

Reading and Writing Practice: Adjectives

Cover the two columns on the right, and practice reading the Japanese words. Then, cover the hiragana words on the left. Using the downloadable gridded paper from this site, see if you can write the words correctly.

1. にがい	nigai	bitter
2. すっぱい	suppai	sour
3. うまい	umai	tasty; skillful
4. つまらない	tsumaranai	boring
5. めずらしい	mezurashī	uncommon; unusual
6. つめたい	tsumetai	cold (to touch)
7. カッコいい	kakkoī	cool; stylish
8. すごい	sugoi	extraordinary; amazing
9. うるさい	urusai	noisy; picky
10. きびしい	kibishī	strict; tough
11. やかましい	yakamashī	noisy; annoying
12. やばい	yabai	dangerous; risky (colloquial)
13. うざい	uzai	annoying (colloquial)
14. ださい	dasai	uncool (colloquial)

Na-Adjective Nouns

Certain adjectives are followed by /na/ when placed in front of a noun.

1. きれい	kirei	beautiful, pretty
2. きれなきもの	kirei na kimono	beautiful kimono
3. だいじょうぶ	daijōbu	okay; fine
4. しずか	shizuka	quiet
5. じょうぶ	jōbu	sturdy
6. しつれい	shitsurei	rude
7. らく	raku	comfortable; easy
8. ひま	hima	free (time); leisure
9. あんぜん	anzen	safe
10. きけん	kiken	danger
11. じゆう	jiyū	free
12. ふじゆう	fujiyū	inconvenient
13. べんり	benri	convenient
14. ふべん	fuben	inconvenient
15. とくべつ	tokubetsu	special
16. ふしぎ	fushigi	mysterious
17. けんこう	kenkō	healthy
18. たいせつ	taisetsu	important
19. だいじ	daiji	important
20. ていねい	teinei	polite; thorough
21. かんたん	kantan	simple; easy
22. むり	muri	impossible; beyond reason
23. かって	katte	selfish

24. がんこ	ganko	stubborn; uncompromising
25. あざやか	azayaka	bright; vivid color
26. わずか	wazuka	few; little
27. ほがらか	hogaraka	cheerful; merry
28. すてき	suteki	cool; stylish

Colors and Shapes

Note that many of the nouns here can be made into an adjective by adding / i /at the end.

1. いろ	iro	color
2. かたち	katachi	shape
3. てん	ten	dot
4. せん	sen	line
5. えん	en	circle
6. さんかく	sankaku	triangle
7. しかく (い)	shikaku(i)	square
8. まる (い)	maru(i)	circle; round
9. ほそい	hosoi	thin; narrow
10. あか (い)	aka(i)	red
11. ちゃいろ (い)	chairo(i)	brown
12. みどり	midori	green
13. むらさき	murasaki	purple