JAPANESE101A

Kanji   Activity
The languages Program SLOs

• Students will demonstrate a functional and grammatical fluency, both written and oral as well as reading and listening comprehension, in the target language.

• Student will demonstrate a basic knowledge of target cultures.
Japanese writing system

• Hiragana (48 characters) – phonetic symbols
• Katakana (48 characters) – phonetic symbols
  Students need to master those phonetic symbols in 4 weeks.

• Kanji (Chinese characters) – Students will start learning 58 Kanji characters after they learn hiragana and katakana.
In addition to 46 basic sounds, there are about 60 more additional sounds in Japanese.
# Kanji (Japanese 101A)

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Kanji

Kanji is overwhelming for most of students except students who know the Chinese language.

• Most kanji has multiple readings
• Stroke order
Traditional Practices

• Drills
• Individual Practice
• Moderate results

• On exams, many students except the students who knows Chinese language wouldn’t attempt to write their answers for kanji writing part of each test.
New kanji activity

I introduced the stroke order and asked students to write on workbook.

The students are divided by groups. One of the students in each group comes to the blackboard and write the kanji I choose. The rest of the students can help orally.
Result:

• Students can focus more on kanji writing in class.
• All students can participate in the kanji activity.
• The scores for kanji writing has been greatly improved.

(100% of the students now write their answers using kanji on the character parts of each test.)