

LESSON NOTES

Introduction to Japanese #1

Why Learn Japanese?

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VOCABULARY

Kanji	Kana	Romaji	English	Class
すし	すし	sushi	sushi	
侍	さむらい	samurai	samurai, warrior in the Edo period	noun
ありがとう	ありがとう	arigatō	thank you	
カラオケ	カラオケ	karaoke	karaoke	noun

SAMPLE SENTENCES

<p>カラオケとは、日本語で「空のオーケストラ」という意味です。 <i>karaoke to wa, nihongo de "kara no ōkesutora" to iu imi desu.</i></p> <p>Karaoke means "empty orchestra" in Japanese.</p>	<p>カラオケに行きませんか。 <i>Karaoke ni ikimasen ka.</i></p> <p>Won't you go to Karaoke (with me)?</p>
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GRAMMAR

The Focus of This Lesson is the Question: Why Learn Japanese?

Why learn a new language?

Here are some reasons:

1. Opens Pathways
2. Live Anywhere
3. Job Opportunity
4. Opens Your Mind

5. Improves memory
6. The List Goes on and on

Why Japanese?

Here are some reasons:

1. Japanese Pop-Culture
2. Japanese Economy and Business
3. Tourism
4. Japanese Culture and History

How to get started

1. You already know some Japanese! ...sushi, samurai, karaoke!
2. 10% of ALL Japanese words used today, come from English!
3. "Thank you" in Japanese is **ありがとう** (*kana*), *arigatō* (*rōma-ji*)