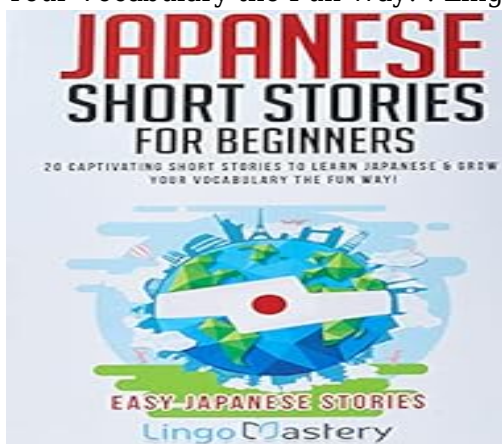


Japanese Short Stories for Beginners: 20 Captivating Short Stories to Learn Japanese Grow Your Vocabulary the Fun Way! : Lingo Mastery By Lingo Mastery English The stories themselves are not amazing but the level is perfect for a beginner and they are helpfully shown as a fully Japanese version.

The furigana is distracting and counter productive in the pure Japanese text and should have only been used in the mixed translation version of each story (and the vocabulary list). For each somewhat interesting sentence I would copy it in Japanese as the front of a card and then the back of the Anki card would have any recordings of the new vocab and the hiragana of the kanji plus I would add an image to match the sentence/vocab. I believe this approach is superior as it minimises translation.

Do you know what the hardest thing for a Japanese learner is? Finding PROPER reading material that they can handle...which is precisely the reason we've written this book! You may have found the best teacher in town or the most incredible learning app around but if you don't put all of that knowledge to practice you'll soon forget everything you've obtained. Therefore in this book we have compiled 20 easy to read compelling and fun stories that will allow you to expand your vocabulary and give you the tools to improve your grasp of the wonderful Japanese language. How Japanese Short Stories for Beginners works: Each chapter possesses a funny interesting and/or thought provoking story based on real life situations allowing you to learn a bit about the Japanese culture. Having trouble understanding Japanese characters? No problem - we provide you with the English translation below each paragraph allowing you to fully grasp what you're reading! The summaries follow a synopsis in Japanese and in English of what you just read both to review the lesson and for you to see if you understood what the tale was about. At the end of those summaries you will be provided with a list of the most relevant vocabulary from that chapter as well as slang and sayings that you may not have understood at first glance! Do not get lost trying to understand or pronounce it all either as all of the vocabulary words are Romanized for your ease of learning! Finally you'll be provided with a set of tricky questions in Japanese allowing you the chance to prove that you learned something in the story. Whether it's true or false or if you're doing the single answer questions don't worry if you don't know the answer to any - we will provide them immediately after but no cheating! We want you to feel comfortable while learning Japanese; after all no language should be a barrier for you to travel around the world and expand your social circles! So look no further! Pick up your copy of Japanese Short Stories for Beginners and level up your Japanese language skills right now! Japanese Short Stories for Beginners: 20 Captivating Short Stories to Learn Japanese Grow Your Vocabulary the Fun Way! : Lingo Mastery



I have struggled to find good reading materials to develop my Japanese passive vocabulary. From an academic point of view it's important to practice observing and interacting the world around you and it's written at a level where a beginner will find it comprehensible but just don't expect anything exciting. There is furigana for the titles of each chapter but it is written at the size and position it would be if it was in the main body of the text so the large title case print ends up being written on

top of it making it difficult to see. Each story comes with a series of questions to test your reading comprehension which is good but each question is written in Japanese and English the English being written immediately after it is hard to ignore and is a distraction from getting additional reading and comprehension practice from the questions. There is also a vocabulary list for each story with each word bafflingly repeated in phonetic English as if you might need the help when hiragana is an absolute requirement for this book: English I didn't know if this would be too hard but it's absolutely perfect for JLPT N5 level: Readable without having to look up every single word but with enough challenge in it to learn new vocabulary and grammar: At first the stories are presented separately from the translation so you can't cheat and look at the English: Then they're presented again with translation under each paragraph, I've never had decent Japanese reading material before and I'm so happy to have discovered this. Tip for readers (feel free to ignore): At the beginning there are suggested steps for working the book but I ignored these and 'mined' the book using Anki, This is why being engaged with interesting reading material can be so essential for somebody wishing to learn a new language, This book and audiobook (I have both) seems pretty good for practising pronunciation pitch improve speed and growing vocabulary: It's great for getting an overall meaning of what the story is about. I regularly do language exchange with Japanese people and find my listening and comprehension is steadily getting better. I'm at beginner level not absolute but just about to learn casual forms. If you want to get understanding of words and their usage I recommend trying Satori Reader. It's perfect for practising reading and has inbuilt review card system like ankiweb. Includes conversations as well as stories magazines news articles etc, I also set up jp and have ordered Japanese books from them to the UK. You will pay a bit in postage but worth it if you want to improve your passive vocabulary with some daily reading and variety of books: Also I ordered Yotsuba book 1 and someone on YouTube has done some videos on reading that comic book in Japanese very good resource. Only have one small problem with the print: The furigana in the title of each story is illegible as it gets covered by the bolding of the Kanji: Maybe something that could be fixed in future printing of this book, Other than that then the text interleaved with the English translated a summary and vocabulary list, There are a couple of issues with the book as mentioned by other reviews: Another is a minor gripe instead linking the reading directly to the meaning and you quickly memorise the kanji. English To call these 'captivating short stories' would be very generous. They are mundane stories about train trips or mountain climbing: However where the book really lets itself down is in its production values. Clearly no effort was put into properly proof reading this book because multiple basic mistakes are present: There is furigana present for most kanji but sometimes it is missing: Not for any reason of expecting you to already know how a very common word is read it just seems to be carelessness. The stories are decent practice material but I would recommend trying to find something else due to the poor production quality[1]

It's perfect. Use them if you're having trouble. Also I would say get a regular practice partner asap. English Fantastic book for improving reading skills in Japanese. One of them is there are quite a few mistakes e.g. wrong furigana written for a kanji character. Overall it shows an absolute lack of care. The idea of this book is good. English.