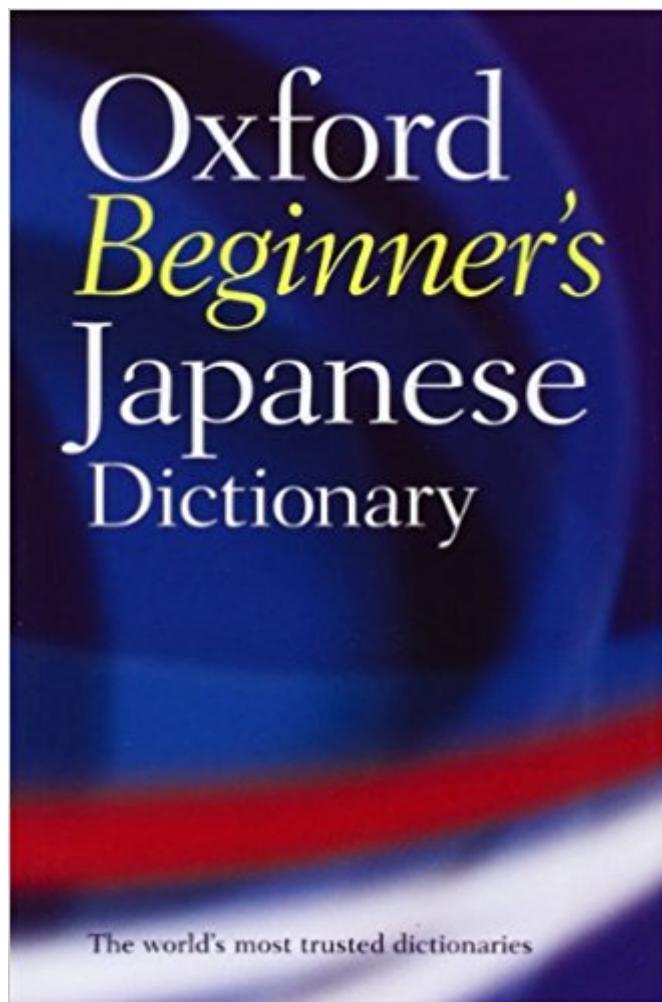


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# Oxford Beginner's Japanese Dictionary



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lovely! Its a vary nice diconary! There is even a few pages at the back of the book where it is decorated to life in Japan! "Guide to life and culture; Tipping waiters, street names, face masks."! Ect!! It is extremely helpful!There is a chapter that is called " list of Japanese words you must know!"!I extremely recommend this book!!Good luck fellow Japanese students!

Well written, Very helpful, but not entirely thorough, as I was missing several words important to me, but overall, very nice.

I'm totally loving this dictionary! I get on the internet all the time, and lots of times if I want to know any words or search up any particular grammar rules I do it on Google and I've always thought that that's enough and all I really need. But there are times where I don't really feel like I want to bother with it. And it really is SO useful to have an actual dictionary on hand. This dictionary also has usage notes in between the english-japanese and japanese-english sections and at the very end of the book at that makes it so much easier! It has a hiragana and katakana chart and it even has lists of words by category. (Like listing off the words for all different types of fish or fruit or something) Another thing that I appreciated was how they had absolutely no romaji. Which is wonderful because it forces you to practice your kana reading skills. When learning Japanese, it is very important to avoid romaji as much as you can. As for the actual shipment, it came quickly and I was very satisfied to see that it was in a flawless condition. I strongly recommend this to anyone who wants to learn Japanese. It is VERY useful and I love it to death.

There is a big caveat in that you should commit to weaning from romaji somewhat abruptly if you are going to get the benefit from this reference; I am still getting used to the kana system, myself, and the dictionary does not offer romaji lookups. I found that to be a drawing point and the fact that my Beginner's Chinese Dictionary is still usable after four years of heavy use speaks for the binding. I look forward to getting used to the characters so that I can wear the coating off of this book's covers as I did my Chinese standby.

I love this dictionary! If you're a beginner, advanced beginner, or still coming up to speed on Kanji, this is a solid reference for you. I find the layout of the entries to be very informative; verbs are really handled well with dictionary, masu, and te forms given as well as reference chart of common conjugations (and the entries refer to the appropriate reference chart). Adjectives also handled well. This is not a Romajii based dictionary, look for a travelers or Romajii dictionary if that's what

you seek. For a student of Japanese, I think this is a valuable learning tool. Lots of good reference charts, and extras as well (Phrase finder, Important dates in Japan, life and culture guide, and social survival guide are included). I consider this book as valuable as the textbook I'm using to learn Japanese.

At first glance, it doesn't look very promising, but I assure you, I was blown away. It's more than just a dictionary. Firstly, the Japanese section is in hiragana/katakana, not romaji. This is very useful to help first learn them, and later, to maintain them, since you'll continually read it in Japanese, not romaji. There is a hiragana/katakana chart in there too, just in case. Also, on the back there's a lot of useful information, including holidays, common words and phrases, and even some cultural notes. There's even notes on how you're supposed to use certain words or phrases in both Japanese and English included in the translations. And then, of course, it's a dictionary, that goes both ways. The first half is Japanese-English, and the other is English-Japanese. Wonderful!

I have a year studying Japanese, this dictionary has been really useful! I really like that it doesn't have romaji in it and that it has examples of how to use some words. It is incredibly well structured, highly recommended. And the price is great for people like me that cannot afford the Kenkyusha dictionary :P.

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