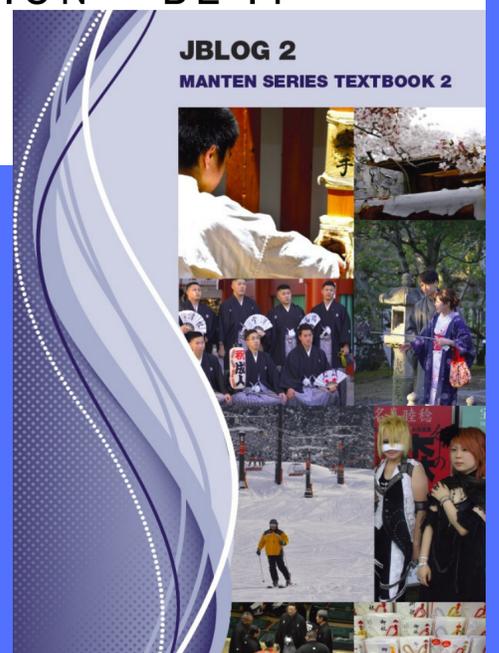


HOW CAN I HELP MY CHILD LEARN A LANGUAGE?

ALTHOUGH YOU MAY NOT KNOW JAPANESE YET, YOUR ROLE AS A SUPPORTIVE PARENT CAN MAKE A HUGE DIFFERENCE TO YOUR CHILD'S ACHIEVEMENT AND ENJOYMENT OF THE COURSE. ACADEMIC RESEARCH SHOWS THAT PARENTS HAVE A MAJOR INFLUENCE ON THEIR CHILD'S EDUCATION – BE IT POSITIVE OR NEGATIVE.

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So you want to help your child, but perhaps are unsure of what you can do? Below are our top tips for time-poor parents. They are listed in order of the required time commitment, from less to more.

1. Have your child study in the kitchen or a family common area where you are, rather than alone in their bedroom. You will find there are fewer distractions in a common area than in a room with access to the Internet or a mobile phone. Busy yourself with making dinner or catching up on your own emails. Just knowing you are in the room may be enough to keep them on task.
2. Have your child quiz you on one fact that they learned that week. For example, what Japanese sport was banned by the Allies in 1945? (The answer can be found on page 18 of the Jblog Textbook 1, in case you are curious.) Or open the textbook to the chapter they are studying and quiz the family on interesting details. The more your child talks about their learning, the higher the chance of that learning being embedded in their long-term memory.
3. Test your child on their flashcards or vocabulary lists. Vocabulary tables appear in the textbook in romaji (the English pronunciation), so you can check your child's work even if you're not 100% sure of the accent.
4. Allow your child to teach you some Japanese. When you teach someone else, your own understanding of the content deepens. You will become a valuable role model for your child as you demonstrate how you learn. Do you need to say new words out aloud or write them down to remember them? Does rhyme or song help you? Can you think of any stories that will help you remember the words? Your child will be learning along with you and will enjoy the role reversal of being the person in charge!

If your child's school uses class sets of the textbook (i.e., students share textbooks that are kept in the classroom), you may like to consider purchasing your own copy. This will enable you to help them study at home at their own pace, rather than as a group in class. Some students benefit from having more time to read over material and may feel rushed or distracted in class. Other students will want to direct their own learning at a faster pace than their peers and will benefit from the challenge of extension work. You can order your own copy via this website or by emailing Mantten Resources at jblog1help@gmail.com.