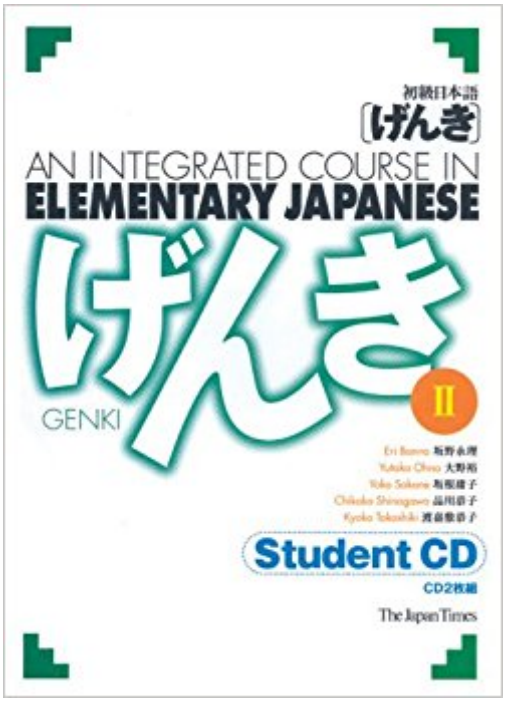
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The second edition of the Japanese language textbook An Integrated Course in Elementary Japanese: Genki by The Japan Times is a revision of its predecessor with the same title. New ÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã Å“Culture Notes,ÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã Â• ÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã Å“Expression NotesÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã Â• and the ethnic balance of the characters in the illustration as well as the more thorough recording by the attached audio CD are the examples of obvious improvements. The fatal drawback of this edition, on the other hand, is its usage of the negative forms of the sentence final ÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã Å“desuÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã Â• as ÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã Å“janai desuÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã Â• (L.2, Grammar 6) or ÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã Å“janakatta desuÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã Â• (L.4 Grammar 3) as well as those of the i-adjectives as ÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã Å“-kunai desuÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã Â• (L.5 Grammar 1) or ÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã Å“-kunakatta desuÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã Â• (L.5 Grammar 1). These are informal counterparts of the formal ÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã Å“ja arimasen,ÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã Â• ÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã Å“ja arimasen deshita,ÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã Â• ÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã Å“-ku arimasen,ÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã Â• and ÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã Å“-ku arimasenn deshitaÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã Â• forms used in the first edition. The second edition mentions the polite style only parenthetically in Lesson 5 Grammar 1 without explaining the danger of the informal speech style giving improper and rude impressions. ÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã Å“Ashita wa samukunai

desuÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã Â• (p.201), which the second edition introduces as a model sentence for a television weather forecaster, unfortunately, is something not many have ever heard. The students who have familiarized the informal speech through the drills in the second edition or through the accompanying audio CD, will not know where they have pulled a blunder when they fail in a job interview. The instructorsÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã â„¢ reminders of this problem would only confuse, if not annoy, the students. The harder the instructors remind their students of this problem, the more will the students will lose confidence in both the textbook and their instructor. Possible remedies for this problem would be either for the Japan Times to keep printing the first edition or to revise the revised edition. If the publisher is going to take the second choice, the ÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã Å“~nakya ikemasenÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã Â• ending should also be changed to ÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã Å“~nakucha ikemasenÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã Â• if not ÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã Å“~nakutewa ikemasen.ÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã Â•

This is one of the absolute best ways to learn Japanese in either a classroom or solo setting. The updated edition removes a lot of older vocabulary that isn't used these days, and the dialogs are excellent and pertinent. Organization of each chapter is fantastic and while occasionally a chapter will be a bit over or under difficult, the book as a whole really paces well and helps the learner build on what he or she has learned so far while slowly adding in new complexities. *The* definitive Japanese learning textbook for new speakers.

very good textbook for use in a class. not so great for self study.hasn't been updated in 15 years or so, so some things are really out dated (they talk about cassette tapes, etc)however the basics of the language haven't changed much.it is frustrating when the kanji vocab are really obscure words that we aren't likely to see again till we are more advanced speakers, so we'll forget them.Also, the readings contain too much vocabulary that isn't part of the vocabulary list. Why can't they make readings using vocabulary we have learned.And the listening portion before the vocab list is frustrating because it uses grammar we haven't learnedotherwise it is a good text. grammar is well explained.

Genki 2This is quite ok. But this is mainly for students and not so suitable for adults to study Japanese.

This is ONLY the audio CD. I'm not sure why people are reviewing the textbook here.

I received the CD and returned it because it was not what I was expecting and I still haven't received my refund.

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