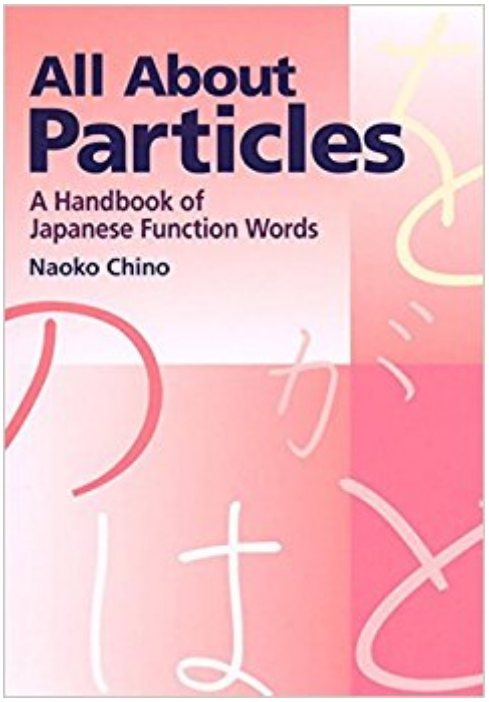
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Synopsis

Students of Japanese are familiar with the term "particle," and realize that they, like English prepositions, require a special effort to master. This handbook provides all the information one would need on these tricky units of grammar.All About Particles covers more than 70 particles those that are used regularly as well as those used less frequently in more than 200 uses. The book can be approached as a guiding textbook and studied from beginning to end. It is as a reference book, however, thatAll About Particles shines. It is light and easy to carry, slim enough to fit into the corner of a shoulder bag, and concise enough to quickly clarify particle-related questions. It is a priceless tool for any serious student of Japanese.In its previous incarnation as a part of the Power Japanese Series,ISBN 978-0-87011-954-5, and sold more than 40,000 copies worldwide.

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This is so full of information. The beginning has a table that tells you what page things begin on

(even though that seems like common sense, I have a few Japanese books that don’t do that) and they’re organized so the most commonly used come in front of the least commonly used. They give examples in both kana/kanji and romanji. Its a great book. I’d recommend It for an advanced beginner or intermediate learner. Either way: you should probably get this book. Plus its a great size so you can stick it about anywhere.

this book has served me well so far. in my studies of japanese, i often come across particles i’m not familiar with, and this book explains them. (my studies include breaking down japanese song lyrics and reading manga in japanese, the only thing i can read in japanese. three cheers for kanji.)before i purchased this book, i read some of the reviews about it, and i have a comment on one of them. this comment complained that this book doesn’t seem to have any order to the particles. had that reviewer read the preface, they would have learned that the particles are put in order of frequency. that reader should also have explored the entirety of this book, including the alphabetical index at the back.inside this great reference book, you’ll find 69 particles defined. many particles have multiple uses, which are explained. each explanation i’ve looked at includes at least two examples. you’ll find no exercises, though. if you want exercises for particles, you’ll just have to come up with your own sentences, which is what you do when you speak a language anyway.

Every Japanese learner struggles with particles. Organizing particles is one of the most difficult part of the language, and there are few good resources to help you out. "All About Particles: A Handbook of Japanese Function Words" is the single most useful book I have found on the topic.This is a true reference book. Although it can be read straight through (and I recommend this at least once), it is most useful for looking up difficult particles as you discover them. Placing them in context will help the learning process. Read all in one sitting it is a little overwhelming, but good for an overview of all 70 plus particles.One of the advantages of "All About Particles" is that the examples use various forms of politeness. It also demonstrates interchangeable particles, and which expressions are more daily-use. The text itself is very compact, and travels well.I would recommend this book to any Japanese learner looking to bridge the gap from Advanced Beginner to Intermediate.

The Japanese particle was confusing before I owned this book. Other texts panned the information, or wrote particles off as ’not really meaning anything’. Don’t fool youself, or let yourself be fooled- the particle determines specifics of information and direct the intent of a sentance. They quanitify

many nouns into object, subject, direct object. The also describe ownership, adjective and adverb use. This book describes it all (well, I assume this is ALL) in order of most common usage. Each particle is shown in each way it might be used corresponding to English, with a sentence (or several) in English and japanese to explain usage.Naoko Chino’s pocket text is one of the most important Japanese instructional texts in print today.

I’m a beginner in Japanese. This is a comprehensive book meant for more advanced learners. The sentences in the examples are too complicated. Right off the bat, the author uses multiple particles in long sentences. It’s difficult to understand why those particles are used in certain situations. Maybe I’ll find the book more useful as a reference in the future when I gain a better grasp of Japanese. Meanwhile, "Japanese Sentence Patterns for Effective Communication: A Self-Study Course and Reference" by Taeko Kamiya is much easier for beginners to follow and understand.

Greatest. Book. Ever.Why I didn’t know about this book sooner is beyond me. Would have made my thesis so much easier if I had this book in my possession at the time. Recommend it completely!

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Great, simple explanations of the particles.

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