

Strategic Japanese: Verb Cheat Sheet

1 III group: irregular verbs

1. come: kuru/dic. konai/neg. kimasu/polite kureba/cond. koyō/vol. kite/te-form koreru/pot.
2. do: suru/dic. shinai/neg. shimasu/polite sureba/cond. shiyō/vol. shite/te-form dekiru/pot.

2 II group: i-verbs and e-verbs

1. see: miru/dic. minai/neg. mimasu/polite mireba/cond. miyō/vol. mite/te-form mirareru/pot.
2. eat: taberu/dic. tabenai/neg. tabemasu/polite tabereba/cond. tabeyō/vol. tabete/te-form taberareru/pot.

3 I group: aiueo conjugation

Table 1 Conjugation table (I group verbs)

㊦	㊧	㊨	㊩	㊪	㊫	㊬	㊭	㊮		
㊦	㊧	㊨	㊩	㊪	㊫	㊬	㊭	㊮		
w	r	y	m	b	n	t	s	g	k	
わ	ら	や	ま	ば	な	た	さ	が	か	a -ない (negative)
い	り		み	び	に	ち	し	ぎ	き	i -ます (formal)
う	る	ゆ	む	ぶ	ぬ	つ	す	ぐ	く	u 。 (dictionary)
え	れ		め	べ	ね	て	せ	げ	け	e -ば (conditional), -る (potential)
お	ろ	よ	も	ぼ	の	と	そ	ご	こ	o -う (volitional)
っ	っ					っ	し		い	-て
			ん	ん	ん				い	-で

4 Task A

Convert the following verbs into negative form.

1. kuru (come.III) _____
2. suru (do.III) _____
3. taberu (eat.II) _____
4. miru (see.II) _____
5. yomu (read.I) _____
6. kau (buy.I) _____
7. tsukuru (make.I) _____
8. okuru (send.I) _____
9. nomu (drink.I) _____
10. tobu (fly.I) _____
11. shinu (die.I) _____
12. tatsu (stand up.I) _____
13. hanasu (speak/talk.I) _____
14. kaku (write.I) _____
15. oyogu (swim.I) _____

5 Task B

Convert the following verbs into te-form.

1. kuru (come) _____
2. suru (do) _____
3. taberu (eat) _____
4. miru (see) _____
5. yomu (read) _____
6. kau (buy) _____
7. tsukuru (make) _____
8. okuru (send) _____
9. nomu (drink) _____
10. tobu (fly) _____
11. shinu (die) _____
12. tatsu (stand up) _____
13. hanasu (speak/talk) _____
14. kaku (write) _____
15. oyogu (swim) _____

6 Activity

A: a. Suzuki san, b. RAMEN tsukutte.. (Please cook a ramen?)

B: c. Un, tsukuru!/-kanaa (Well, I will cook it for you!)

A: a. Tanaka san, b. RAMEN tsukutte?

C: c. Uu-m, tsukuranai! (Well nope, I won't cook it.)

0. a. Suzuki san b. Ramen c. Un, tsukuru/Uu-m, tsukuranai.
1. a. _____ b. _____ c. _____
2. a. _____ b. _____ c. _____
3. a. _____ b. _____ c. _____
4. a. _____ b. _____ c. _____
5. a. _____ b. _____ c. _____