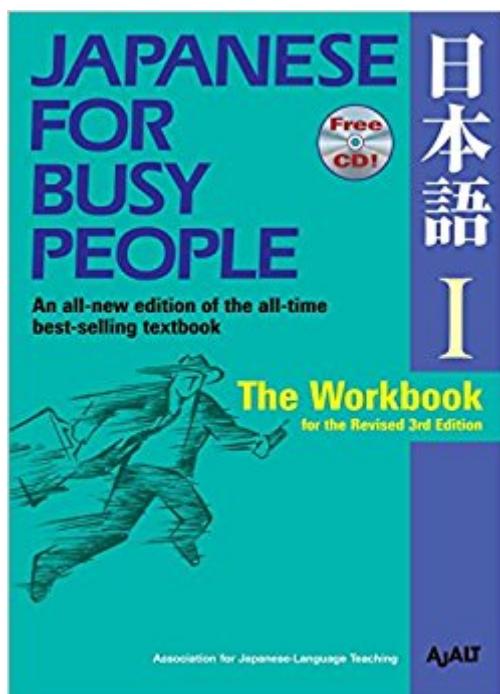


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# Japanese For Busy People I: The Workbook For The Revised 3rd Edition (Japanese For Busy People Series)



## Synopsis

Japanese for Busy People is the most popular Japanese language textbook series in the world. With over 20 components including texts, workbooks, CDs, videos and teacher's manuals, it is also one of the most comprehensive. Now, a decade after its first revision, the entire series is being redesigned, updated and consolidated to meet the needs of 21st-century students and businesspeople who want to learn natural, spoken Japanese as effectively as possible in a limited amount of time. The book features not only a sleek, new design but also a unit structure that groups thematically linked lessons together, making it easier than ever to learn Japanese. Moreover, it now comes with a CD containing audio for the dialogues and listening exercises from the text. The exercises in the book have also been thoroughly revised to incorporate more comprehension and production tasks. Many of these exercises are illustrated, making for a stimulating learning experience, and the purpose of each one is clearly stated. This first of three volumes introduces "survival Japanese"—the absolute minimum amount of Japanese needed to live in Japan. Thus, the vocabulary and grammatical items it introduces are limited to about a third of what is typically introduced in a first-year course. In addition, the book features notes on Japanese culture intended to expand the learner's understanding of Japan, its customs and people. Japanese for Busy People I is available in two formats: romanized and kana. The Romanized Version uses romanized Japanese throughout, with kana in the Opening Dialogues of each lesson. The Kana Version—exposing students to hiragana and katakana from the very beginning—uses only kana. The content of the two books is otherwise exactly the same. The companion volume, Japanese for Busy People 1: The Workbook for the Revised 3rd Edition contains a variety of illustrated exercises for mastering the basic sentence patterns presented in the main text.

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## Customer Reviews

The Association of Japanese-Language Teaching (AJALT) was established to meet the practical needs of people who are not necessarily specialists in Japanese but who wish to communicate effectively. The AJALT was recognized as a nonprofit organization by the Ministry of Education in 1977.

I purchased this Workbook/Textbook combination for a course, and the materials were very effective at portraying a businessperson's situation and suitable uses in communicating in Japanese. However, to a novice of the language who is looking for basics such as grammar or basic nouns, verbs, or adjectives, the materials fall short. In addition, it's very worth mentioning that this item is a ROMANIZED workbook, so for any users who purchase the Kana Textbook, you will be either pleasantly surprised or disappointed to learn that there is no requirement to know Katakana or Hiragana in order to complete the exercises within. While this can be a positive or negative in its own way, I was personally disappointed to learn that there was not a Kana Workbook, which as a more serious student I would have appreciated. Overall, this is a great textbook if:-You are a businessperson-You do business with Japanese/Japanese-speaking/Japanese-cultured people-You will be taking trips to Japan for business-This may not be for you if:-You are a student who will not be doing business in Japan-You want to learn Japanese to read Manga/Watch Anime

This is more of a review of the Japanese for Busy People series. The workbook only adds additional exercises. I strongly leaned on this book to get started on learning Japanese. Generally, my experience has been that people will recommend one of three books - the Genki series, Minna no Nihongo, and Japanese for Busy People. I found JBP to be better for me. I would probably recommend skipping this workbook. It's good but I think using the original book has enough exercises that you can then move on to another. I have this but never bothered with it. BUT I do recommend pairing the JBP books (or any book) with other learning tools. My only negative about

this book is that they don't really explain WHY. They just say do this. It hurt my learning curve because the WHY is important when applying it to other situations. Honestly, the best tool I recommend is Human Japanese. They really really dumb it down and it's very conversational approach rather than textbook. I feel like I have a teacher there explaining why things are done in a certain way. I'm not here to sell one product or another... I'm passionate about learning the language and anything I can do to help others down the path, I'm happy to do so. The big takeaway is use a few different sources so you get a better understanding. Japanese for Busy People series is a great start (even better if you go with the kana version instead of Romanized).

Very useful for helping me practice both writing and listening skills. As a person learning Japanese all on my own, this has been a great resource.

The main book is great, but the workbook is very 'light'. For me, a workbook is where you can 'cram' more exercise, this one only contains a couple of exercises per chapter. There are actually more exercises in the main book than in the workbook. Otherwise, the few exercises are well designed and follow the main book.

good reference book

Thank You

Came quickly and is good learning tool.

Excellent book for my class! Thanks!

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