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INTRODUCTION

Although many Japanese grammar books are available to Australian students, we have found that there are only a few thorough workbooks which provide communicative and written activities to reinforce grammar elements covered in class.

Konnichiwa from Australia has been prepared to supplement this need and this is volume one of three. Although primarily designed for 1st and 2nd year university students of Japanese to intermediate level, it is also suitable for wider use by other learners in the community, or for Japanese courses in language schools, colleges, technical institutes and other tertiary institutions.

The workbook is divided into 35 lessons (in 3 volumes) covering grammar points step by step. With abundant activities, the textbook is so designed that answers can also be written in the spaces provided. By the end of each volume, students will have a complete file of grammar work and reference material, rather than single and easily disordered worksheets which, if separated from the textbook, are difficult to revise. In addition, a detailed index enables teachers and students to quickly/easily locate specific grammar points to which they need to refer. Translations of dialogues, kanji workshops and model answers for each activity are contained at the end of the textbook.

Unlike other commercial books, this workbook focuses on situations and vocabulary relevant to Australia, particularly to the Gold Coast. Coffee break offers additional grammar, vocabulary and/or cultural information. Activities are introduced immediately after grammar points. Although the aims of this workbook are primarily to supplement existing Japanese language books and to meet a particular demand on the Gold Coast, some teachers elsewhere may well find that the text satisfies most learning and teaching requirements for their language courses if they replace the Gold Coast/Australia related vocabulary and situations with those of their own.

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