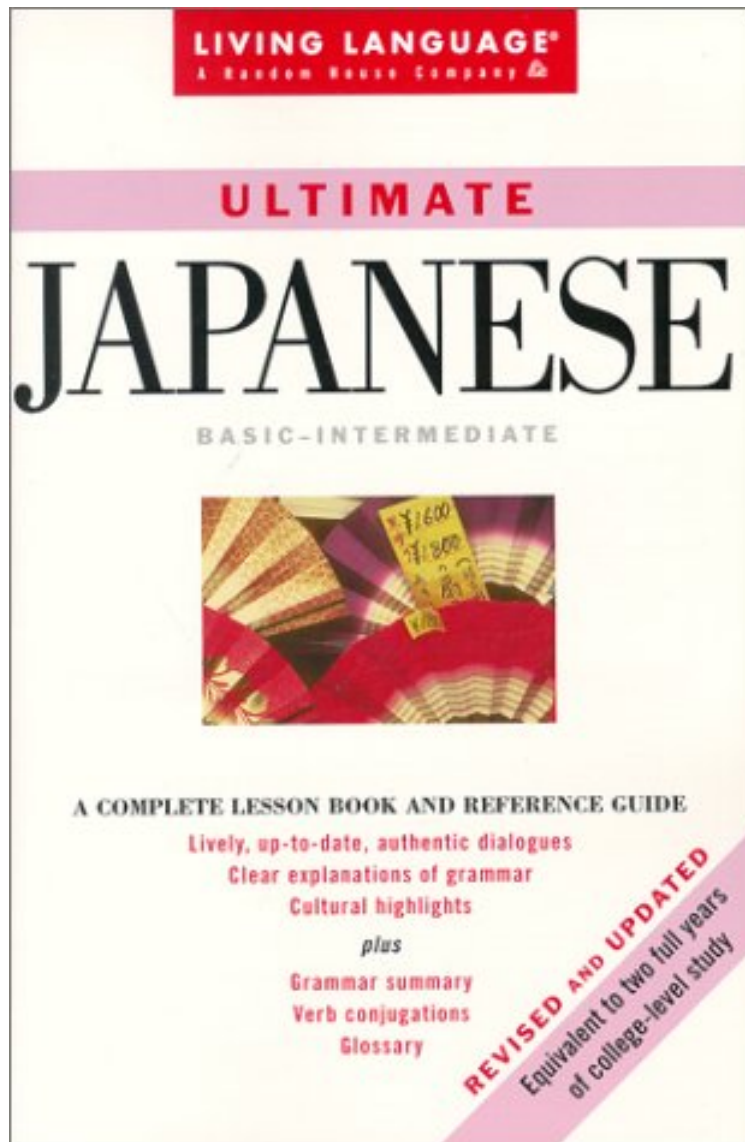


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5 of 5 people found the following review helpful. Comprehensive, thorough, and perhaps even overwhelmingBy Kenn Caesius"Ultimate Japanese" is a very inclusive coursebook that puts existing editions of the Living language Japanese (and perhaps even some textbooks) to shame. After reading a copy from my local library from cover-to-cover, I dare say the "Ultimate Japanese" course book almost lives up to its title and perhaps should be on the bookshelf of anyone

trying to learning Japanese. This Ultimate Japanese coursebook follows the formula of the Living Language (LL) series of introducing words, deciphering common sentence structure, and combining both with conversation that slowly develops foreign language comprehension but "Ultimate" takes instruction to a level that I have not seen in earlier or later editions. With a page count of almost 500 pages, the forty lessons are further divided into 120+ sub-lessons/explanations of the Japanese language that delve into almost all grammatical constructions short of idioms or slang - there is no "summary" section of condensed grammar in this book that other editions of the LL series have. Despite the book heavily using Romanji (English approximations of Japanese pronunciation) in vocabulary and transcriptions of conversations the author also gives lessons in reading and writing kana and 147 Kanji characters which is something that so few coursebooks try to do, let alone while they try to teach the conversational element. Indeed, the author seemed to go all out in producing a book that explains to the eager and determined novice what they want to, what they need to know about Japanese. Ironically, the amount of instruction and explanation also seems to be a significant fault to this self-study course - because it covers so much about the Japanese language, the beginner might be quickly overwhelmed by the information and high (though not necessarily steep) learning curve. While I think that teaching script alongside the conversation is an excellent touch (you can only get so far in developed country by being illiterate) the author's decision to teach it free hand was a negative to me. I know from my local Japanese-American community that children are taught their kana, kanji, and penmanship using a unique graph paper cross-hair pattern that breaks up characters into four smaller squares. Granted this Japanese exclusive paper might have been hard to come by thirteen years ago when this book was first published, an online search for "kana practice worksheets" results in several of elaborate PDF files available for download. The kanji taught in this book stands out more so because of the disorder to their introduction - again researching how native Japanese learn, children are taught 240 specific kanji by the end second grade. However, some the 147 featured in this coursebook are not part of the standard 240 taught. In general, it is an incredible reference for the price, more so if you are willing to take a chance on buying a used copy. No doubt the "equivalent to two years of college-level" is a bit of an exaggeration but by the time you correctly answer the final quiz, you will know more about conversational Japanese than other self-study courses care to teach. Since I purchased only the book, I cannot comment about the audio portion but if you heard one LL course then you heard them all. According my book and , there are two editions, mine being "revised and updated" one. I am very sure that the revisions and updates are negligible, referring to the inclusion of "additional exercises, the latest in computers, the internet, and more!" according to the back cover.2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. Hiroko Storm was a great textbook writer!By Wayne SmithThe Living Language Ultimate series varies from putting out so-so textbooks for some languages, to producing some very good ones. This Japanese text, written by Hiroko Storm, is one of the better Japanese language textbooks that I've seen. The conversations are very natural, and the grammatical explanations and example sentences are excellent. The only drawback is that there are not enough exercises and there is not enough emphasis on the Japanese written languages. I have made up for that in my own classes by preparing handouts that cover the written language and by creating lots of exercise material. Ms. Storm's presentation is clear and methodical. I highly recommend this text.

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