

O-MO-TE-NA-SHI English Book 2:

Japanese Culture

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STUDENT'S BOOK



A Letter to the Student

Dear Student of English,

Welcome to ***Omotenashi English Book 2: Japanese Culture.*** Have you ever had any experience of being asked by people from different cultures about things Japanese such as 'Kabuki', and of being stuck for words? Do you think it was because your English skills need improving? No! It was mainly because of your lack of knowledge about things Japanese.

This course book covers some of the most frequently asked questions about Japanese culture. So, once you have digested and mastered this book, your conversations with foreign visitors to Japan will move smoothly. It can also be useful for Japanese people going abroad. In fact, at the Training Institute for Diplomats of the Japanese Foreign Ministry in Tokyo, acquiring knowledge about Japanese culture is a crucially important part of all training before they are sent abroad.

I would like you to review each lesson at home. The book, written for intermediate-advanced level students, is primarily geared towards improving speaking and listening skills. In doing so, focused treatment of pronunciation features is important. If you pronounce English words wrongly, foreign visitors to Japan will not understand you.

This book contains some Japanese so that you can easily understand what to do.

I wish you success! Always remember "Practice makes perfect."

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