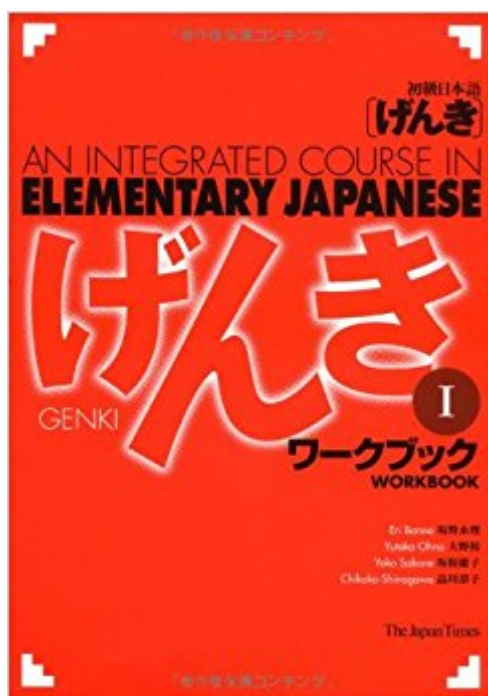


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Customer Reviews

Ideal for beginning students of Japanese.

I'm taking Japanese at college and this was the text book that was required. I'm very happy with it. The book explains grammar very well and the pace moves just fast enough so that my skills in the language are progressing but I don't feel lost. It does not go too much into kanji (there are some pages in the back that correspond to the lessons), but if you are just learning Japanese and have no prior experience with an Asian language- that is a very helpful feature. This is the activity workbook that goes along with the text book and it has grammar and writing exercises and kanji practice pages in the back. You don't actually need the workbook to use the text book, but I definitely recommend it for the extra practice it gives with the lessons. The beginning of the book focuses a lot on speaking in the polite form (like if you were to speak Japanese to a teacher, stranger, acquaintance...) by using phrases such as "masu" and "masen" at the end of verbs and "desu" and "ja arimasen" meaning "it is" or "it is not", as well as the past tenses of the polite forms. The second half of the book focuses on the cordial or familiar (what you use to speak with close friends, family...). This book also teaches the te-form ending (you cannot use "masu" or "masen" with a verb in the middle of the sentence, so you use the te-form). It also teaches "teimasu" ending (both

the te-form and the masu form together to indicate that the action is happening at the instant or that a change of action has occurred). For example: "ima ko-hi wo nondeimasu" means "I am drinking coffee right now". So the book focuses on all of the three ways of writing in Japanese- hiragana (used for Japanese words that do not have a kanji and for the particles), katakana (used for foreign words to give them a Japanese sound such as coffee - ko-hi) and some kanji characters. I'm sorry if I have made any mistakes with my Japanese sentences (I'm still a beginner with learning the language), but I wanted to try to explain this as best I could because if you already understand most of what I'm writing about - then you probably need the Genki 2 book. If this is all new material to you, then this book is a great way to learn the basics and grammar of Japanese. I also apologize because the site will not let me write the Japanese characters. So, I would definitely recommend the Genki textbook to anyone trying to learn Japanese (don't waste your money like I did trying to learn on Rosetta Stone and computer programs!). My 14 year old sister bought the same book to learn Japanese also, so it's a textbook that can work for a lot of different age groups (I wouldn't go any lower than High School though- but it depends on the motivation of the student). Good luck with your Japanese studies!

Easy to use, delivered promptly. Only complaint: the majority of the workbook had never been used, but the first couple chapters had very dark penciled-in answers that were not even attempted to be removed.

The only companion to the text book :)

Used during college class. Great exercises in addition to the text book.

Perfect

Really helps with my Japanese homework

Great work book, good for quizzes.

There are a series of these books and because I am a complete novice in Japanese, I find these particular lessons really helpful..I would recommend this book (it is a workbook for the actual course) for anyone starting out.

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