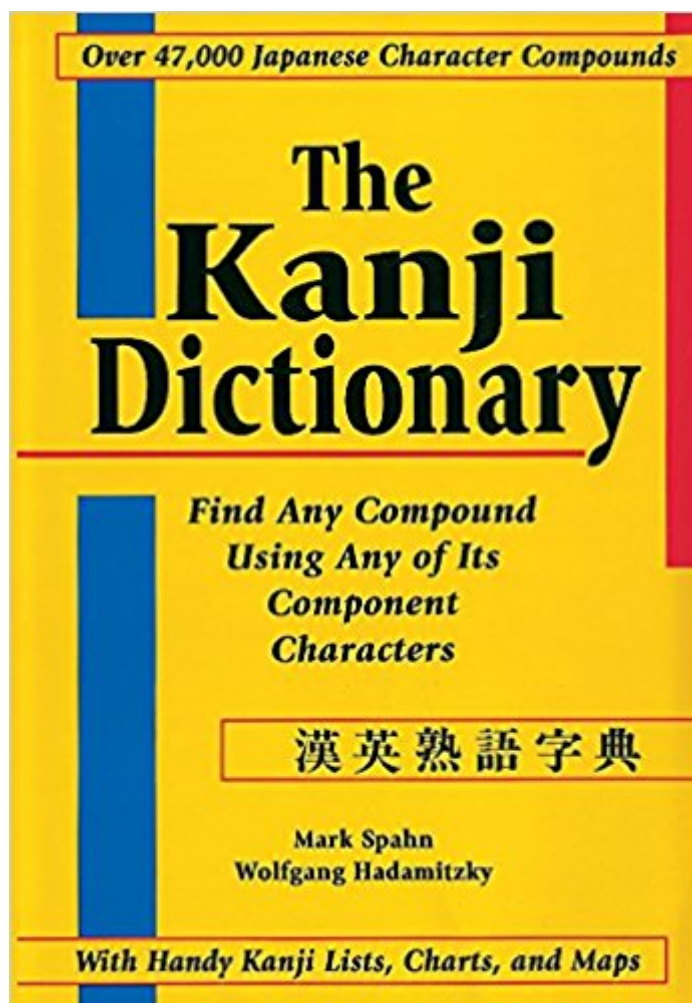


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# The Kanji Dictionary (English And Japanese Edition)



## Synopsis

The acknowledged authority on Japanese Kanji, The Kanji Dictionary makes written Japanese more accessible than ever before and is an absolutely vital tool for anyone seeking to learn Japanese at an intermediate or advanced level. This is the only kanji dictionary of its kind to employ a revolutionary multiple "reference compound system. Every kanji compound, a word or phrase made up of two or more characters, is listed under each of its components characters. This unique, time-saving feature makes finding compounds fast and easy. Entries are arranged according to a radical based reference system, similar to that used in most other dictionaries, but is has been simplified to make it easier to learn and use. Also, the comprehensive on/kun readings index and handy radical "overview lists" provide further means to find an entry. The focus of this reference work is kanji compounds, and the more than 47,000 entries in the main text include the most common and most important terms and expressions currently in use. The addition of newly coined terms, particularly those in new technical fields, is another key feature. Features over 47,000 entries with an emphasis on current expressions. Arranged for search from any kanji in a compound. Contains a complete on/kun (Chinese/Japanese) reading index. Includes and easy-to-use radical guide. Provides appendices of counters, historical periods, common Japanese surnames, etc.

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If you are a student of Japanese, you know how difficult it can be to identify Kanji and how many combinations they appear in. This dictionary is exactly what you need. Trying to identify Kanji on your phone or iPad is difficult because the software expects you to know the precise number of strokes and to get them in the right order. But all you need to do with this dictionary is to pick out a "radical" (a familiar component of the character) and look it up from there. Not sure how many strokes are involved? No problem -- just look through the list of characters with that radical. Not sure which radical to use? No problem -- you can look up a character using any of the radicals it involves. The next problem faced by students of Japanese is that Kanji characters appear in countless combinations, and these change both their meaning and pronunciation. This book is an excellent solution. Once you've looked up the first Kanji in the sequence, it lists all of the combinations that can follow. For each it provides a pronunciation and definition. This is a hefty book and it has a slip cover to keep it from getting too banged up. My copy is always on my desk because I'm always using it. I don't know how I managed to do my Japanese homework without it.

Oh my Amaterasu! This book is huge, it's like the grand lexicon of kanji. Like really, this thing is like a big yellow cinder block, it's thickness is longer than my fingers. As for the contents, it seems to be quite complete and it is just as easy to look up a character in here as it is to look up a word in an

english dictionary, even for a beginner. It comes in a dust jacket and a slide-in case to keep it pristine. Even if you have a digital kanji dictionary this can still be useful to compliment it, I use a kanji app but you can't go wrong with having the real thing in front of you, and this thing believe it or not has actually helped me find kanji quicker than going through an online database(so far).

I've studied Japanese for 5 or so years now, and bought "The Kanji Dictionary" after I began to outgrow my first, smaller kanji dictionary. Even though I consider myself an advanced learner of Japanese, I have not felt the need to buy a "Japanese" Kanji dictionary yet: this one by Spahn and Hadamitzky has more than met my needs. Here are some of this dictionary's plusses:-Just about every kanji or kanji compound you can think of is included (they claim 47,000+ compounds which sounds about right).-The look-up system is easy to use, and the index is similarly helpful-The appendices are surprisingly interesting and informative, including information ranging from the reigns of the emperors to geography to even a list of the most frequent Japanese surnames.My only possible complaints are:-not enough radicals: they chose to categorize the kanji using 79 radicals instead of the 214 historical radicals. This resulted in almost 300 kanji that are "without" a radical, all lumped together at the beginning of the dictionary by the number of strokes. Many of these are very common kanji, which can cause frustrations if you're trying to figure out which radical to look up only to find that it's in the "no radical" section.-it would have been great if they'd had accent markings to show how the characters are pronounced. In Japanese, context and an accent shift are the only difference between saying "Let's have success!" and "Let's have sex!" (sex and success are both romanized "seikoo"). Native Japanese presumably know the difference in pronunciation, but learners of a second language are not as likely. This can result in awkward situations. Knowing the correct accent in general makes you much more understandable, and it is a shame that most dictionaries don't include this information.Overall though, this is a great dictionary. I highly recommend it for beginners, experts, and everyone in between!

Thanks to the seller's great description, even as a very beginner, I decided this book would be helpful and interesting. It is amazing! It is very easy to use and 'dovetails' well with my other textbooks. It is similar to using the Oxford English Dictionary as it provides many layers of information. I am using it to identify Kanji and for unpacking/deconstructing Kanji for an archeology which provides information about how the Japanese language is articulated and how it works to signify meaning.

Even novices will find this expertly organized dictionary is easy to use. Kanji can be found by reading (on/kun) or radical but not directly by stroke count. If you are presented with an unfamiliar kanji, you may have to guess about which element is the radical, or if the character uses any of the 79 modern radicals. Compound Kanji may be found under any of its components (ex: 奥 [aokabi], its readings, and its translation can be found under either 奥 or 奥), making for easy access even when you don't know what half the characters are! The oodles of extra indexes and appendixes in the back make for good reading and research on things from common family names to the geneology of post-War political parties. Buy this book!

I must agree with nearly everyone here. This text is an indispensable part of my Japanese studies. It has been there for me at every step of the way. I have also run into difficulties with the binding - my spine has fallen off and only the glue/cloth is holding the whole thing together. I don't suppose I could really fault the publisher however, as this would eventually happen to any text so heavily referenced and used over the years. I'm currently looking into paying a library to re-bind the book for me. Regardless, if I were to lose or somehow destroy this text in the future, I would promptly order a new copy without hesitation.

This Kanji dictionary is a great way to start learning this inscrutable form of Japanese orthography. It assumes a rudimentary knowledge of the Japanese language; but required no prior experience with kanji characters.

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