Conversation: Authentic dialogue teaches the way people naturally speak, putting into practice the lesson's sentence patterns with common, everyday topics. Step 4: Exercises: An opportunity for practicing—and for strengthening your understanding of the lesson's key points. Accomplished teacher Eriko Sato has produced an excellent revision of Samuel Martin's classic text for the classroom and self-learners, while remaining true to Martin's voice and teaching style. Together they make the challenge of learning Japanese at once manageable, practical, and fun.

Strengthen your Japanese grammar skills with practice, practice, practice! From particles to pronouns, this comprehensive workbook covers all those aspects of Japanese grammar that you might find a little intimidating or hard to remember. Practice Makes Perfect: Complete Japanese Grammar introduces the fundamentals of the language and then progresses to show how these building blocks connect to create complex sentences. Each chapter features clear explanations, numerous realistic examples, and dozens of engaging exercises in a variety of formats for whatever your learning style. You will, of course, get plenty of practice, practice, practice using your new skills in context. With its winning formula for getting a handle on Japanese grammar right away, Practice Makes Perfect: Complete Japanese Grammar is your ultimate resource for mastering the grammar of this complex language. Practice Makes Perfect: Complete Japanese Grammar includes: Everyday Japanese presented in both Japanese characters (hiragana, katakana, and kanji) and phonetic translation A comprehensive introduction to Japanese grammar High-frequency vocabulary

presented in context A clear pronunciation guide Hundreds of exercises in a variety of formats

Build your knowledge of Japanese one step at a time! Learning how to speak Japanese is easy with this accessible guide. Using a clear, step-by-step approach, *Easy Japanese: Step-by-Step* teaches you how to construct simple as well as complex Japanese sentences. This updated edition includes audio recordings, available online and via app, that provide you with helpful pronunciation guidance. In addition to the recordings, an array of innovative features such as flow charts and flashcards make this method the easiest, most efficient way for you to learn to speak and read formal Japanese—the Japanese spoken by educated adults both socially and professionally. *Easy Japanese Step-by-Step* features:

- New: extensive audio recordings and flashcards, available via the McGraw-Hill Education Language Lab app
- A building-block approach based on five sentence patterns
- Flow charts to simplify verb conjugations and derivations
- Kanji and kana characters vertically aligned with romaji accent symbols
- Key points compared with English to make understanding concepts easier

This fast and easy language guide features: clear and straightforward explanations of Japanese grammar fundamentals; numerous examples of simple and complex sentence structures; Japanese hiragana, katakana, and kanji with phonetic transliterations for all Japanese words; helpful writing and speaking exercises that bring the Japanese language to life; coverage of everyday topics as well as conversational expressions; quizzes at the end of each chapter to reinforce new material; and a companion 70-minute audio CD that provides oral practice and pronunciation guidelines.

Don't spend your time worrying whether you can beat the markets: you don't need to beat them to be a successful investor. By showing you how to build a simple and rational portfolio and tailor it to your specific needs, *Investing Demystified* will help you generate superior returns. With his straightforward and jargon-free advice, Lars Kroijer simplifies the often complex world of finance and tells you everything you need to know – and everything that you don't need to worry about – in order to make the most from your investments. In *Investing Demystified* you will:

- Discover the mix of stocks, bonds and cash needed for a top performing portfolio
- Learn why the most broadly diversified and simplest portfolio makes the most sense
- Understand the right level of risk for you and how this affects your investments
- Find out why a low cost approach will yield benefits whilst leaving you with a higher quality portfolio
- Understand the implications of tax and liquidity

This book is a major historical and cultural overview of an increasingly popular genre. Starting with the cultural phenomenon of Godzilla, it explores the evolution of Japanese horror from the 1950s through to contemporary classics of Japanese horror cinema such as *Ringu* and *Ju-On: The Grudge*. Divided thematically, the book explores key motifs such as the vengeful virgin, the demonic child, the doomed lovers and the supernatural serial killer, situating them within traditional Japanese mythology and folktales. The book also considers the aesthetics of the Japanese horror film, and the mechanisms through which horror is expressed at a visceral level through the use of setting, lighting, music and mise-en-scene. It concludes by considering the impact of Japanese horror on contemporary American cinema by examining the remakes of *Ringu*, *Dark Water* and *Ju-On: The Grudge*. The emphasis is on accessibility, and whilst the book is primarily marketed towards film and media students, it will also be of interest to



anyone interested in Japanese horror film, cultural mythology and folk-tales, cinematic aesthetics and film theory.

In one compact volume, *Japanese Verbs & Essentials of Grammar, Second Edition*, offers an integrated beginner's guide to all major verbal and grammatical concepts of the Japanese language. This latest edition of the popular and accessible guide has been updated to include: Expanded vocabulary lists featuring common idiomatic phrases New examples of sentences and sentence structure An in-depth introduction to Japanese scripts Each of the 46 units includes clear explanations and examples to help you master the Japanese language. Romaji, or transliteration, is featured throughout.

*My First Japanese Kanji Book* is an inventive and unique introduction to kanji for children. Written by the mother-daughter team of Eriko and Anna Sato, this lovely book introduces 109 kanji characters to children with poems and illustrations. It includes all the Japanese Government-specified first grade level kanji characters and a sprinkling of simple second to sixth grade characters. The kanji are introduced in the context of 36 colorful paintings and poems by 14-year-old Anna Sato, herself a kanji learner. Each of the poems is presented in both Japanese and English, and all kanji are accompanied by furigana (small hiragana letters), stroke-order diagrams, sample vocabulary and boxes for writing practice. A charming and educational volume, *My First Japanese Kanji Book* can be used as a self-study text, a supplementary material in Japanese language schools or a gift book for family or friends. An MP3 audio CD reinforces learning and ensures correct pronunciation.

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