

JAPANESE Audio	DESCRIPTIONS
<u>Genki I Second Edition</u>	Audio Program for Genki I Textbook and Workbook
<u>Genki II Second Edition</u>	Audio Program for Genki II Textbook and Workbook
<u>Listen and Learn Japanese</u>	Audio Japanese Program. Pronunciation, Vocabulary, Conversation
<u>Numbers</u>	Practice writing large numbers.
<u>24 Tasks For Basic Modern Japanese</u>	Accompanies the Workbook in exploring everyday tasks (Adv)
<u>McPhail's Daily Expressions</u> <u>Alphabet - Numbers - Counting - Daily Expressions</u>	Alphabet, Counting, Numbers and 43 Daily Expressions

JAPANESE Internet Sites	DESCRIPTIONS
<u>Genki - Elementary Japanese</u>	Internet site to accompany Genki Textbooks and Workbooks
<u>Digital Dialects</u>	http://www.digitaldialects.com/Japanese.htm
<u>Japanese - BBC Languages</u>	http://www.bbc.co.uk/languages/japanese/
<u>Japanese course for beginners</u>	http://3web.ne.jp/english/jpncntrl/bgnr_hp.html
<u>Japanese News – rikai.com</u>	http://www.rikai.com/perl/Home.pl
<u>Japanese Vocabulary Builder</u>	http://www.kantango.com/
<u>Kanji Site</u>	http://www.kanjisite.com/
<u>Kantango</u>	http://www.kantango.com/
<u>Nihongoweb</u>	http://www.nihongoweb.com/
<u>Online English-Japanese pictorial dictionary</u>	http://www.webdico.com/koku/kokutxtg.html
<u>Quia</u>	http://www.quia.com/shared/japanese/
<u>Quizlet – Japanese Flashcard and Study Tools</u>	http://quizlet.com/subject/japanese/
<u>Watch Japanese News Online</u>	http://www.fnn-news.com/
<u>Web-Japan</u>	http://web-japan.org/
<u>Web-Japan Kid's Page</u>	http://web-japan.org/kidsweb/language/index.html

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<p><u>After Life - (1998)</u> Audio: Japanese Subtitles: English 118 min, Fantasy/Drama</p>	<p>The story is about the newly deceased finding themselves in a way station somewhere between Heaven and Earth. With the help of dedicated case-workers, each soul is given three days to choose one cherished memory from their life that they will relive for eternity. As the film reveals, recognizing happiness and finding a life's worth of meaning in a single event is no simple task.</p>
<p><u>Across a Gold Prairie - (2000)</u> Audio: Japanese Subtitles: Chinese, English 97 min, Drama</p>	<p>An 80 year old man who believes himself to be twenty. An 18 year-old girl who steps into his world. A strange relationship that wanders between dream and reality. This is not a fantasy, but an extremely realistic tale which explores what is truly "real" to us.</p>
<p><u>Castle in the Sky - (1986)</u> Audio : Japanese, English Subtitles: English 125 min, Action/Romance **Animated Movie</p>	<p>Laputa, a floating castle in the sky, was created by a mysterious race of people who long ago disappeared from the planet. A group of ruthless pirates suspect it has treasures and riches beyond imagination. The government wants to find out if it holds the power to rule the world. Both are chasing a girl named Sheeta in their quest for this hidden city because only the secret spells passed down to Sheeta by her grandmother can unlock the puzzle.</p>
<p><u>Death Note - (2006)</u> Audio: Japanese, English Subtitles: English 125 min, Fantasy/Thriller</p>	<p>Death Note is a series of two live-action Japanese films released in 2006 and based on the <i>Death Note</i> manga and anime series by Tsugumi Ohba and Takeshi Obata. The films primarily center on a university student who decides to rid the world of evil with the help of a supernatural notebook that kills anyone whose name is written in it. The two films were directed by Shūsuke Kaneko, produced by Nippon Television, and distributed by Warner Bros. Pictures Japan.</p>
<p><u>Dodes'ka-den - (1970)</u> Audios: Japanese Subtitles: Chinese, English 139 min, Drama/Art **Black & White</p>	<p>Kurosawa's first film in color but also the most pessimistic one. Though he had made use of surrealist color and setting to achieve a happy-go-lucky atmosphere, the film inevitably gave audience an intense depressing feelings. The leading role is a retarded child who always imitates a tram driver and "drive" around his town. The film focuses upon the slum life who debase themselves to survive. After finished the film, Kurosawa's attempted suicide.</p>

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<p><u>Dolls - (2002)</u> Audio: Japanese, Chinese Subtitle: Chinese, English 133 min, Drama/Romance</p>	<p>This movie interweaves three somber love stories featuring three star-struck protagonists. Young Matsumoto is chosen by his company's president as a fitting man to marry the president's daughter, but complications arise. An aging Yakuza boss keeps a date and takes a fateful chance. And pop idol Haruna Maraguchi realizes how deep fan obsession can become.</p>
<p><u>Ghost - (2010)</u> Audio: Japanese Subtitle: English 116 min, Fantasy/Thriller</p>	<p>Nanami Hoshino, a wealthy entrepreneur, marries Korean potter Kim Jun-ho, and they both live a seemingly happy life. Then, one month after their marriage, Nanami is killed by a biker on her way home. This tragedy leaves Jun-ho completely devastated. At the hospital, Nanami's ghost arises from her body, and upon meeting a ghost child, she realizes that she is a ghost whose presence cannot be seen. She then realizes that her death was no coincidence and Jun-ho is in imminent danger. Unable to communicate with normal humans, Nanami seeks help from the elderly psychic, Unten, in hopes of saving Jun-ho's life.</p>
<p><u>Grave of the Fireflies - (1987)</u> Audio: Japanese, English Subtitles: English 88 min, Drama/War **Animated Movie</p>	<p>In the aftermath of a WWII bombing, two orphaned children struggle to survive in the Japanese countryside. To Seita and his four-year-old sister, the helplessness and indifference of their countrymen is even more painful than the enemy raids. Through desperation, hunger and grief, these children's lives are as heartbreakingly fragile as their spirit and love is inspiring. Grave of the Fireflies is a tale of the true tragedy of war and innocence lost, not only of the abandoned young, but of an entire nation.</p>
<p><u>High and Low - Disc 1 - (1963)</u> Audio: Japanese Commentary: English Subtitle: English 143 min, Drama/Thriller</p>	<p>Toshiro Mifune is unforgettable as Kingo Gondo, a wealthy industrialist whose family becomes the target of a cold-blooded kidnapper in Akira Kurosawa's highly influential domestic drama and police procedural High and Low. Adapting Ed McBain's detective novel King's Ransom, Kurosawa moves effortlessly from compelling race-against-time thriller to exacting social commentary, creating a diabolical treatise on class and contemporary Japanese society.</p>

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<p><u>High and Low – Disc 2 - (1963)</u> <u>The Supplements</u> Audio: Japanese Commentary: English Subtitles: English</p>	
<p><u>I Wish - (2011)</u> Audio: Japanese Subtitles: English 129 min, Comedy/Drama</p>	<p>Twelve-year-old Koichi lives with his mother and retired grandparents in the southern region of Japan. His younger brother, Ryunosuke, lives with their father in the northern region of Japan. The brothers have been separated by their parents' divorce, and Koichi's only wish is for his family to be reunited. When he learns that a new bullet train line will soon open, linking the two towns, he starts to believe that a miracle will take place the moment these new trains first pass each other at top speed. With help from the adults around him, Koichi sets out on a journey with a group of friends, each hoping to witness a miracle.</p>
<p><u>Izu Dancer - (1974)</u> Audio: Japanese Subtitles: English, Chinese 87 min, Drama</p>	<p>She was 14, portraying an innocent young dancer penned by Kawabata Yasunari. The film was based on the young Yasunari's real life story which he had a brief time of romance with a girl dancer.</p>
<p><u>Kabei: Our Mother - (2008)</u> Audio: Japanese Subtitles: Japanese, English 133 min, Drama</p>	<p>Set in Tokyo in 1940, the peaceful life of the Nogami Family suddenly changes when the father, Shigeru, is arrested and accused of being a Communist. His wife Kayo works frantically from morning to night to maintain the household and bring up her two daughters with the support of Shigeru's sister Hisako and Shigeru's ex-student Yamazaki, but her husband does not return. WWII breaks out and casts dark shadows on the entire country, but Kayo still tries to keep her cheerful determination, and sustain the family with her love. This is an emotional drama of a mother and an eternal message for peace.</p>
<p><u>Kiki's Delivery Service - (1989)</u> Audios: French, Spanish, English, Japanese Subtitles: English, French 105 min, Fantasy/Drama **Animated Movie</p>	<p>When an apprentice witch turns thirteen, she must leave her home in order to hone her craft. Although Kiki's sole talent is broom-flying, she sets out for adventure with her cat Jiji. They settle in a charming seaside town, where Kiki establishes her own delivery service. As Kiki learns to balance independence with responsibility, her kind heart wins her many new friends in this coming-of-age tale.</p>

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<p><u>Kikujiro - (1999)</u> Audio: Japanese Subtitles: English, French, Spanish 116 min, Comedy/Drama</p>	<p>Brash, loudmouthed and opportunistic, Kikujiro hardly seems the ideal companion for little Masao who is determined to travel long distances to see the mother he has never met. Their excursion to the cycle races is the first of a series of adventures for the unlikely pair which soon turns out to be a whimsical journey of laughter and tears with a wide array of surprises and odd ball characters to meet along the way.</p>
<p><u>Kindaichi Kosuke VS Akechi Kogoro - (2013)</u> Audio: Japanese Subtitles: English 110 min, Drama</p>	<p>The family which operates a medicine wholesale business undergoes an upheaval which leads to the splitting into two factions Ganso and Honke. One day, Kiichirou, the eldest son of the Honke faction, poisons the Ganso household head Nagahiko and goes missing. Two years later, Kiichirou's younger sister Hatsue asks Kindaichi (Yamashita) to look for her brother. At the same time, Akechi (Ito) who takes an interest to Kindaichi after reading about his exploits in the newspapers, hides his identity and poses as a reporter in order to get closer to Kindaichi.</p>
<p><u>L: Change the World - (2008)</u> Audios: Japanese, English Subtitles: English 129 min, Fantasy/Thriller</p>	<p><i>L: Change the World: The Unwritten Chapter of DEATH</i> NOTE. This film reveals how the legendary detective “L” from DEATH NOTE spends the final 23 days of his life. For his final case, L goes up against a bio-terrorist group trying to wipe out humanity with a deadly mutated virus.</p>
<p><u>Maison Ikkoku Vol 3</u> Audio: English, Japanese Subtitles: English Set of three DVDs **Animated Series Episodes 25 – 36</p>	<p>A love story which takes place in Japan concerning a college boy and his beautiful landlord. Other tenants add to a zany cast of fun and intriguing members whom can be nosy yet help each other through day to day concerns.</p>
<p><u>Miyamoto Musashi I - (1961)</u> Audio: Japanese Subtitles: English 110 mins, Action</p>	<p>After Takezo and his friend Matahachi end up on the losing side of the Battle of Sekigahara, Matahachi decided to start a new life with an older woman. When Takezo returns home to Matahachi’s fiancé Otsu and mother Obaba what happened, he end of being hunted as a fugitive—and hung from the top of a tree by an enigmatic monk.</p>
<p><u>Miyamoto Musashi II – Duel at Hannya Hill - (1962)</u> Audio: Japanese Subtitles: English 107 mins, Action</p>	<p>After three years of study, Takezo has transformed himself into a well-educated samurai, and taken a new name – Miyamoto Musashi. Despite his love for Otsu, he sets out to continue his training by challenging the swordsmen of the Yoshioka Dojo and the spearmen of Hozo’in Temple.</p>

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<p><u>Miyamoto Musashi III – Birth of the Nito-ryu Style - (1963)</u> Audio: Japanese Subtitles: English 104 mins, Action</p>	<p>Musashi’s attempts to arrange a duel with renowned master Yagyu Sekishuusai put him on the bad side of all of the master’s students, and lead to the development of this famous two-sword technique. Meanwhile, the man who will become his greatest rival, Sasaki Kojiro, makes an appearance.</p>
<p><u>Miyamoto Musashi IV – Duel at Ichijyo-ji Temple - (1964)</u> Audio: Japanese Subtitles: English 128 mins, Action</p>	<p>After Musashi’s heartfelt meeting with Otsu, where he finally confesses his true feeling, his clash with the Yoshioka Dojo reaches its climax when he takes on all 73 members in a single duel. And always nearby is Kojiro, now convinces that only Musashi is a worthy adversary.</p>
<p><u>Miyamoto Musashi V – Duel at Ganryu Island - (1965)</u> Audio: Japanese Subtitles: English 128 mins, Action</p>	<p>Musashi agrees to duel Kojiro. As he travels to Ganryu Island for the most famous duel in Japanese history, some familiar characters – some good, some bad – will meet him along the way. Meanwhile, Kojiro’s supporters are busy plotting – if Musashi wins, they intend to ensure he doesn’t enjoy his victory for long!</p>
<p><u>My Neighbor Totoro - (1988)</u> Audio: Japanese, English, French Subtitles: English 86 Minutes, Fantasy/Drama **Animated Movie</p>	<p>To live nearer to their mother, who is recuperating from an illness in a hospital, little Mei and her elder sister Satsuki are moving with their father to a house in the country. Playing in the yard one day, Mei spots a tiny creature and follows it into the hollow of a huge tree. There she discovers Totoro, a giant, furry creature the size of a small house, fast asleep. Totoro and his friends cannot be seen by adults, but only by the children who love them. Mei and Satsuki fly with Totoro on a warm summer night, plant a giant tree that grows in minutes and sit high on its branches. The girls also call on Totoro to help when they are in trouble.</p>
<p><u>Peace Child - (2000)</u> Audio: German, English, French, Spanish, Italian, Japanese, Arabic and Chinese Subtitles: English Religious **May contain objectionable material</p>	<p>Don and Carol Richardson respond to the call of Christ. They carefully prepare their mission and journey in a canoe to a remote rain forest inhabited by some of the world’s most primitive people. When an inter-tribal warfare breaks out, the battles continue until a warring chief offers his son as a means of bringing lasting peace.</p>

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<p><u>Princess Mononoke - (1997)</u> Audio: Japanese, English, French Subtitles: English 134 Minutes, Fantasy/Action **Animated Movie</p>	<p>A period when samurai warriors raided each other's territories whenever they sensed weakness or advantage. Men and women driven from areas of conflict eked out their living in remote forests ruled by ancient gods. Ashitaka, a young warrior from the Emishi clan, is forced to kill a boar-god who has gone mad and threatened his village. Subsequently, he is wounded by the god, and the wound carries a curse of slow death. In his journey to lift the curse, Ashitaka encounters the girl SAN, raised by wolves and called Princess Mononoke, Princess of Demons and Spirits, by her human enemies. He also encounters samurai who massacres helpless villagers, a willy itinerant Buddhist priest, and a proud village of ironsmiths whose leady, the Lady Eboshi, would fight against samurai or forest gods to turn her walled fortress of a town into a safe and prosperous place to live.</p>
<p><u>Rail of the Star - (1993)</u> Audio: Japanese, English Subtitles: English 79 min, Drama **Animated Movie</p>	<p>Chitose,Chiko to her friends, is unaware of the meaning of war but as a young Japanese girl growing up in Japanese occupied Korea during World War II she is soon to learn that soldiers on the battlefield are not the only casualties of armed conflict.</p>
<p><u>Rock: Wanko no Shima - (2011)</u> Audio: Japanese Subtitles: Japanese, English 123 min, Drama/Family</p>	<p>In August of 2000, the residents of Miyakejima are forced to evacuate the island immediately due to a volcanic eruption and Shin must abandon his dog Rock, whom he had grown up with since birth. Years later, the two are miraculously reunited.</p>
<p><u>Sanjuro - (1962)</u> Audio: Japanese Subtitles: English Commentary: English 96 min, Drama **Black & White</p>	<p>Sequel to Yojumbo: A group of idealistic young men, determined to clean up the corruption in their town, are aided by a scruffy, cynical samurai who does not at all fit their concept of a noble warrior.</p>

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<p><u>Seven Samurai/Kitaro - (1954)</u> Audio: Japanese, English Subtitles: English Commentary: English 208 min, Drama/Action **Black & White</p>	<p>A samurai answers a village's request for protection after he falls on hard times. The town needs protection from bandits, so the samurai gathers six others to help him teach the people how to defend themselves, and the villagers provide the soldiers with food. A giant battle occurs when 40 bandits attack the village.</p>
<p><u>Shall We Dance? - (1996)</u> Audio: Japanese, Subtitles: English, French, Spanish 138 min, Drama/Romance</p>	<p>A middle-aged workaholic's incredibly dull life takes a funny turn when he signs up for a ballroom dance class just to meet the sexy dance teacher. But when he finally muscled up the nerve for lessons, he winds up with a different instructor and her colorfully eccentric class of beginners!</p>
<p><u>Small Cat Story</u> <u>VCD</u> Audio: Japanese Subtitles: Japanese **Animation Movie</p>	
<p><u>Snow Prince - (2009)</u> Audio: Japanese Subtitles: English 151 min, Drama</p>	<p>10-year-old Sota lives with his grandfather and a dog named Chibi in a small snowy village. They live in such poverty that Sota cannot even afford to go to school, but however hard the situation is, Sota never holds a bad feeling against anyone around and keeps his dream alive to become a painter. He has been friends with Sayo, a girl brought up in a wealthy family, ever since they were little despite the difference of their family position, which Sayo's father has uneasy feelings against. In spite of the difficulties he faces, Sota manages to complete a piece of painting which he wishes to give Sayo. He and Chibi go down a snowy night path to Sayo's house to find that her father's storage is on fire... What waits for Sota and Chibi gently reminds that genuine happiness always exists in your heart.</p>
<p><u>Spirited Away - (2002)</u> Audio: Japanese, English Subtitles: English 125 min, Fantasy/Mystery ** Animated Movie</p>	<p>Tale about a wondrous fantasy about a young girl, Chihiro, trapped in a strange new world of spirits. When her parents undergo a mysterious transformation, she must call upon the courage she never knew she had to free herself and return her family to the outside world.</p>

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<p><u>The Last Samurai - (2003)</u> Audio: English Subtitles: English 160 min, Drama/Action</p>	<p>Capt. Nathan Algren (Tom Cruise) is an American military officer hired by the Emperor of Japan to train the country's first army in the art of modern warfare. As the government attempts to eradicate the ancient Samurai warrior class in preparation for more Westernized and trade-friendly policies, Algren finds himself unexpectedly affected by his encounters with the Samurai, which places him at the center of a struggle between two eras and two worlds.</p>
<p><u>The Wings of the Kirin - (2011)</u> Audio: Japanese Subtitle: Japanese, English 140 min, Thriller/Drama</p>	<p>A man is stabbed to death in Tokyo's Nihonbashi area. The victim staggers with the knife still in the wound for eight minutes before collapsing under the winged statues of two Kirin on the famous Nihonbashi bridge. The suspect, on the other hand, is now in coma, having fled the scene and been hit by a truck. On hearing this news, his girlfriend, Kaori Nakahara, insist that he is innocent. The case falls to Kyoichiro Kaga, a brilliant detective. Kaga realizes that behind this apparently open-and-shut case is a tangled web of mystery involving both victim and suspect, and their families. What was the victim thinking as he died? Will Kaga unravel the mystery at the heart of the case?</p>
<p><u>Tokyo Sonata - (2008)</u> Audio: Japanese Subtitles: English 120 min, Drama</p>	<p>Ryûhei Sasaki is keeping a secret from his wife, Megumi, and his two teenage sons. Even though he leaves the house every day, he's not really going to work. He's going to an employment office. He recently lost his job due to outsourcing, but is determined to find another position, all while supporting an old friend who is also out of work. But when Megumi accidentally finds out Ryûhei's secret and doesn't tell him, her trust in him, and their marriage, suffers.</p>
<p><u>Train man - (2005)</u> Audio: Japanese Subtitles: English Commentary: English 102 min, Romance/Comedy</p>	<p>Two young quirky characters fall in love over the Internet, and the film, which uses a split screen and shows the computer text overlaid on real environments, makes the online chats engaging and believable. Still, the film's formal experimentation and tech-centered sensibility don't obscure the fact that the heart of the story is warm and human.</p>

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<p><u>Wasao - (2011)</u> Audio: Japanese Subtitles: English 117 min, Drama</p>	<p>A big furry white Akita arrives wonders into the town of Ajigasawa, Aomori - within view of the Shirakami Mountain Range. The dog is tired and in fact has travelled all the way from Tokyo to find its owner. The Akita dog then runs into Setsuko Kikuya (Hiroko Yakushimaru), the owner of a squid restaurant. The dog doesn't seem to follow anybody and has a habit of appearing and disappearing. Through several cases likes the Nebutsu Festival & the Ajigasawa Triathlon Event, the relationship between Tetsuko and the Akita dog becomes closer.</p>
<p><u>Yojimbo - (1961)</u> Audio: Japanese Subtitles: English Commentary: English 110 min, Drama/Thriller **Black & White</p>	<p>Sanjuro, a wandering samurai enters a rural town in nineteenth century Japan. After learning from the innkeeper that the town is divided between two gangsters, he plays one side off against the other. Unosuke has Sanjuro beaten after he reunites an abducted woman with her husband and son, then massacres his father's opponents. During the slaughter, the samurai escapes with the help of the innkeeper; but while recuperating at a nearby temple, he learns of innkeeper's abduction by Unosuke, and returns to the town to confront him.</p>
<p><u>Zatoichi - (2003)</u> Audio: Japanese, Chinese Subtitles: Chinese 214 min, Drama/Action</p>	<p>Zatoichi is a blind wanderer who makes a living by gambling and giving massages. Behind his humble façade, Zatoichi is a master swordsman. Bonus DVD.</p>
Japanese Educational DVD'S	
<p><u>Japan: The Land and Its People</u></p>	<p>#1 the tradition of Performing Arts in Japan. A variety of traditional Japanese theater, this program presents the heart of Noh, Bunraku, and the total experience which is kabuku. Duration 30 Minutes</p>
<p><u>Japanese Nonverbal Communication (EC1699)</u></p>	<p>Examines common Japanese facial and body gestures in a variety of formal and informal social and business situations. Demonstrates customary differences between men and women in nonverbally expressing a number of actions, including concentration, skepticism, and beckoning. Explores the rationale for cultural differences in such social interactions as seating arrangements, greeting, and serving food. Duration 20 Minutes</p>

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<u>Japan: Written and Spoken Language</u>	Examining the evolution of the Japanese writing system, this program looks at calligraphy, male and female use of the language, and the migration of words to and from Japanese. It also explores the unique sounds, dialects, and accents of Japanese; slang; and body language.

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<u>JWP</u>	This is a basic word processor specializing in Japanese. Available via Library Pilot.
<u>The Rosetta Stone Japanese</u>	Basic vocabulary practice through listening or reading. (Begin./Inter)
<u>Tell Me More – BEGINNER</u> <u>Tell Me More – ADVANCED</u> <u>Tell Me More – ADVANCED Plus</u> <u>Tell Me More – BUSINESS</u>	A complete language-learning multimedia program that specializes in pronunciation, with 3D animation, speech recognition, and spoken error tracking. It also has exercises to work on grammar, vocabulary, reading, writing, listening and recording.
<u>100 Japanese Grammar Points</u>	introduce important grammatical points in a structured way
<u>100 Useful Kanji</u>	Covers most of the Kanji found on the Japanese Proficiency Test Level N5
<u>101 Common Idioms</u>	For Upper Beginners who know hiragana and grammar and several hundred words
<u>Ikkyuu-san and the Tiger</u>	Traditional Japanese Story – Audio and English help with vocabulary
<u>Shitakiri-Suzume--</u> <u>The Cut Tongue Sparrow</u>	Traditional Japanese story – Audio in English and Japanese
<u>10 Japanese Proverbs</u>	Includes Audio