



Learning a language can be hard, especially if you're not going to be studying abroad anytime soon. Below is a list of resources that I have found that might be helpful in your studies. Click on the cat to navigate to a specific learning format, or just scroll on through.

This list was also made to be as expansive as possible, so please fill out the recommendation form at the bottom so I can keep this list going.

Podcasts

Podcasts can be one of the best ways to immerse yourself in Japanese. They also tend to have more content attached, so definitely look into their social media, websites, and attached files for even more resources.



Let's learn Japanese from small talk!

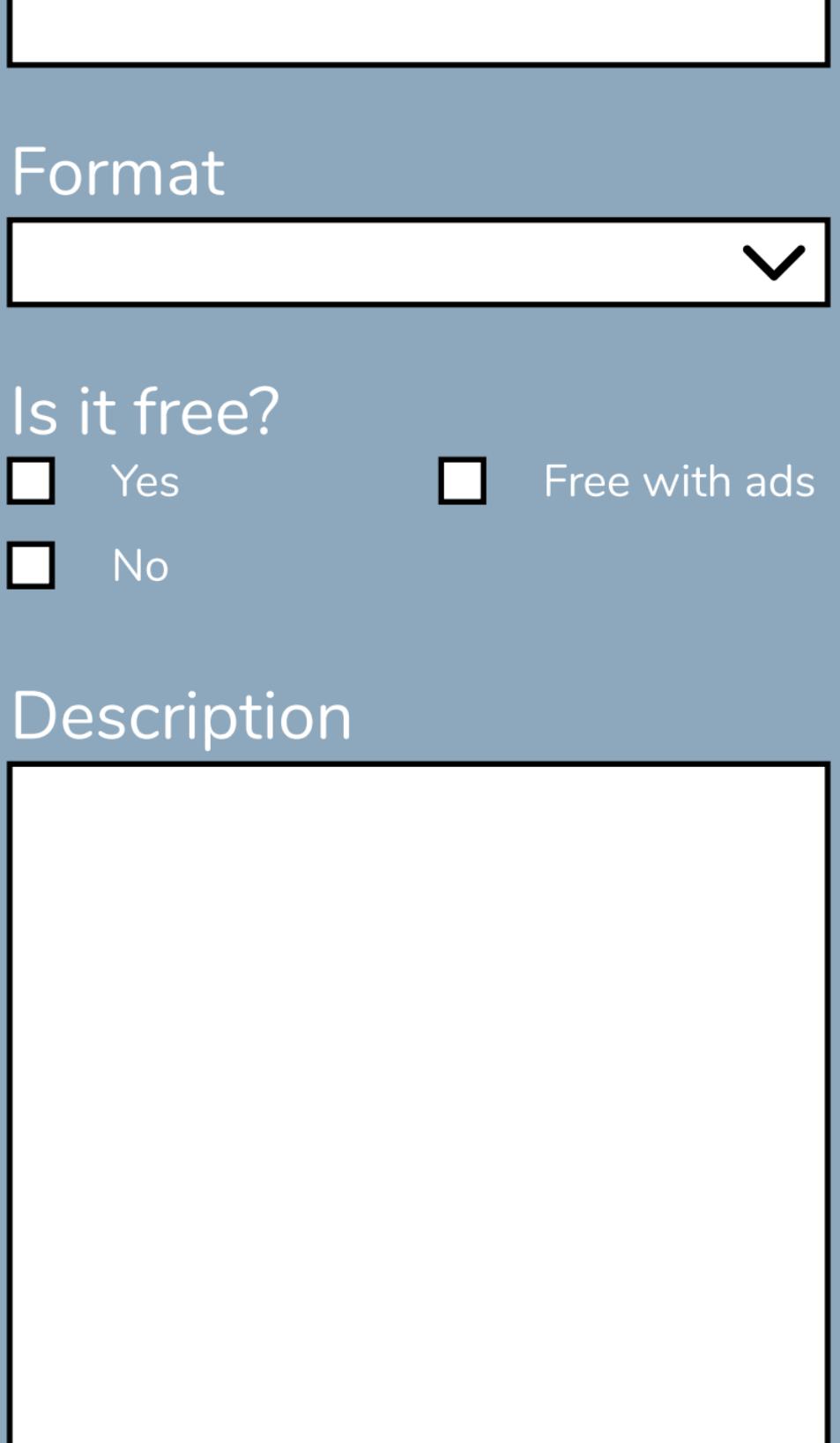
One of the beneficial aspects of this podcast are the vocabulary sheets provided with each episode. This way you can brush up on the vocab before listening to the conversations between our two hosts.

Be sure to check out the [@smalltalkinJP](#) Twitter account for some extra practice as well.



Uncanny Japan

This is a little bit of a cheat for this list, but one aspect of learning a language is learning about the culture and this podcast is one of my personal favorites for that. Our host is Theresa Matsura who tells us about Japanese superstitions, legends, and other tales. I've been able to surprise some of my Japanese friends with the trivia I've learned from listening to this podcast.



Japanese Ammo with Misa

Misa does a great job of mixing Japanese language learning with learning about Japanese culture. One of my favorite videos is one where Misa talks about Valentine's Day traditions in Japan while teaching you various ways to reject someone in Japanese.

Violet Evergarden

This anime follows Violet, a former military weapon, as she begins to find her purpose in life after the war.

This anime is definitely on the more difficult side in regards to Japanese language learning. However, it frequently repeats vocabulary which makes it easier for language learners to catch on. It's also not a slice of life or romantic drama which might be a nice change of pace for those tired of those genres in their Japanese studies.

Shirokuma Cafe

This manga (and the anime of the same name) follows the adventures of a polar bear and his animal friends running a cafe. Yes. It is as quirky as it sounds.

This manga is definitely tailored for those just beginning to learn Japanese as it uses relatively simple, everyday Japanese with enough humor and heart to keep you invested.

Yotsubato!

This slice of life manga about a young girl moving to a new town is one of the top recommended manga for any Japanese beginner. As we follow our young protagonist as she learns about life, so we can learn through her which makes it perfect for language learning. It also helps that most of the Japanese versions I have found put the furigana (or the hiragana over kanji) to help you understand the story even if you do not know the kanji itself.

Anyting I missed?

Submit your favorite Japanese learning resources for me to review and add.

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