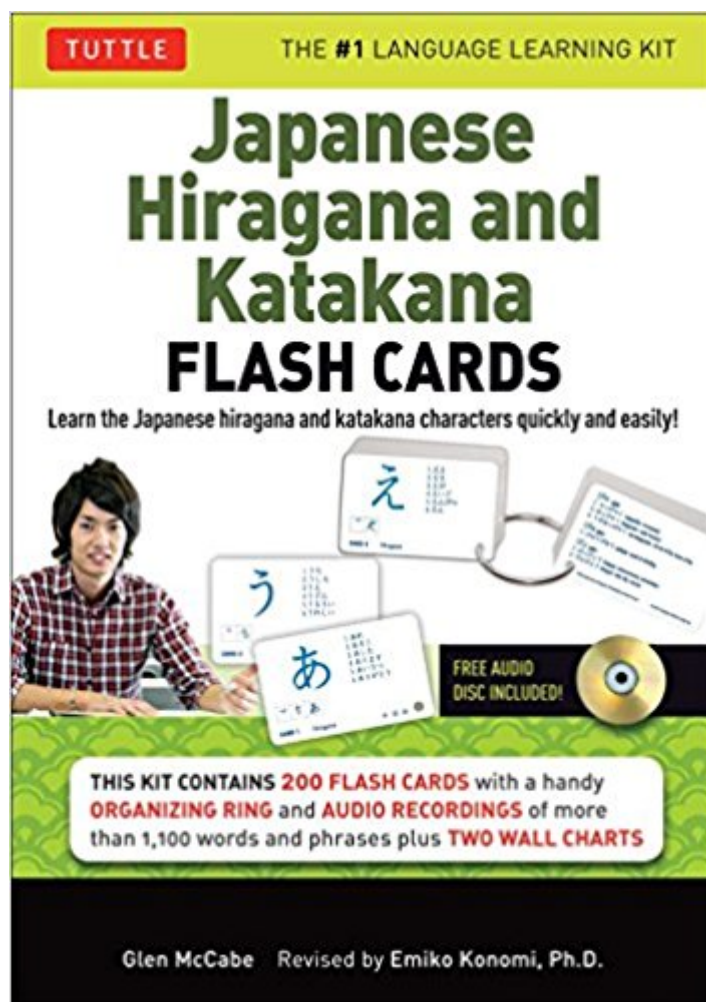


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Japanese Hiragana And Katakana Flash Cards Kit: Learn The Two Japanese Alphabets Quickly & Easily With This Japanese Flash Cards Kit (Audio CD Included)





Synopsis

Learning to recognize and pronounce the basic hiragana and katakana phonetic alphabets is the first step in studying the Japanese language. This set of 200 flash cards along with accompanying booklet, wall charts, and audio disc contains everything you need to quickly gain mastery of the two Japanese syllabaries and is a great way to learn Japanese. Frequent review is the key to memorizing the characters, and these cards are easily carried in a pocket or purse for a quick review session anytime. This box contains: 200 hole-punched flash cards with an organizing ring. Two 24" x 18" wall charts showing all hiragana and katakana.

Native-speaker audio recordings of 1,128 words and phrases. 32-page study booklet with indexes and practice tips. Also available from Tuttle Publishing, Japanese Kanji Flash Cards Kit can be used alongside these flash cards to master written Japanese.

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"Tuttle really does give you everything you need to get started with Hiragana and Katakana, including a short booklet with many suggestions of how to use the flashcards, an index of the cards, and an English to Japanese mini dictionary of all of the words featured on the cards."

—Lindsay Does Language blog

Master Japanese hiragana and katakana characters, and use them fluently! Audio Disc Included! See & learn, with 200 specially-designed cards. Hear & learn, with native-speaker audio of 1,128 example

words & sentences Sort & use the cards according to your learning goals, with indexes & practice guides Review the essentials, with the concise 32-page booklet

It is a very good product and a very good tool for reviewing. However on some of the cards there are very obvious misprints on the vocabulary. For example, on the card for  (bo) the word  meaning "I" is translated as "dangerous",  was romanized as "bentou" and it said bentou meant "grapes" when it means lunch and grapes is  or "budou". It also romanizes  as boushi meaning pig, when it translates as boroboro meaning tattered, and boushi is hat while pig is  or buta. Furthermore it says  is benri in romaji, but it still properly translates it as stick. And it says the romaji for  is bengoshi when it is boueki. Even with that said the mistakes are not on very many cards, I think I only noticed something similar on one other card, but they could still be very confusing for a person who is just learning japanese. In addition the card for  is completely missing from this set.  is card#88 and  is #89 so it was somehow skipped over, which is a little inconvenient when practicing and reviewing hiragana.

I'm just starting to learn Japanese, and I'm probably taking an atypical approach to how its done, but one thing that I think is pretty standard with learning any language is getting some flash cards set up so that its pretty easy to learn to recognize the characters. I first tried to do this cheaply by having a Japanese friend write them out for me, but... his handwriting was atrocious! So, I ended up buying this set of cards. Overall, it's ok. I mean, they get the job done. It's just that I wish there was a little more attention to the finer details to the cards that would make this actually get a higher rating from me. For example...The card quality is pretty low. If you went and bought your standard index cards at your local store, they would be of a higher quality. These things are pretty thin, with a nice gloss that makes them look pretty high end, but with a moderate amount of usage, which, I would assume is the whole point of these cards, they start to fall apart pretty quickly. I'm pretty extra careful with them, and over the course of a few weeks of gentle shuffling, some of the cards have started to fall apart. So... be forewarned that, at least in my case, these cards have held up less than I would have expected, and in all honesty, if I had to do it all over again, I probably would have just bought my

own index cards and written them out myself since my hand writing isn't all that bad. Second on my list of things that I don't like about the cards... so like I've said, I'm using what may be an atypical approach to learning Japanese, but, across the various books (Kana from Zero, Japanese from Zero), to programs (Human Japanese) and even video games (Learn Japanese to Survive), they've all been ordered and numbered the exact same way except in this set where the dakuten characters are not the next in the series (e.g. instead of s to z, they continue with the next set that doesn't include the dakuten). This is pretty annoying. I don't know why they chose to do it this way, but like I've said, across countless books and programs with no relations, this set is the only one where they order the set differently from all the others. Thirdly, and its pretty mild, has to do with the fact they only include one metal ring for the card set. This set contains both hiragana and katakana, and it would be super nice to be able to have a ring of each for practice. Personally, my hiragana is getting pretty good! But I need to work on my katakana a bit, so having two rings would make it easier to add/remove cards from a "I know what this is" to a "I still need to work on recognizing this one" kind of set up. If you don't want to write out your own cards, it will do the trick for you. But... you could do it a lot cheaper just making your own.

I read negative reviews, but bought these anyway. I am NOT DISAPPOINTED. The cards for both syllabaries are laminated to protect them from soiling. Each one provides the writing technique, pronunciation, mnemonics (visual cues), and examples of six words and their definition. They are handy because you can take them with you and carry in a jacket or a purse. They are tough enough for handling over and over again. You could attempt to make your own flash cards, but at this price why would you want to go to all that work? The booklet is a guide to learning the three forms of written Japanese. The third form, Kanji, is not included because there are over 10,000 Kanji characters. I would like to find a flashcard system as good as this set for Kanji.

I would have given the product 5 stars, but the "loose leaf book ring" it came with to put cards on was defective and would not snap together and stay closed. For a product with so few parts, it was a disappointment when you're excited to put it all together and study. We did put one of the posters on the freezer door and I had some stainless steel ball chain (2.4mm ball diameter) pieces that could be hooked together (the sort used on military dog tags) and he put his cards on them. Had I known a single ring was so difficult to get hold of, I would have tried to contact the company for a replacement. Just FYI - Wal-Mart and Staples did not have rings large enough. Office Depot had 3" "binder rings" in a set of 10 for \$6.79 (\$5.45 on). I have seen single rings sold at Ace Hardware (in

the store area where they 'cut' car keys), but it was a few years ago, so I don't know if they still have them; they do have sets of rings, though. In the end, my son kept the cards on two 3" sections (about 6" total) of chain clasped together, he just liked it best. ::sigh:: Whatever works! :) So, if you're not in a hurry, here are some ball chain products on :Polished Silver Ball Chain Connectors \$1.59 w/free shipping:

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Some of the funny little memory tricks to help us memorize the script fall way short of the mark, but other than that these are excellent cards. Having practice sentences included on the flash cards is a great feature. Would have been nice to had an extra metal ring included for those of us learning both sets at the same time but that's a small quibble... a trip to the hardware store solves the problem.

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