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Tags:,,,

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Post Type ID: 1

Accepted Answer ID: 1784

Creation Date: 2011-06-02T05:12:11.927

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Tags:,,,,
Answer Count: 6 Comment Count: 0

Post Type ID: 1

Accepted Answer ID:

Creation Date: 2011-06-01T17:13:38.120

Score: 23

View Count: 51618

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Post Type ID: 1

Accepted Answer ID: 139 Creation Date: 2011-06-01T00:03:50.183

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Tags: , , Answer Count: 5 Comment Count: 0

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Accepted Answer ID: 449

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Tags:,,,

Answer Count: 1 Comment Count: 4

Post Type ID: 1

Accepted Answer ID: 245

Creation Date: 2011-06-01T04:11:21.647

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Body: -ず and -ぬ are two alternatives to the negative form -ない / -ません. But I noticed that depending on the v -ず

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Tags:,,

Answer Count: 7 Comment Count: 0

Post Type ID: 1

Accepted Answer ID: 294

Creation Date: 2011-06-01T10:01:30.627

Score: 4

View Count: 31806

Body: How to write hiragana and katakana in Windows (XP/Vista/7)? My current locale is Swedish and I have a ha

Usually I have a txt-file open in notepad and copy the individual characters, but that is (obviously) not efficient.

The same also applies for kanji.

Owner User ID: 140

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Title: How to write hiragana and katakana in Windows?

Tags:,

Answer Count: 3 Comment Count: 1

Post Type ID: 1

Accepted Answer ID: 105 Creation Date: 2011-05-31T20:36:57.090

Score: 61

View Count: 30165

Body: I have progressed pretty far in Japanese, but when I construct Japanese sentences, I still get these two par

Which of these is correct?

部屋の中に泣いている。

or

部屋の中で泣いている。

Owner User ID: 69

Last Activity Date: 2016-09-03T03:07:29.617

Title: Particles: に vs. で

Tags: , , , , Answer Count: 8 Comment Count: 1

Post Type ID: 1

Accepted Answer ID: 191

Creation Date: 2011-06-01T01:33:55.800

Score: 46

View Count: 30101

Body: I'm a beginner and am learning from CD (Pimsleur). There are two native speakers going through the dialo

How common is the latter? Which should I used? Is the usage split along gender, age or geographic lines?

Owner User ID: 99

Last Activity Date: 2017-01-19T00:31:52.257

Title: Pronouncing が as 'nga'

Tags: , , Answer Count: 6 Comment Count: 2

Post Type ID: 1

Accepted Answer ID: 84

Creation Date: 2011-05-31T21:46:23.797

Score: 66

View Count: 28285

Body: Can you use ∧ and ₺ interchangeably, as in:

北海道へ行く

and

北海道に行く?

Are there any subtle differences in the use of these two?

Owner User ID: 36

Last Activity Date: 2023-10-26T17:48:36.600

Title: When going somewhere, is there any difference between e (\land) and ni (ι \vdash)?

Tags:,,,

Answer Count: 8 Comment Count: 1

Post Type ID: 1

Accepted Answer ID: 95 Creation Date: 2011-05-31T22:04:17.530

Score: 20

View Count: 26722

Body: When on business in Japan last year, a Japanese colleague said よろしくおねがいします to me as the gro

I'm aware of its usage in initial greetings, as is usually taught in textbooks, but what is its English meaning in this

Owner User ID: 82

Last Activity Date: 2017-05-10T00:58:38.497 Title: What does よろしくおねがいします mean when departing?

Tags:,

Answer Count: 3 Comment Count: 0

Post Type ID: 1

Accepted Answer ID: 276

Creation Date: 2011-06-01T08:52:21.073

Score: 9

View Count: 21344

Body: Saying "now" is easy, with 今, but in my experience that doesn't express so much "right now, this instant" a

I have just now been thinking about that.

At that exact moment, X happened.

Edit: I also know that I have heard a grammatical structure for "I was in the middle of something (watching TV) are

Owner User ID: 84

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Title: How can I say "Right now", or "At that exact moment"?

Tags:,

Answer Count: 4 Comment Count: 6

Post Type ID: 1

Accepted Answer ID: 111

Creation Date: 2011-05-31T23:21:40.987

Score: 58

View Count: 20683

Body: Is it a nuance difference? Is it formality?

EDIT

For example:

請求書のお支払いは現金のみとなりますので、ご了承くださいませ。請求書のお支払いは現金のみになりますので、ご了承くださいませ。

I just made that example up, but for some reason, my gut tells me it's the first one, even though I don't see anyth

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Title: What is the difference between \sim \geq \sim and \sim \sim \sim \sim 2?

Tags:,,,

Answer Count: 7 Comment Count: 4

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Accepted Answer ID: 387

Creation Date: 2011-06-02T04:04:36.617

Score: 32

View Count: 20301

Body: When thanking someone, what is the rule for using ありがとうございます vs. ありがとうございました? M

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Tags:,

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Post Type ID: 1

Accepted Answer ID: 39

Creation Date: 2011-05-31T19:36:31.970

Score: 51

View Count: 19733

Body: I saw a sentence like:

「それ使{つか}ってるっす。」

and none of my dictionaries have an entry for just "っす". Is it a verb form, gobi, or something else?

Owner User ID: 38

Last Activity Date: 2019-08-20T06:25:39.623

Title: What does of a the end of a sentence mean?

Tags:,

Answer Count: 6 Comment Count: 0

Post Type ID: 1

Accepted Answer ID: 270

Creation Date: 2011-06-01T08:36:43.060

Score: 15

View Count: 17740

Body: As the equivalent of Enlgish "Oh really?" / "Yes really." as lone utterances I seem to hear both "本当" (hontō

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Owner User ID: 125

Last Activity Date: 2011-06-01T08:49:17.600

Title: Is there a difference between ほんとう (hontō) and ほんとうに (hontō-ni) when used alone as interjection

Tags: , , , Answer Count: 1 Comment Count: 1

Post Type ID: 1

Accepted Answer ID: 306

Creation Date: 2011-06-01T09:00:49.830

Score: 18

View Count: 16366

Body: It is common to ask the difference between just "ヘ" (-e) and "に" (-ni) but it seems to get even more comp

When Japanese people ask me where I'm going they always ask "どこまで" (doko made)?" rather than "どこへ"

I know "まで" (made) can mean "until" but when I ask the difference with "に" (ni) and "へ" (e) I'm told "へ" (e) me

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Post Type ID: 1

Accepted Answer ID: 294

Creation Date: 2011-06-01T10:01:30.627

Score: 4

View Count: 31806

Body: How to write hiragana and katakana in Windows (XP/Vista/7)? My current locale is Swedish and I have a ha

Usually I have a txt-file open in notepad and copy the individual characters, but that is (obviously) not efficient.

The same also applies for kanji.

Owner User ID: 140

Last Activity Date: 2011-12-25T23:27:32.253

Title: How to write hiragana and katakana in Windows?

Tags:,

Answer Count: 3 Comment Count: 1

Post Type ID: 1

Accepted Answer ID: 105 Creation Date: 2011-05-31T20:36:57.090

Score: 61

View Count: 30165

Body: I have progressed pretty far in Japanese, but when I construct Japanese sentences, I still get these two par

Which of these is correct?

部屋の中に泣いている。

or

部屋の中で泣いている。

Owner User ID: 69

Last Activity Date: 2016-09-03T03:07:29.617

Title: Particles: に vs. で

Tags: , , , , Answer Count: 8 Comment Count: 1

Post Type ID: 1

Accepted Answer ID: 191

Creation Date: 2011-06-01T01:33:55.800

Score: 46

View Count: 30101

Body: I'm a beginner and am learning from CD (Pimsleur). There are two native speakers going through the dialo

How common is the latter? Which should I used? Is the usage split along gender, age or geographic lines?

Owner User ID: 99

Last Activity Date: 2017-01-19T00:31:52.257

Title: Pronouncing が as 'nga'

Tags: , , Answer Count: 6 Comment Count: 2

Post Type ID: 1

Accepted Answer ID: 84

Creation Date: 2011-05-31T21:46:23.797

Score: 66

View Count: 28285

Body: Can you use ∧ and /こ interchangeably, as in:

北海道へ行く

and

北海道に行く?

Are there any subtle differences in the use of these two?

Owner User ID: 36

Last Activity Date: 2023-10-26T17:48:36.600

Title: When going somewhere, is there any difference between e (\land) and ni (ι \vdash)?

Tags:,,,

Answer Count: 8 Comment Count: 1

Post Type ID: 1

Accepted Answer ID: 95 Creation Date: 2011-05-31T22:04:17.530

Score: 20

View Count: 26722

Body: When on business in Japan last year, a Japanese colleague said よろしくおねがいします to me as the gro

I'm aware of its usage in initial greetings, as is usually taught in textbooks, but what is its English meaning in this

Owner User ID: 82

Last Activity Date: 2017-05-10T00:58:38.497 Title: What does よろしくおねがいします mean when departing?

Tags:,

Answer Count: 3 Comment Count: 0

Post Type ID: 1

Accepted Answer ID: 276

Creation Date: 2011-06-01T08:52:21.073

Score: 9

View Count: 21344

Body: Saying "now" is easy, with 今, but in my experience that doesn't express so much "right now, this instant" a

I have just now been thinking about that.

At that exact moment, X happened.

Edit: I also know that I have heard a grammatical structure for "I was in the middle of something (watching TV) are

Owner User ID: 84

Last Activity Date: 2012-05-29T22:28:27.103

Title: How can I say "Right now", or "At that exact moment"?

Tags:,

Answer Count: 4 Comment Count: 6

Post Type ID: 1

Accepted Answer ID: 111

Creation Date: 2011-05-31T23:21:40.987

Score: 58

View Count: 20683

Body: Is it a nuance difference? Is it formality?

EDIT

For example:

請求書のお支払いは現金のみとなりますので、ご了承くださいませ。請求書のお支払いは現金のみになりますので、ご了承くださいませ。

I just made that example up, but for some reason, my gut tells me it's the first one, even though I don't see anyth

Owner User ID: 87

Last Activity Date: 2022-04-20T04:25:01.657

Title: What is the difference between \sim \geq \sim and \sim \sim \sim \sim 2?

Tags:,,,

Answer Count: 7 Comment Count: 4

Post Type ID: 1

Accepted Answer ID: 387

Creation Date: 2011-06-02T04:04:36.617

Score: 32

View Count: 20301

Body: When thanking someone, what is the rule for using ありがとうございます vs. ありがとうございました? M

Owner User ID: 28

Last Activity Date: 2011-06-02T17:20:06.807

Title: ありがとうございます vs. ありがとうございました

Tags:,

Answer Count: 2 Comment Count: 1

Post Type ID: 1

Accepted Answer ID: 39

Creation Date: 2011-05-31T19:36:31.970

Score: 51

View Count: 19733

Body: I saw a sentence like:

「それ使{つか}ってるっす。」

and none of my dictionaries have an entry for just "っす". Is it a verb form, gobi, or something else?

Owner User ID: 38

Last Activity Date: 2019-08-20T06:25:39.623

Title: What does of a the end of a sentence mean?

Tags:,

Answer Count: 6 Comment Count: 0

Post Type ID: 1

Accepted Answer ID: 270

Creation Date: 2011-06-01T08:36:43.060

Score: 15

View Count: 17740

Body: As the equivalent of Enlgish "Oh really?" / "Yes really." as lone utterances I seem to hear both "本当" (hontō

It seems that honto is a noun and -ni changes it into an adverb but that this doesn't really matter for the purpose

Owner User ID: 125

Last Activity Date: 2011-06-01T08:49:17.600

Title: Is there a difference between ほんとう (hontō) and ほんとうに (hontō-ni) when used alone as interjection

Tags: , , , Answer Count: 1 Comment Count: 1

Post Type ID: 1

Accepted Answer ID: 306

Creation Date: 2011-06-01T09:00:49.830

Score: 18

View Count: 16366

Body: It is common to ask the difference between just "ヘ" (-e) and "に" (-ni) but it seems to get even more comp

When Japanese people ask me where I'm going they always ask "どこまで" (doko made)?" rather than "どこへ"

I know "まで" (made) can mean "until" but when I ask the difference with "に" (ni) and "へ" (e) I'm told "へ" (e) me

Owner User ID: 125

Last Activity Date: 2011-06-04T01:49:36.820

Title: How to use \land (-e), に (-ni), まで (made) and の方 (no-hō) with destination and direction?

Tags: , , , Answer Count: 2 Comment Count: 0