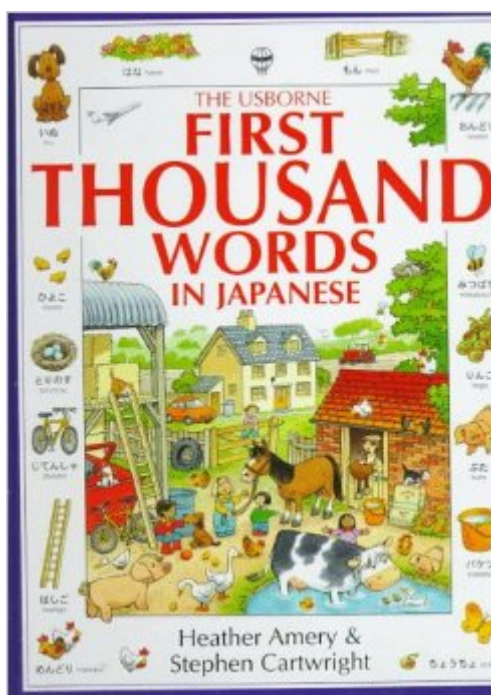


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# The Usborne First Thousand Words In Japanese: With Easy Pronunciation Guide (English And Japanese Edition)



## Synopsis

This book has large, busy pictures for looking and talking, surrounded by small, labelled pictures of 1000 of the most familiar things, to build up the reader's Japanese vocabulary. This is backed up by a full alphabetical word list. '

## Book Information

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## Customer Reviews

My wife (Japanese native) and I (Japanese speaking American) purchased this book for our two year old son. We spend 15 minutes with him daily going through the pages. At first he only paid attention to pictures of words he already knew like "boru" (ball) and "hikoki" (airplane), etc. After a few weeks, he has more than tripled his vocabulary. Over Thanksgiving, after dinner, my family was sitting around and my brother picked up the book. The next thing we knew, it was a fun learning experience for my whole family (all non Japanese speakers). My brother who is 35 has asked us to buy the book for him for Christmas.

I'm an engineer for a Japanese company here in the US and I recently began learning Hiragana and Katakana. This book is fantastic to begin building your vocabulary. The pages are set up by topic and have the romanji and either hiragana or katakana. This book has no Kanji! I prefer that at the beginning of my learning, I see no Kanji. It is just too confusing!! I also have a three-year-old son that has looked at this book also. I'm simply amazed at how quickly he has picked up everything that I've read to him. Each word has a picture and he quickly recognizes it. He certainly can't read either the

Japanese or English, but he can pick up the language very easily! This is a great addition to either a children's library or the new Japanese student's.

We are Japanese Americans, and we love using this book to teach our children Japanese. We all know that most children love reading picture books. The drawings in this book are very cute. Kids love reading this book and they think it is a story book. Little do they know that they are actually learning Japanese!! We also like to use this book to teach adult students Japanese. Like the saying "pictures worth thousand words", the grown-ups also find the classes interesting when using material like this one. We have got 2 copies and will order more for our students.

A very nice Japanese first word book. I have to order a second copy so I can write out the romaji words. I don't want to ruin my first copy. The writing is all in Hiragana/katana & Romaji (just like the cover and the book explains why in the first few pages) also why I need to order a second copy, so I can write the appropriate Kanji if there is one. This book is not for Kanji learners though, since it is an elementary 1st 1000 words. It teaches everything in Hiragana and Katana (with romaji) with a brief explanation on what Kanji is in the beginning and that's it. The pictures are lively and it's easy to tell what each item correlates with each word. Even my little cousins (since I'm currently childless) ages 6, 7 and 8 have picked up the book and attempt to make the romaji sounds. Which is fun to watch. Will definitely purchase again. It is a Scholastic book aimed at children but also good for teenage and adult learners who want to learn useful (mostly relevant, the book is from the 90s) Japanese words.

After buying "Let's Learn Japanese Picture Dictionary" I was really disappointed. A lot of the words were wrong. I am a Japanese high school teacher who wants to start teaching her 6 year old son Japanese but that book had words like "watch" which also means to look and to see written as "To stand watch" (in Japanese respectively). Thankfully I preview everything I use as a text. When this book "The Usborne First Thousand Words" came in I was really pleased to see the editors didn't just take the word of google translate the way the other book seemed to have done. Instead this book had a group of "Japanese language consultants" who were native level speakers. I'm much more pleased than I can express in words to find a book I know I can rely on to give appropriate language lessons with. I also am overjoyed to see some of the staple pictures I know and have grown up with myself. Learning Japanese over 21 years ago my own teacher used this book with me. I didn't realize it until I got to the body parts and clothing section. It has withstood the test of

time and I will definitely be using it with my son. As a language teacher who finds most resources inaccurate (due to editors not knowing Japanese themselves to correct these sorts of books) I am extremely pleased to finally find one that my son can use! I've even found ways to implement using some of the pages in my high school class! Can't express my pleasure enough!

This book was really good for learning simple Japanese words. I really enjoyed it and I learned a lot from it. It sets out the kana so you can learn from them and distinguish them. My complaints were that it does not give you the exact English word for the Japanese word. It simply gives you a picture and leaves it up to you to speculate what the word actually means. Also, it doesn't give you phrases or anything, so the book is kind of useless if you are really looking for something to teach you how to communicate in Japanese. But I don't believe that was the intent of the book, so I'm letting those of you know to not buy this to learn how to communicate. Only to learn words. But it is a very entertaining book and I recommend it.

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