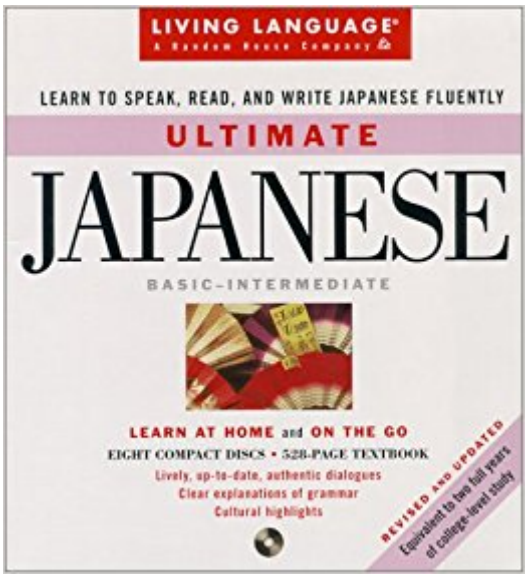
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Helps if you have other materials but a good collection to get started.

I've used primarily the book, but the cd's are very useful for getting pronunciation right. I used the book for a few months and really did learn a lot (I didn't believe it until I took a class and stuff actually made sense without having to really strain, I was pretty supprised). The book teaches exactly the way you need to learn. They teach sentance structures, sentance particles, how to put sentances together, how to read real dialogue. I find myself reading the dialogue at the beginning of a chapter and struggling for 20 minutes or so, then reading the chapter and really understanding what I struggled through, then going back and reading it again and understanding it fully.I actually used this book for 3 months before I lost it on a plane. I then purchased a few other books to see how they are, but I have just recently purchased a second copy of this book, I didn't find anything else taught at this level. Do know that this book isn't for your casual reader, it aims to teach you fluency and you will have to take quite a bit of time with it, but it does a good job of teaching you

effectively and efficiently if you'll put in the effort to learn the language.

Contrary to what has been stated there are exercises (and solutions) at the end of each chapter, and if you keep in mind that this is not an exercise book they are in the right ratio.This book has been very carefully structured, the CDs are excellent, the examples and exercises are well chosen and bank on material previously covered, the grammar is clear and to the point.I personally don't understand how some found this book difficult. I respect their opinion, but Japanese is not just another European language.In fact, if anything, the only problem with this book is the abuse of romaji. I can understand how the authors wanted to provide a gentle introduction for novices, but this is too much. Romaji is bad for you. I have a very visual memory and romaji means that I have to learn the same language twice. I think the book would greatly benefit from an alternative furigana edition. It would be the perfect book, and this fact is very frustrating.I mean, let's face it. People who can't be asked or don't have the curiosity to learn kana before starting (or look up a table for the first unit or two) invariably don't make it past unit two anyway. Even more appalling is the fact that even the "advanced" volume still sticks to romaji! Who on earth is going to buy that?If you buy this, make sure you download a kana table and learn it, buy a furigana drill book and a kanji book. If you're serious you'll be ok.

I like that this set includes CDs that are entirely in Japanese. They have some very realistic conversations, uninterrupted by English, that are great for listening to just to get the feel of the language.What I didn't like was that the CDs that did include English often offered translations that I considered to be rather inaccurate.My biggest complaint was that one of the CDs was entirely in Italian--quite a shock, I tell you, when you load it into the car CD player. Fortunately, it was one of the CDs with English translation that I didn't like anyway. Annoying nonetheless.This set offers some good Japanese conversation for those that are studying Japanese in a class setting, but I would use it as a supplement and not depend on it to learn the language.

This system covers a very wide variety of topics, the CDs are well-executed and the manual is very organized. Being a fourth year student, I found it to be an excellent supplement/review to the material I was learning in class. However, it would be difficult to teach yourself with this system. It is mostly all romanji with some hiragana, katakana and kanji thrown in here and there. The CDs, while very helpful, tend to be a bit dull.Overall, I would highly recommend this to any current student as a comprehensive supplement to do on your own.

This is a really good book. After the first lesson I was able to make my own sentences. Limited but I could make them. The book has the Audio cds too which reall help you to get the accent and such down. Makes the vocab really easy to remember.And what I found suprisin was that at the end of each chapter, there was a quiz to see if you know what you read. There are also cultural notes to help you get into what Japan is actually like.Everything is explained in detail and the book is great. Japanese actually isn't really that hard to learn if you just put a little time into it. Buy this book

Awesome!

This is _very_ flat. Not at all fun. If your trying to use this to learn on your own, good luck, I found it do be very difficult. The quality of the CDs is excellent, however its very dry. The lessons are not structured to make you feel accomplishment, so it was very hard for me to keep with it. I have switched to another book, but the "learn on the go" cds are still good, even if boring.

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