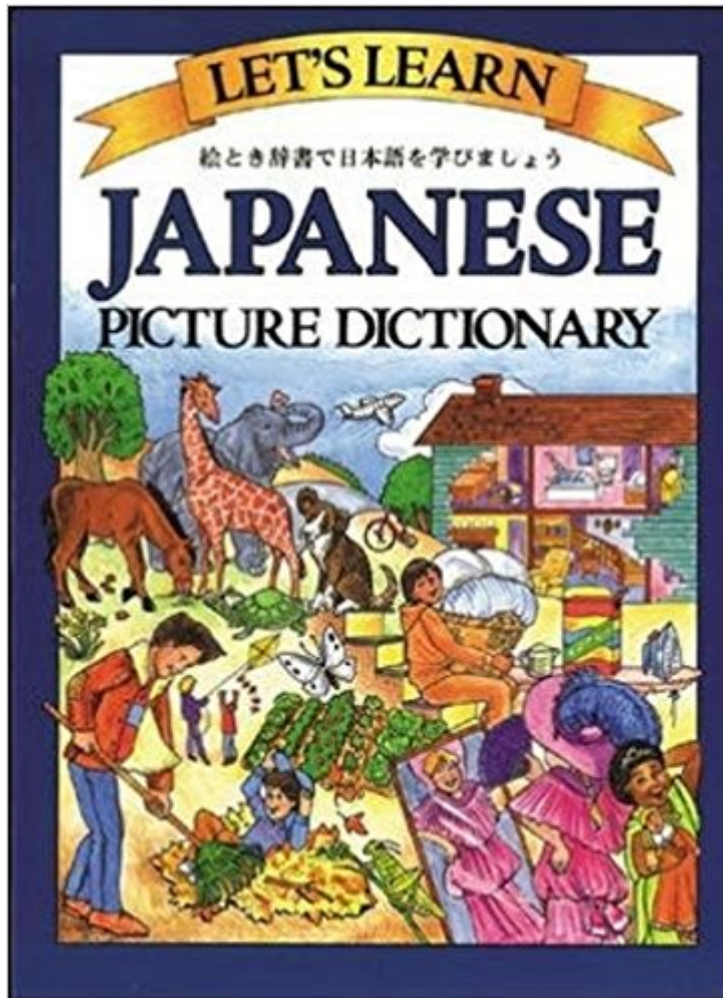


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I teach Japanese at the high school level. I was an exchange student in high school, as well as in

college. I worked in Japan for 4 years after graduating college and would still be out there if it weren't for the earthquake, tsunami and nuclear disaster. I mention this as background for my knowledge of Japanese. I would not recommend this book to anyone. It's quite obvious the editors and even the writers did not speak Japanese and used something similar to google translate for the words within the book! After buying this book and previewing it for my class I was very disappointed. Let me explain the verb section as an example. The verb to "look/watch/see" is "miru" under "watch" they have a picture of a kid watching other children play ball the English equivalent of the Japanese used for that picture is "to stand watch/to guard". It doesn't matter which textbook you use, to look/watch/see is one of the first verbs you learn. Under the verb "to sleep" the English equivalent to the word they provide is "to lie dead/to lay in repose/to be dormant" instead of the verb "to sleep" which is another verb you learn at the basic level. I flipped around the book and found other mistakes. I would give this two stars because it does have some correct words, however, if you are not someone who can speak Japanese it's impossible to find out if the words are correct or not. This book is simply riddled with errors. Instead I would recommend anyone interested in a book like this buy "The Usborne First Thousand Words in Japanese" book. That book had native speakers writing the meaning of each word and I couldn't find any mistakes. Also there is a quick section in which to teach the first 2 basic writing systems of hiragana and katakana as well as a section dedicated to proper pronunciation. It's worth the money, and miles better by far than this book.

The pictures are nice and i like how every page spread is themed. The only thing wrong with it is that as a student its only good for pronunciation and the pictures. The japanese words are written in a mixture of hirigana and kanji which is the problem. My kanji is terrible and vocab is my weakness and i got this to use a picture dictionary to help me learn vocan in a colorful way hoping it would be hirigana only. It isnt useful for what i wanted.

This book is a great illustrated dictionary, very thorough. Meant for kids, but I am an adult who gets a headache studying Japanese so this is a fun way to learn, and of course many people learn best with visual aids. There is no way to tell which syllables are accented, but that's a problem not only with this book - need audio. Also, an introduction of how to say the basic Japanese sounds would be helpful to those just starting out learning Japanese, especially how to say vowels with the bar over them (they are not English long vowels!). Interestingly, the illustrations look all American, set in the U.S. and not Japan. Omoshiroi! But, they are somewhat multicultural. I like the kana (hiragana + katakana) included, especially as Wasei Eigo words (English used in Japan) are spelled in peculiar

ways in Japanese. Many Japanese words will have the kanji shown, though. An excellent dictionary/index is at the end. This book is best for those learners who have knowledge of the Japanese "alphabet" and its sounds, and helpful to have some basic knowledge of where the accents generally go (although not easy to figure).

in the grocery photo, there are some chubby white kids eating sweets and looking very unkempt. A sweet little Japanese child is sitting in the cart with a tomato. A little black baby is also holding a tomato. This illustration really struck me as... interesting. The same with the restaurant page where the little (assuming American) kids are making a huge mess, playing under the table, the dad is pouring ketchup all over his food... but the other families are all sitting nicely. The book as a whole is good. I can see a lot of use out of it. I am amused by the illustrations though. I had been working with other Japanese learning guides and I noticed that a few words were different. I suppose that's due to multiple words existing for the same things, but it does make it a little off to use different guides all together. I make fun of the illustrations, but I can see this being very useful when we get to our new home overseas.

Well done and in the perfect format for kids - reminded me of those Richard Scarry books where they have a scene with 50 things going on at once, and then a picture of each item off to the side with words under it. Has the English word, then romaji, then either kanji or hiragana/katakana underneath that, so you get some exposure to all of them at once, which is probably the only way you'll get kids to learn them. Also really useful as a study aid if you're an adult trying to learn beginning Japanese too; it's full of a ton of useful everyday words that will really improve your vocabulary.

Part of series for different languages, this book packs in a lot of words--but the illustrations are all non-Asian. A western schoolroom with the Latin alphabet stretching across the wall, home interiors that are clearly western. Some of the vocabulary is modern, and so is more up-to-date than the strangely 1930s drawing style. So there are no nouns of patently Japanese objects (no chopsticks, for instance, or rice bowls).

This is a fun little book for helping learn Japanese. My children were all fighting over it when it came. There are lots of words it doesn't have, but for what it is, we really like it.

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