Synopsis
The Genki, Level 2 textbook continues learning for beginning students where Level 1 left off and furthers their education and practice in listening, speaking, reading, and writing skills.

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Customer Reviews
They corrected everything that was bad about this book with the 2nd edition, great buy. P.S. Don’t buy the Genki CDs floating around on if you get this; the cd is already included!

I went through classes using the Nakama series for a year and a half, and find that those textbooks were thick and expensive, however gave super in depth explanations as well as alternative uses of grammar. When I compare Nakama to Genki; I like Genki for its price, and explanations of the grammar. The explanations of Genki are short, but to the point (similar to “Japanese Sentences Patterns for Effective Communication”). It includes a fair amount of Kanji and vocabulary. Actually Genki includes grammar points omitted from Nakama and vice versa. One particular part I enjoyed were the short readings in the appendices. I used this book at my local Japan America Society for 10 weeks, and when used with a good sensei can be just as effective as Nakama. Textbooks like Genki (and Nakama) are best used in the classroom setting because ultimately there will be gaps in what the textbook provides and what your initial logic (based on your native language) will attempt to tell you. However I think Nakama is better overall for the amount of Kanji, its explanations, and because Nakama 2 will propel the beginner far into the intermediate level somewhere around chapter 8 or 9. If you are considering buying this for self study I would advise against doing so. This
book is for beginners. Although it seems that some classes pass off the material as intermediate, it truly is beginner. Only once I finished Genki and moved onto "An Integrated Approach to Intermediate Japanese" (which is the same series) would I consider an advance to an intermediate level. Hence the recommendation. For me, this textbook makes great use as a reference because I need to double check things every now and then.

I don't think there's a perfect Japanese textbook out there, but for American students, this is as good as it gets. Great grammar and vocab build up and dialogs are not outdated. Nice cultural notes and fun illustrations. Easy for self-learners to use as well, especially if you purchase the one with the CD.

Recently started taking Japanese classes again.. this textbook is pretty helpful but I think it helps alot to have a teacher guide you through it and give supporting documents. In general though, they do a good job of providing pretty interesting dialog for each chapter. A lot more relatable than my old Japanese textbooks. There was one that comes in mind about a mom nagging the step sister about studying more and getting into a good school and lamenting over the fact that she came from a 'bimbo' (poor) family so she wanted to give her daughter more opportunities in life. Seriously.

I began studying Japanese language with the orange Genki book, four semesters ago. I find this the best text on the market. I am now entering my 5th semester and ready to take on the green book. The book is laid out in an easy to follow style beginning with a dialogue, new vocabulary, and grammar points. In the last half of the chapter there are drills that help you with each grammar point. In the back there are kanji drills and other useful language phrases and situational tips. The text is clear and easy to follow. This is a comprehensive language course. I highly recommend this text.

I've tried many things, Rosetta Stone, Internet help web sites, audio tapes, almost everything you can imagine to learn japanese. But the Genki textbooks are what has really worked for me. If you put enough time and energy into dedicating yourself to studying the books material. You will definitely be on a good start with your journey into learning Japanese. I do wish there was a book 3.

These books (textbook and workbook) are amazing. Added by 1st volume it creates the best way to efficiently learn basic Japanese, including 2 types of japanese letters (hiragana and katakana). Kanji (those characters taken from China) is not so easy to learn from here, but that's reasonable since
nobody should rush with it while being beginner. Also, I would like to mention that I checked a lot of sites before realising "provides lower price for these new unused books and while it ain't cheap anyway, it still is worth every penny.

I am using this series as a text along with my college classes, but when I study on my own between semesters I truly feel like these books would be useful to someone who is dedicated to learning Japanese on their own.

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