



## Resources for Primary Japanese

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### Online Resources

**Ready Steady NihonGO!** [www.japansociety.org.uk/rsn](http://www.japansociety.org.uk/rsn)

An online scheme of work for teaching Japanese at Key Stage 2, produced by the Japan Society and the Japan Foundation London. The scheme comprises ten 45-minute lessons designed to be delivered by a Japanese native speaking teacher working with the class teacher. Each lesson is clearly structured, with comprehensive teachers' notes, National Curriculum Links and a set of accompanying Culture Notes. Also available as a CD from the Japan Society.

**JFL Japanese Scheme of Work for primary schools - JSOW**  
[www.jpf.org.uk/language/jsow.php](http://www.jpf.org.uk/language/jsow.php)

JSOW is based on The National Curriculum in England, 2013 and consists of tasks of A1 level, provided by JF Standard for Japanese-Language Education, which was developed by the Japan Foundation in 2010, based on the concept Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR). JSOW's language tasks are based on tangible 'Can-do' activities rather than an analytical approach.

**Classroom Resources - The Japan Foundation, Sydney**  
<http://jpfpsyd-classroomresources.com/>

A collection of classroom resources and activities for Japanese classes which have been created by The Japan Foundation, Sydney. Choose the level 'Primary' and narrow the results using tags.

### Textbooks and Activity Books

**Yonde kaite / Rajakumar, Anne, 1998, Insight Publications.**  
ISBN 1-875882-19-7

Primary Japanese workbook programme. Contains language lessons with extension material for fast learners, writing lessons with tracing, emphasis on correct stroke order, as well as revision and assessment of lessons. Levels 1 - 6 plus related materials including CD.

**Primary school Japanese / Reekie, Fudeko Obazawa, 1998, Glebe Pascal.** ISBN 1-86441-272-0

This can be used as an introduction to Japanese language and culture. Units are based on familiar topics with good illustrations and fun activities. Useful for teachers preparing worksheets. Stage 1 - 3 plus related materials including cassettes.

**KC よむよむ KC Yomyom** [www.jfkc.jp/clip/yomyom](http://www.jfkc.jp/clip/yomyom)

An online collection of books for extended reading at A1 and A2 (basic) level Japanese.

**Japan Society School Resources**

[www.japansociety.org.uk/schools/resources](http://www.japansociety.org.uk/schools/resources)

The Japan Society has a range of resources to support teaching about Japan, including resources to download and resources to borrow.

**Kids Web Japan** <http://web-jpn.org/kidsweb>

A website sponsored by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan that introduces Japan to schoolchildren who live in other countries.

**Yomiage Ehon (app)**

dcWORKS, Inc. (available on [iTunes](https://itunes.apple.com) and [Google Play](https://play.google.com))

You can learn Japanese through old Japanese stories in illustrated book form; great for listening and reading practice. There are 30 stories available to download for free.

**Jan ken pon / Hatai, Junichi, 1996, P.C.S. Publications.**

ISBN 0-947225-34-X

In each series there is an activities and colouring book. The text is in English and Romaji, with a gradual introduction of hiragana. Activity Books 1 & 2 plus related materials including cassettes.

**Hello Japanese for Boys and Girls / International Internship Programs, Bonjinsha 凡人.** ISBN4-89358-282-8

Text in Japanese, designed primarily for children overseas. With this book they can learn not only Japanese language but also Japanese culture.

**Teach Me Japanese, Teach Me Japanese and more Japanese, Teach Me Everyday Japanese**  
**Judy Mahoney/Hawker Brownlow Edu.**

An innovative text using familiar children's songs to teach each unit of work. For example, using 'Head, shoulders knees and toes' for body parts. Includes workbook, teachers' guide and CD.

# Resources for Primary Japanese (cont. from overleaf)

## Textbooks and Activity Books (cont.)

**Obento Snack series / Sue Xouris, 2008, Nelson Cengage Learning**

**Snack 1** ISBN978-0170135436

**Snack 1 Teacher Resources** ISBN978-01701374

**Snack 2** ISBN978-0170135467

**Snack 1 Teacher Resources** ISBN978-01701381

**Ohisama series / Mary Taguchi, 2000, 2003, Mingei Australia.**

Book 1 Core ISBN 0646407376

Book 2 Sunbeams, part 1 ISBN 0-9579401-0-6

Sunbeams for Children, part 1 ISBN 0-9579401-1-4

Book 3 Clouds, part 1 ISBN 0-9579401-3-0

Clouds, part 2 ISBN 0-9579401-4-9

Japanese language, directions and culture for teachers and children.

## Other

**Sing and Learn Japanese! / Stephane Husar, ABC Melody**

ISBN978-2916947167

Introduce children to Japanese language and cultures through songs. It comes with a CD. Also available to download as MP3 and streaming audio files from various music shops.

**My first book of Japanese Words An ABC Rhyming Book / Michelle Haney Brown, 2013, Tuttle Publishing**

ISBN978-4-8053-1201-8

Introduce the Japanese language to pre-schoolers in a gentle, playful way. Its ABC rhyming structure provides a familiar framework that encourages fun and easy learning.

**My Awesome Japan Adventure A diary about the best 4 months ever! / Rebecca Otowa, 2013, Tuttle Publishing**

ISBN978-4-8053-1216-2

A life in Japan from a kid's point of view! Adventures include: My First Week of School Visiting a Ninja Village Fun with Origami Practicing Aikido Making Mochi And much more.

**My Japan / Etsuko Watanabe, Kane/Miller Book Publishers**

ISBN978-1933605999

These snapshots of Japan are informative and interesting, presenting the questions and answers about the topics kids are curious about.

**I Live in Tokyo / Mari Takabayashi, Houghton Mifflin**

ISBN978-0618494842

Seven-year-old Mimiko lives in Tokyo, and here you can follow a year's worth of fun, food and festivities in Mimiko's life, month by month.

**Hello Kitty's Guide to Japan English and Japanese / Koji**

**Kuwabara, 2012, Natsume**

ISBN978-4-8163-5104-4

Kitty Introduces children to Japanese language and cultures

やさしい にほんご 初級 **Elementary Japanese /**

**The California Association of Japanese Language School, Seibido, Japan.** ISBN4-7919-6631-7

With the lively illustrations this book helps make learning enjoyable. Text in Japanese and English to teach Japanese as a foreign language to young children. It includes some songs and many activities.

外国人の子どものための日本語 こどものにほんご 1

/ ひょうご日本語教師連絡会議 子どもの日本語研究会

スリーエーネットワーク ISBN4-88319-218-0

Text in Japanese and comes with a teacher's manual.

**Gomi Taro's Picturebook selection Essence of Japanese / Gomi Taro, 1994, メタローグ**

**Text book** ISBN4-89358-267-4

8 Picture books

さるるる monkey-kee

もみのき その身をかざりなさい Christmas tree, Décor

バスがきた The bus came

ヒトニ ツイテ About Man

これはあたま This is a Head

仔牛の春 The Calf's Spring

みんながおしえてくれました Everyone Taught Me Something

ふゆ Winter

**Let's Learn Japanese Picture Dictionary (Let's Learn Picture Dictionary Series) / Marlene Goodman, McGraw-Hill Education**

ISBN 978-0071408271

Created by leading educators, these colorful, large-size dictionaries introduce beginning language learners to more than 1,550 commonly taught basic words.

**The Usborne First Thousand Words in Japanese: With Easy Pronunciation Guide / Heather Amery, Usborne**

ASIN B01K13NPRU

A bi-lingual Japanese/English word book that features a thousand everyday words illustrated with busy scenes and labelled pictures to help children learn key Japanese vocabulary.

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