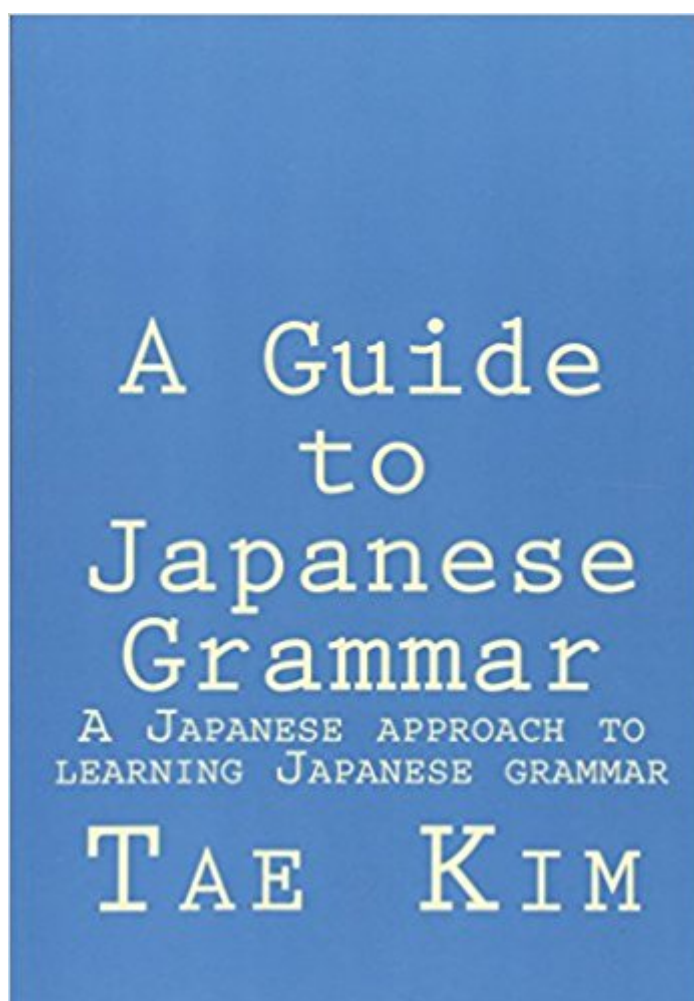




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A Guide To Japanese Grammar: A Japanese Approach To Learning Japanese Grammar



Synopsis

NOTE: The website (www.guidetojapanese.org) has the SAME content for free. This book is for those who prefer to have a physical copy. My guide to Japanese grammar has been helping people learn Japanese as it's really spoken in Japan for many years. If you find yourself frustrated that you can't understand Japanese movies or books despite having taken Japanese classes, then this book is for you. It will help you finally understand those pesky particles and break down grammatical concepts that will allow you to comprehend anything from simple to very complex sentences. You will also learn Japanese that's spoken by real people including casual speech patterns and slang, stuff that's often left out in most textbooks. Don't take my word for it, just check out my website and order this book to have it handy wherever you go.

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I purchased the blue book version, printed in 2014, and it is smaller than the orange one (2012). It is easy to carry around in my purse around Tokyo. I've been studying using this textbook in Tokyo parks, restaurants, coffee shops, on the densha (JR train), while walking....It has a wax-like coated cover (which is great given that Japan rains a lot) and gives it a nice, soft feel on the hands. I just wish there was a kindle formatted version too. Please, Mr. Kim, onegaishimasu. Personally, my core set for learning Japanese, the cream-of-the-crop best items, is as follows: 1. Genki I and II, including the workbooks, 2nd edition - the textbook for UCLA Japanese classes. Absolute gem of a book. This is your go-to "traditional" textbook. 2. Heisig's Remembering the Kanji - Remember 2000 kanji

in 2 months? Yes. It's amazing.

3. Tae Kim's Guide to Japanese Grammar (my cliff notes) - Great refresher for stuff you learned. This book is like the golden notebook that you stole from that A+ student in your college Japanese class.

4. "Japanese" app by Renzo Inc. from the Apple Store. Includes www.jdic dictionary, all conjugations for every word (volitional, transitive, past, present, polite form, etc.) , a built in flashcard builder, kanji stroke order videos for all kanji, and more from this sweet app. Absolute must purchase. This is like a super-dictionary. Don't have an iPhone? Buy an iPod Touch 5th gen. and get this app. It is worth buying an iPod Touch just for this app.

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s2. NihonShock's Cheat Sheet Pack - 10 laminated colorful notes of all the vital Japanese grammars

s3. Anki - a flashcard program that lets you download shared cards created by other users & allows you to make your own flashcards on the computer.

I've studied Japanese in classes, using various texts and methods, Rosetta Stone, and used Japanese daily while living in Japan, but this guide is something that I always come back to for a refresher. In my opinion, this is the best way, book study-wise, to learn Japanese. It explains Japanese in a way that makes far more sense than most grammar books teach it to you, and it prepares you to be ready with much more natural Japanese from the get-go. I also think it's a far more effective way of building your grammar. I remember reading this guide when it was just on the website, even before there was an app or PDFs for it, and it's still so useful to me now. I just had the PDF forever, not checking the website any longer, so I was not aware the book existed, and I was actually going to print out the PDF, but it would have been a costly undertaking (\$40+). While this guide is definitely worth the cost of conventional textbooks, even, imagine my relief to find it for a very reasonable \$18. Don't think twice about getting this guide. And if you don't want to pay for it, just use the app or the PDF on your computer/tablet. But for me it's worth it in printed form. And thank you, Tae Kim, for all your hard work in creating such a valuable resource for Japanese language learners.

I bought this book after being a huge fan of the guide and website online. This guide contains quite a bit more than what's available on the web, including vocabulary lists, more help with kanji and how to pronounce them using hiragana, as well as a very student-friendly layout. It's easy to follow, concise, complete, simple, and presents even the most intricate material in a step-by-step, very

logical manner. It's very obviously aimed at self-study students, although this does not mean, by far, that anyone who is taking a class/course in Japanese cannot use it; It's just that much more awesome since it recognises the needs and frustrations of those who are going the road alone with little to no help. I swear - sometimes while I'm going through a grammar point and I feel stuck, I suddenly come across a little footnote description explaining PRECISELY the problem which was going through my mind at that exact moment! It's as though Mr. Kim is there, with me, in the room, guiding my every step. That, coupled with the odd hilarious anecdote makes this a really fun book to use. To sum up, this really is an investment in one's education, and whether you've JUST started Japanese and haven't the SLIGHTEST clue as to what's what, or indeed whether you've been at it for years and know your way round the block pretty well, this is a sure-fire way to improve your understanding of not just the grammar, but the LANGUAGE as a whole =) Ten out of ten - 10/10! - Matthew Drake, writing from the sunny island of Malta =)

I love this text! I have spent a considerable sum of money on Japanese language study aids; books, flash cards, kanji charts, web sites, etc. I saw this book on for a long time but, frankly, the price scared me away. Then I found a "used" one for \$9.95 and reluctantly ordered it. It came in a very few days and is brand new. Okay, that's the good money part but there's more..... This is the best Japanese grammar text I have ever seen and I lived in Japan! It is a common sense, natural order of speaking (hence, thinking) in Japanese approach to this fantastic language. If you're a gaijin who wants to learn correct, realistic, usable language skills, this is the book. I'm not kidding. And hopefully you can find one online 'used' like I did. Seriously, this is such a good deal that I almost feel guilty. Almost. Yokatta!!!!

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