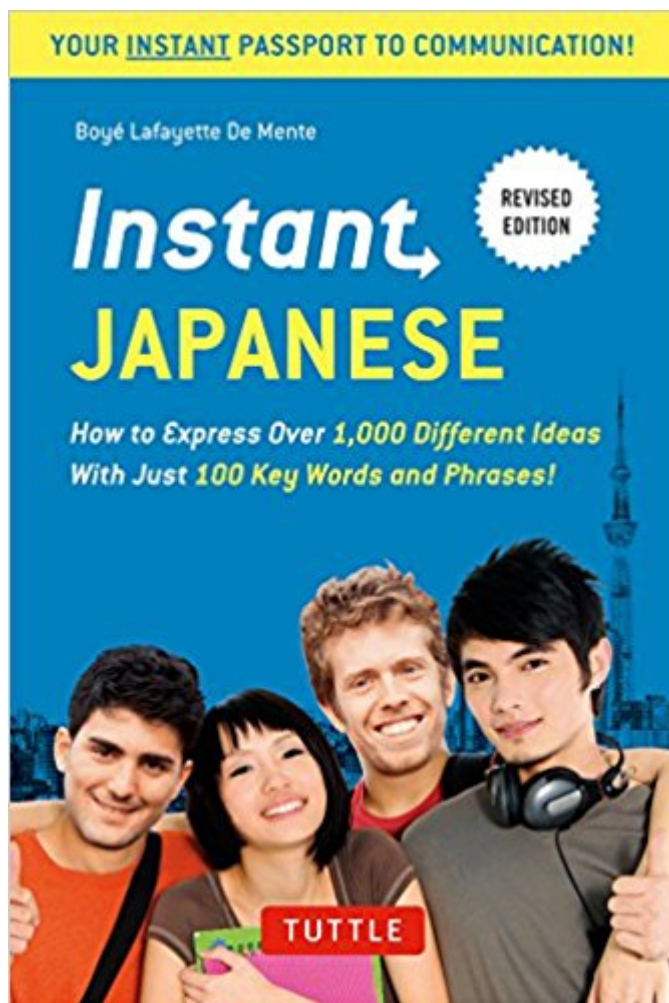


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The book has a simple structure that builds on itself. It does not teach you Japanese but it does give

you the basic structure of how to say things and usable words. If you are using this book as a travel aid then perhaps memorizing is not possible but making notes on what is important to you will help. You can even script what to say or ask in different common situations.

I just got back from a two-week vacation in Japan, where I used several books in an attempt to improve my miniscule knowledge of Japanese. This book was the best of a good lot; the word selection is excellent, and the book teaches sufficient grammar almost effortlessly; most important, it's small enough to finish fairly quickly. Of course, it's only a start--for a second book, I recommend "Japanese Made Easy" by Tazuko Ajiro Monane. Even if you thoroughly learn the content of this book, though, you still want to carry around a phrase book for those (frequent) times when 100 words just isn't enough. De Mente's book will teach you enough Japanese so that you can make simple sentences without looking up every word, but you will still need words not in this book. [Minor complaints: he spells the word "o" (pronounced "o") with the old spelling "wo" throughout the book, for no apparent reason. Also, an index would have been nice.] In short, the book is superb for its one intended purpose, which is teaching a very basic, careful selection of Japanese--an "instant" introduction.

Fun and useful guide for visiting Japan.

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I speak a little Japanese so I found the book redundant in learning much. But I really bought this for my husband who has practically no clue to the language. We'll be traveling to Japan in July and I thought this would come in handy for him if he wasn't with me to translate or to communicate. We are going over it/studying it together and I have added index tabs to sections so that it'll be easier for him to find a certain subject. For instance, restaurant, hotel, train station, etc. It's has the basics so we're happy with it.

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