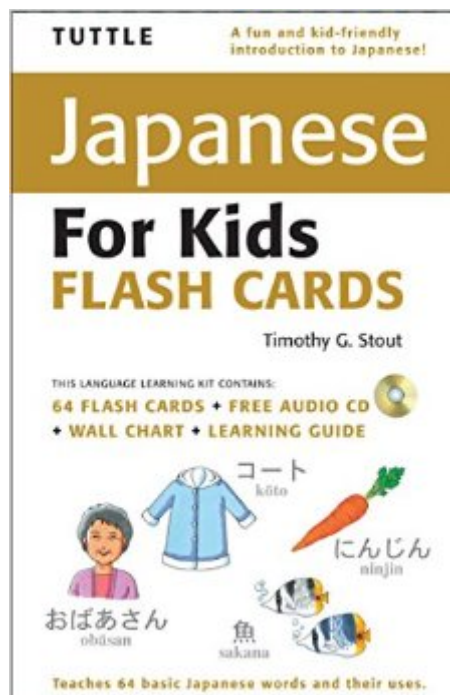


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# Tuttle Japanese For Kids Flash Cards Kit: [Includes 64 Flash Cards, Audio CD, Wall Chart & Learning Guide] (Tuttle Flash Cards)



## Synopsis

A fun and kid-friendly introduction to Japanese! The Tuttle Japanese for Kids Flash Cards kit is an introductory Japanese language learning tool especially designed to help children from preschool through early elementary level acquire basic words, kanji characters, phrases, and sentences in Japanese in a fun and easy way. The flashcards can be used as a learning tool in a classroom setting, at home, or anywhere that learning takes place, and can easily be taped around the room for an interactive way to learn Japanese. The set contains a total of 64 words organized into thematic categories, including: My Family, Colors, Numbers, Animals, Food, My Body, Clothes, and My Day. All of the words are illustrated—the pictures serve as effective visual aids to help children learn and remember each word's meaning. Words often reflect cultural objects and items and can be studied in any order. Learners may focus on one theme at a time or mix them up for a little more variety. Also included in this kit is an audio CD which provides native pronunciation of the words, and sample sentences for practice—sentences that children would use in everyday life. Songs and other activities are also included on the free audio CD. Finally, the kit also includes a wall chart featuring the front of each card for kids to review and a learning guide for teachers and/or parents with tips, activities and more! Once these 64 words are mastered and the child yearns for more, check out Tuttle's MORE Japanese for Kids Flash Cards kit (978-4-8053-0905-6).

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## Customer Reviews

A good set of flash cards is a valuable tool in language study. They are never going to teach you the lesson in and of themselves, but will help reinforce lessons learned and get your brain used to operating in the target language at normal speeds instead of having to search for the word in questions. This set of "Japanese Flash Cards for Kids" is a great set, and one that I have gotten a lot of use from. There are sixty-four cards in all, separated into categories like animals (8 cards), body parts (8 cards), food (8 cards), family (8 cards), numbers (10 cards), daily activities (8 cards), clothing (6 cards) and colors (8 cards). The vocabulary is all very basic words and perfect for a beginner's level. On the front of each card is a cartoon picture of the subject, as well as the Japanese word written above the picture. The Japanese words are written in kanji, hiragana or katakana as they would naturally appear in written Japanese. On the reverse side there are two to three sentences using the vocabulary in context, written in standard Japanese (including kanji), romaji and English. The general card arrangement is very easy to use, and the cards are a nice size (about the size of two standard playing cards laid together) and laminated so they can be used again and again. The sentences on the back use not only the vocabulary of the card itself, but also other words in the set to reinforce retention. Along with the flash cards, there is a poster containing all of the words in the set, with the same pictures, and an audio CD that can be used for pronunciation practice. On the CD, as well as the pronunciation for the words and sentences included with the flash cards, there are bonus vocabulary including basic greeting words and a few Japanese children's songs. Although Tuttle calls this set "Flash Cards for Kids," I have found them useful for adult learners as well. In fact, I have also been using them in reverse, for Japanese people studying English. Once the basic vocabulary has been mastered, they can be used in games such as spreading them out "Go Fish" style and having the learner draw two cards, then make a sentence out of the two vocabulary words.

Do these reviewers even understand how Flash Cards even work? Flash Cards are designed to test your knowledge of what you don't know to something you do know. On one side of the flash card, you have something you DO know, for example, a color. On the other side you have the knowledge you DON'T know, which in this case, would be the Japanese term. You use flash cards so that you see the example, and then test yourself to see if you remember what's on the back without looking, and then when you have your answer, you look on the back to see if you were correct. This also

works the other way around for learning visual things, like Hiragana for example. You would see the example you don't know first, and try to associate it with what you do know... like the letter "A". But these cards have all of the required info on BOTH sides, destroying the entire "flash card" process. Not only that, but the written Japanese words are in all 3 of the Japanese written languages: Hiragana, Katakana, AND Kanji. And since there's no way any beginner would actually know what they say, the word is written in English right below it. This practically ensures the tester to just ignore the written Japanese word completely and just read it in English, which also reduces your learning efficiency greatly. The entire point of learning Japanese is to learn the written alphabet first, unless you plan to be illiterate. The only difference in information on the sides of the flash card is that there are some sentence examples on the back side. That's it. So there is no reason at all to have these printed on a flash card with two sides! What a waste! Could you learn from these cards? Sure, but not as efficiently or as permanently as you could with some better designed cards. To even call them "Flash Cards" is astonishingly false.

They are very simple, however, they mix Kanji and Kana together. I don't find it particularly bothersome but I would have liked if the word was not written in Romaji in the front. I love the poster and the flashcards themselves are sturdy and fairly large. Plus the CD has about four songs which are absolutely fun!! I will definitely buy the second box.

I bought this set for my 3 1/2 year old daughter who spent six months in a Japanese preschool while I was in Japan working. I have no complaints about the flash cards themselves, especially for children learning Japanese. It also comes with a poster with the vocab words that might be nice hanging in a kid's room. I didn't buy it for the CD, but we've been playing the CD in the car. My daughter enjoys the Japanese preschool songs found around track 17, but there are only 3 or 4 of them and the rest of it is mind-numbingly slow and irritating pronunciation of Japanese vocabulary words. The CD is designed for people with little or no understanding of the Japanese alphabet so first they read each word syll-la-ble by syll-la-ble and then read the word at a more normal speed. For people who know Japanese or people who are familiar with the alphabet, or even for anyone who has a decent ear, the recitation will make you want to scratch out your eardrums. There should at MINIMUM be a way to fast-forward through the I-rri-ta-ti-n-gu pro-nu-n-ci-a-tio-n. In my opinion they should skip that part entirely and just do a reasonable reading of the word and then say the English. My daughter has low patience for the vocab reading and wants me to play the song portion. The songs are ones she learned in preschool so she enjoys that. They are irritating for an adult listener

because the quality is poor and the children (while adorable) are not, um, especially musical.

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