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Japanese Language

The Japanese must learn to write in four ways.

1) Kanji

- o Borrowed from Chinese Characters
- o Each character represents an idea or word
- o Must memorize each character & its meaning

2) Katakana

- o Japanese created characters
- o Each character represents a sound in the Japanese language

3) Hiragana

- o Also Japanese created characters
- o Each character represents a sound in the Japanese language
- o Simplest form of Japanese writing

4) Romanji

- o Writing Japanese in English letters