Welcome to my blog. I am not a good writer nor am I a super interesting guy. I am normal and this normal guy is going to learn Japanese. This is my first blog and I doubt I will be very consistent, but I will try. This blog will be about my journey through the Japanese language and I will update my learning progress every Saturday. I will also try to post some resources I find useful. Hope you enjoy my blog.

8/19/17

Just thought of putting my learning journal onto a blog so this is a little late as will be the next one. I have never done anything like a learning journal or blog so advice is welcome. The formatting and even English will not be perfect I am no English Major (probably obvious by the mistakes I have probably already made). However, I hope to be better at Japanese. So first I will start off with a schedule I have created using u/SuikaCider on reddit as a reference. He posted a very intensive schedule to learn

This is the basic outline that I made.

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| Month | Date I Start | Date I finish | Task | Explanation |
| 0-6 | 8/25/17 | 2/8/18 | Complete Genki I, II, and workbooks | 1 lesson every 7 days. |
| 0-6 | 8/25/17 | ~2/8/18 | Learn Core Kanji | 15 Kanji everyday |
| 0-6 | 8/25/17 | 2/8/18 | Genki Cards | Everyday |
| 3+ | 11/21/17 | Until I go to Japan/Up to You | Get a Speech Tutor/Partner | 3 Time a Week |
| 6-7 | 2/8/19 | 3/8/18 | Read Real Japanese Stories/Essays | 1 every 2 days |
| 6-7 | 2/8/19 | 3/5/18 | Shirokuma Cafe | 2 a day with Japanese Subs |
| 6-7 | 2/8/19 | 3/16/18 | Nihongo No Mori N3 Playlist | Watch 1 a day once with subs once without |
| 8-9 |  |  | Read Real Japanese Stories/Essays | 1 a day with a highlighter |
| 8-9 |  |  | Shirokuma Cafe | 2 a day no subs |
| 8-9 |  |  | Nihongo no Mori or Kanzen Master N3/N2 | Move up to the next levels in N^3 |
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This might change if I feel I cannot possibly do this amount of work or if I find a better way to do something.

More Detail

I don’t mention the Kana which is Hiragana and Katakana. I did this because there are many ways to learn them and many guides that could be suited to you. Here are 3. I recommend you learn Kana before any kanji and don’t rely on romaji as it could hurt you later. I shouldn’t take long to learn and after a few weeks you will know them by heart.

Learning 15 Kanji a day isn’t that bad follow this guide and use his deck it is great Link. The guide tells you not to focus on writing but I am as I don’t think it makes it much harder. He says this because you don’t write much and it adds to much. I also learn stroke order but another guide Link tells you how to guess the stroke order of most Kanji. Some say learning kanji in this way isn’t good because a lot of words are combinations so you aren’t learning much vocab, however, that is what Genki will help us with so don’t worry too much about it.

The Genki Cards this is broad because the lessons don’t have the same amount of material. Just make a filtered deck (Tutorial Link) for each lesson you are going through and pace yourselves well. Oh, and this is the deck I use Link.