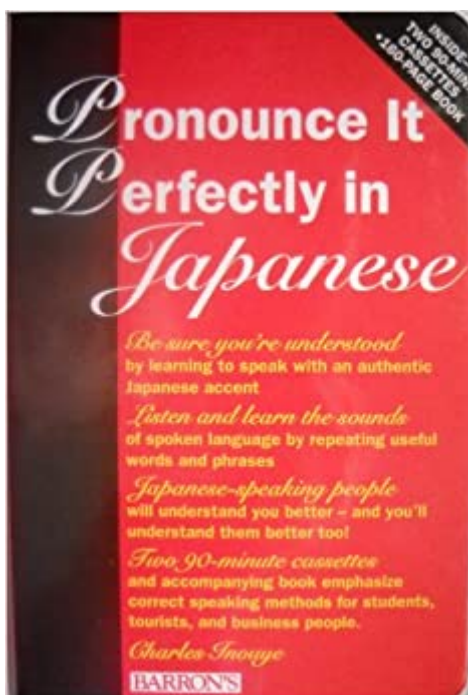


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# Pronounce It Perfectly In Japanese



## Synopsis

Emphasizing spoken Japanese, this book/cassette program offers training in comprehending and forming the sounds of spoken words and phrases. The basic Japanese sounds are made clear, as are special problems of Japanese intonation. 2 cassettes.

## Book Information

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## Customer Reviews

There are plenty of books on how to learn languages; but for maximum impact, enjoy a language tape which combines a book with a cassette program emphasizing pronunciation. Language students who need more spoken word exercises will find these the perfect sets for mastering the language, with plenty of examples of special intonation problems providing keys to the correct usage of Japanese. -- Midwest Book Review

I just got the two cassettes yesterday and listened to both of them. This is an excellent teaching tool for pronunciation of all sounds, including the more difficult ones of double consonants and the correct pronunciation of the "n" sound. It also has a great summary of all of the Japanese "sentence types," i.e. the different intonation patterns. I'm an upper intermediate learner that can already speak fluent Japanese but I found that these cassettes were very useful to me. One bad thing about Japanese is that you can totally butcher the pronunciation and intonation and native speakers will still understand you. Because of this you don't get feedback and will continue your errors and never leave your gaijin accent. I wish someone would put these on CDs and re-release them. They are an

invaluable set for someone wishing to speak more like a native speaker.

This is a fantastic course on Japanese pronunciation. All of the relevant features of the phonology of the language are covered. Contrasts in sounds that are difficult for Europeans to hear and/or produce are exemplified very clearly, and there is opportunity to practice hearing them in context as well as in isolation. This cassette/book set couldn't possibly be any better.

This tape-book package is very useful in refining your pronunciation. The book provides not only advice on adapting English sounds to allow you to produce authentic sounding Japanese (i.e. which English vowel sounds closely match the Japanese ones- plus warning of important differences), it also includes diagrams of mouth and tongue positions and detailed descriptions of these. The diagrams are great, but could be a little more clear. The tapes contain a lot of Japanese samples including practice on some of the more difficult sound combinations and some tests of your ability to hear difficult sounds. The only real problem is that there is too much talking by the English speaking announcer- it must be at least 1/3 of the total content. The reason is that he reads absolutely everything that is in the book. I guess the lead is that you don't have to refer to the book if you don't have to- but there is an awful lot of needless repetition. Overall though- a great buy.

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