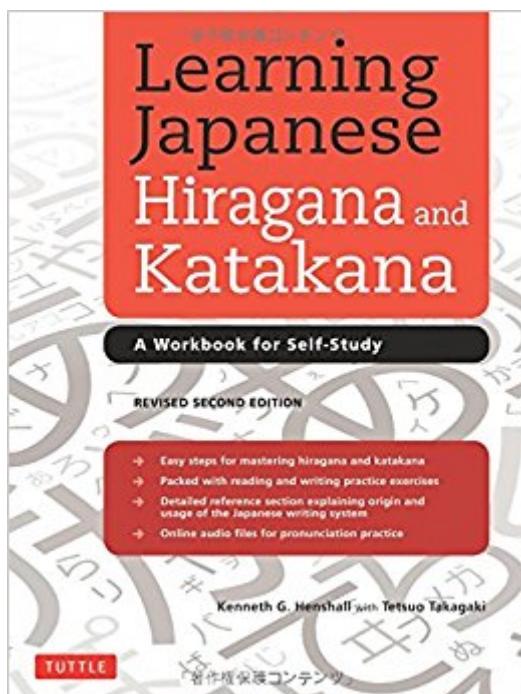


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# Learning Japanese Hiragana And Katakana: A Workbook For Self-Study



## Synopsis

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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I am currently in school for Technical Japanese (Ã¢Å§Ã¢Å§Ã¢Å^Ã¢Å¥Ã¢Å-Ã¢Å|Ã¢ÅfÃ¢Å|Ã¢Å ÄÃ¢Å¬Ã¢ÅfÃ¢Å"Ã¢Å ÄÃ¢ÅjÃ¢Å œÃ¢ÅfÃ¢Å|Ã¢Å ä"Ã¢Å Å¥Ã¢ÅfÃ¢Å|Ã¢Å Ä"Ã¢Å Ä¬Ã¢ÅfÃ¢Å ÄÃ¢Å ÄÃ¢Å Ä). The focus is on reading comprehension and translation of Technical Japanese documents such as patents, technical journals and technical drawings. The first step was to learn

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Nice accompany book to help with your Genki workbook studies.

Great if you want to learn!

My 10-year-old son loves this book! After completing it, he is able to recognize Japanese characters when he sees them and begin to understand the language. I wish there were other volumes!

Great for starting out. Would recommend using this book in combination with other resources. Going straight through page by page can become monotonous, but it does really help with getting practice with the characters.

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