Scripts:

If you’re watching this then I’m assuming you’ve finished setting up Anki, if not, please go back and do that, because it’s really vital for the course. If you’ve done that then let’s start talking about the Japanese scripts, or alphabets. Yes, that was a plural.

* Kanji vs Hiragana vs Katakana
  + Three alphabets
  + Why 3? Well, just how developed but each a specific use which we’ll…
  + Now as this is a three month course we won’t really be focusing on the kanji directly, instead you’ll come across them as part of words in your…
  + I’ve done it this way as Joyo kanji or the standard list of kanji that all...has about 2,300 characters in it
  + Which is a lot and although you can learn it within 3 months, add that with…not feasible to do both at…
  + But I will give you the tools to start learning and familiarise yourself with the kanji, so by the time you finish this course if you want to focus more on kanji you can
  + Now let’s bring up the hiragana and katakana again, which are referred to as the kana, both originate from..
  + Katakana from
  + Hiragana from
  + But what differentiates the characters of hiragana and katakana from kanji is that they represent sounds, which is the same as in English, for example this letter represents…
  + Which is different to Kanji which represents ideas, for example…
  + But how and when do we use each one?
  + Hiragana, what could be considered the main, is usually used for
  + Katakana, which has the exact same sounds and looks kinda, is usually used for
  + Kanji is generally used for

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* Mnemonics to learn them

Now to learn the kana which we’ll need to read the Japanese in this course we’ll be using a memory technique called mnemonics to help us. Which are memory devices that help our brains to remember things. Now before we begin, I suggest you have a pen, the pdf found further down this page printed off to write and the time to use your imagination, like as in full on close your eyes a second and imagine, cause your gonna need it

* + As I said before mnemonics are memory devices, so like stories, rhymes or pictures that help in remembering a piece of information
  + They act as a hook for…
  + Hiragana

Hey guys, in this video we’ll be going over the mnemonics for the Katakana

* + But before we start I want you to look at the hiragana and katakana scripts for a…
  + You’ll probably notice that they’re often ‘simplified’ versions of their Hiragana counterparts
  + It also worth mention that each katakana character has the same pronunciation as their…
  + Katakana

Okay Kanji, the bane of many a student but makes you feel damn smart once you get it, now we obviously won’t cover the 2,200 kanji characters your expected to know for you N1 exam, the highest Japanese fluency certification here, instead in this video I’ll be showing you how to learn them

* + Kanji
    - Before get to depressed with that number, to read the newspaper, need about 900
    - Over next couple of weeks
    - However all kanji are made up of more basic parts
    - Radicals are not really Japanese, just learning tools
    - Parts of kanji often come up
    - About 44 radicals make up 80% of total kanji
    - Not the 2,200, the tk kanji, all kanji some tk
    - However still abstract than so find these in your anki, take a bit longer for it to sink in your brain
    - Before finish up, let’s talk about Kanji sounds
    - As mention before different to
    - Further divides, tk and tk, or Chinese and Native sounds
    - Chinese sounds are the ones use for when kanji are
    - Native sounds are used when
    - Makes it pretty difficult, personally hardest part of learning Japanese
    - But found that easier just to learn as part of words than in isolation
    - Which I did for many years, not worth it
    - So that’s why in this course kanji will be shown as part of words not in isolation, you learn more from in context than in isolation

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* Alphabet hack
  + Imagine in exam, don’t know word, dictionary, a lot of time wasted
  + Just put on ceiling and read once before bed
  + \*recite\*