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Japanese Hiragana And Katakana Flash Cards Kit: (Audio CD Included)



Synopsis

Learning to recognize and pronounce the basic hiragana and katakana phonetic alphabets is the first step in studying the Japanese language. This set of 200 flash cards along with accompanying booklet, wall charts, and audio disc contains everything you need to quickly gain mastery of the two Japanese syllabaries and is a great way to learn Japanese. Frequent review is the key to memorizing the characters, and these cards are easily carried in a pocket or purse for a quick review session anytime. This box contains: 200 hole-punched flash cards with an organizing ring. Two 24" x 18" wall charts showing all hiragana and katakana. Native-speaker audio recordings of 1,128 words and phrases. 32-page study booklet with indexes and practice tips. Also available from Tuttle Publishing, Japanese Kanji Flash Cards Kit can be used alongside these flash cards to master written Japanese.

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Customer Reviews

Full disclosure: I teach Japanese at the same institution with Dr. Emiko Konomi, the author of this learning aid. My review of her new product will touch on how this study aid ably reflects her teaching philosophy and practice. As a Japanese language instructor, I often recommend flash cards to students as a good way for them to learn hiragana, katakana, and kanji. They also help build vocabulary. What I find disheartening is that in the digital age, students favor cheap "app" versions that do very little each slide/"card". Long ago, making one's own flash card set (tora no maki) was an old skill you developed as a student of Japanese -- that is, before the new millennium. It seems a

lost art. I thought so until I saw Emiko Konomi's updated Hiragana and Katakana Flash Card set from Tuttle. Everything you'd want on a flash card to learn hiragana and katakana she has put on these cards. What do I mean by "everything"? The cards have the hiragana and katakana beautifully written. Stroke order is shown in box-by-box, step-by-step -- little arrows show the direction you should write. This is something many textbooks often leave out. 6 Vocabulary items for each mora ("letter") are provided. I'll have more to say on the nice selection of vocabulary below. Another nice feature is that in the lower right corner where she shows easily confused hiragana/katakana. This will be very helpful for new learners. On the back of the cards, the vocabulary is explained/defined in English. There is a small pronunciation guide/aid. For example., on "a" the guide explains: "Open your mouth and say, 'Ah,'" says the dentist.

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