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**.
## Hiragana

1. **Basic Syllables:** Vowels, Consonant plus vowel; and n.

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In addition to 46 basic sounds, there are about 60 more additional sounds in Japanese.
## Kanji (Japanese 101A)

### Lesson 3:
- 1: 一
- 2: 二
- 3: 三
- 4: 四
- 5: 五
- 6: 六
- 7: 七
- 8: 八
- 9: 九
- 10: 十
- 11: 百
- 12: 千
- 13: 万
- 14: 円
- 15: 時

### Lesson 4:
- 16: 日
- 17: 本
- 18: 人
- 19: 月
- 20: 火
- 21: 水
- 22: 木
- 23: 金
- 24: 土
- 25: 曜
- 26: 上
- 27: 下
- 28: 中
- 29: 半

### Lesson 5:
- 30: 山
- 31: 川
- 32: 元
- 33: 気
- 34: 天
- 35: 私
- 36: 今
- 37: 田
- 38: 女
- 39: 男
- 40: 見
- 41: 行
- 42: 食
- 43: 飲

### Lesson 6:
- 44: 東
- 45: 西
- 46: 南
- 47: 北
- 48: 口
- 49: 出
- 50: 右
- 51: 左
- 52: 分
- 53: 先
- 54: 生
- 55: 大
- 56: 学
- 57: 外
- 58: 国
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.

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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.)