
Yookoso “Nihongo O Oshiete” e

Welcome to Teach Me Japanese!

Teach Me Japanese initiates an inviting approach to language learning by using familiar children’s songs. A child’s early exposure to new languages and cultures enhances learning skills and promotes a better appreciation of a multicultural society. What better gift to offer children than the tools and ideas to better understand the world we live in. This text provides a basis for early awareness to stimulate cultural appreciation and understanding.

The Japanese language is unique in that it is made up of three writing systems. **Kanji**, or Chinese characters, was adopted into Japanese from Chinese, and served as the first written language in Japan. **Hiragana** is the phonetic writing system, designating the sound of each word. **Katakana** was the writing system developed to integrate foreign words into the Japanese language. In Teach Me Japanese, the Hiragana system is introduced; however, the emphasis is on basic conversational language. **Romaji**, or Romanization of the Japanese sounds, facilitates quick understanding of pronunciation, providing a relaxed environment for language learning.

Each time you enjoy Teach Me Japanese, you will need a cassette player, Teach Me Japanese student workbook and cassette, and crayons. On occasion, when other materials are needed, they will be listed in the previous day’s prep remarks.

We are pleased to have you join us in promoting language learning and we invite your comments as we strive to enrich our children.

Tanoshinde Kudasai...Have Fun!

Ganbatte Kudasai...Go for It!



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