

A brief Idea about Japanese Language

Japanese is one of the toughest language in the world where they use 3 different kinds of alphabets. But, at the same time it is one of the sweetest language to speak where there are different levels of conversation to show your respect to other people. Eg Regular conversation with your friends, Business level conversation and so on.

How to start learning Japanese?

What are Hiragana, Katakana and Kanji?

Hiragana:

- A phonetic syllabary. Used for words of Japanese origin.
- For example particles, nouns, (part of) verbs, (part of) adjectives, and (part of) adverbs.

Katakana:

- for words of foreign origin
- for the names of some animals and insects
- for the emphasis of some words e.g. **それはダメです。** (Sore wa dame desu.) = That is NO GOOD.

Kanji:

- Kanji means Chinese characters which are used for the words of both Chinese and Japanese origin.
- Most Kanji have two or more readings and meanings.
- We can read a kanji by using Hiragana

Example :::

私の名前はヒマドリカリタです → Traditional Japanese writing (In

Japanese writing there is no gap between the words)

私 → Kanji → watashi

名前 → Kanji → namae

の → Hiragana → no

は → Hiragana → wa

です → Hiragana → desu

ヒマドリカリタ → Katakana

Watashinonamaeha himadori Karitadesu → Romaji version of writing

Meaning : My name is Himadri Kalita

The Basic rules to learn Japanese if you are planning to appear JLPT exams or migrating to Japan.

1) At first, learn Hiragana and then Learn Katakana.

2) Memorize 48 Hiragana and 48 Katakana characters roughly

* Do not have to be perfect but remember 48 of each character over all.

* Do not spend too long to cover 48 characters, but memorize in one or two weeks.

3) Use Hiragana and Katakana in writing. You can also download Japanese keyboard on your mobile and start using it with your Japanese teacher or friends who are also learning Japanese.

* Reading practice is good, but writing is more effective.

* If you can write, you can read.

N.B. But, if someone wants to learn only conversation for job purposes where only conversation is required, then, you can skip reading and writing Hiragana, Katakana or Kanji. You can also learn Japanese in the

Romaji version which means you can write the words by using English

Alphabets.

ありがとうございました

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Thank You