

Advanced Search

When you want to use complex conditions that are not available with the Basic Search, you can use the Detailed Search. This is a good choice for experienced users and for librarians.

1 Individual Search selection menu
When you click on the pull-down menu, it expands. You can move to Individual Search on each content.

2 Search box
AND/OR/NOT searches can be made.

3 Search scope
A variety of scope for search can be set depending on the content.

4 Search conditions
Select Exact, Prefix, Suffix, and Partial Match.

5 Phrase search
A phrase that includes space is treated as a single unit for the purpose of search. For example, JapanKnowledge performs a search on phrases combining two or more words, such as "ad hoc" and "prime time."

List of Individual Search contents [current as of April 2017]

- Encyclopedia Nipponica
- Sekai Daihyakkajiten★
- Encyclopedia of Japan
- Unabridged Japanese Dictionary
- Ji-tsu
- Encyclopedia of Japanese History★
- Japanese Historical Place Names★
- Imidas
- Contemporary Words
- Kaisha Shikho
- Weekly Economist
- Toyo Bunko
- Japanese Classical Literature
- Collection <Que sais-je?>

★The Sekai Daihyakkajiten (Heibonsha's World Encyclopedia), The Encyclopedia of Japanese History and the Encyclopedia of Japanese Historical Place Names can be used as a stand-alone content or as a packaged content, respectively.

Book Shelf

Texts from Book Shelf can virtually be "pulled off" a bookshelf and perused at your user's leisure by "turning" the pages.

Choose a Book Collection.
Here the **Toyo Bunko (The Eastern Library Series)** is selected.
※This screen is as of April 2017.

The works in the Book Collection are listed in order by catalogue number. Choose a desired work/volume for your perusal. You can narrow down works in the field on the left side. Here "楼蘭 流砂に埋もれた王都" found in Toyo Bunko, Volume 1, has been chosen.

On the Table of Contents page, 楼蘭 流砂に埋もれた王都 appears. Clicking on this item will activate the special reading viewer, and the user can begin to read.

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Internet Dictionary and Encyclopedia Search Site

JapanKnowledge Lib User's Guide

JapanKnowledge is an Internet database containing a wealth of knowledge from Japan's foremost encyclopedias and dictionaries. JapanKnowledge's cross-search brings results from its wide-ranging libraries, from dictionaries of a variety of languages besides Japanese and English to encyclopedias of history that delve deeply into historical facts and book series such as "Toyo Bunko." It is your personal library for quickly searching the knowledge you want.

Log in to begin

Login

JapanKnowledge is a database that allows a specified number of simultaneous users. You cannot use it without logging in at the top page. When using JapanKnowledge, first click Login on the right side of the screen. Next, complete login by either clicking 1) IP-Authenticated Customer, or 2) ID/Password Customer if you have an ID and password. Enter your provided ID and password.

Contents included in JapanKnowledge

Over 50 wide-ranging types of contents are included in JapanKnowledge, including complete encyclopedias, specialized dictionaries, book series, and journals. JapanKnowledge's integrated search allows you to easily view the contents and supports you in creating studies and reports and brainstorming.

Encyclopedia

Inquire into subjects

日本大百科全書 (ニッポニカ) **Monthly** **Shogakukan**
Complete Japanese Encyclopedia (Encyclopedia Nipponica)
 This foundation of knowledge, a "living" encyclopedia, is constantly updated.
改訂新版 世界大百科事典★ **Heibonsha**
Sekai Daihyakkajiten (Heibonsha's World Encyclopedia)
 An exhaustive encyclopedia containing information from a large variety of research fields.
Encyclopedia of Japan **Kodansha**
 Comprehensive encyclopedia of Japan in the English language.

Japanese

Investigate the language

デジタル大辞泉 **Updated annually** **Shogakukan**
Digital Dai-ji-sen Japanese Dictionary
 Updated periodically. Features an extensive focus on contemporary Japanese language.
日本国語大辞典 (第二版) **Shogakukan**
Shogakukan Unabridged Dictionary of the Japanese Language
 Japan's largest and most high-quality dictionary, boasting a total of 500,000 entries and 1 million usage examples.
字通 Ji-tsu (Great Dictionary of Chinese characters) **Heibonsha**
 Provides systematic information on the origins of kanji characters and their meaning.
数え方の辞典 Dictionary of Japanese Counting Words **Shogakukan**
 Provides information on how to count objects in Japanese.
日本方言大辞典 Nihon Hogen Daijiten The Comprehensive Dictionary of Dialects in Japan **Shogakukan**
 A masterful compilation of the vocabulary of Japanese dialects with a total of approximately 200,000 entries.
小学館 全文訳古語辞典 Shogakukan Zenbunzyaku Kogojiten **Shogakukan**
Unabridged Ancient Japanese Dictionary
 Includes classical Japanese words essential for reading classical Japanese literature taught at high schools.

History

Delve into historical matters

国史大辞典 Encyclopedia of Japanese History★ **Yoshikawa Kobunkan**
 Historical encyclopedia covering the entire scope of Japanese history.
日本歴史地名大系 **Heibonsha**
Encyclopedia of Japanese Historical Place Names★
 Presents scholarship on the names and history of places across Japan.
誰でも読める 日本史年表 **Yoshikawa Kobunkan**
A user-Friendly Timeline of Japanese History (with furigana)
 Easy-to-read timeline with furigana readings for kanji characters.
古事類苑 **International Research Center for Japanese Studies**
Kojiruien (Encyclopedia of Historical Japanese Documents)
 Japan's largest encyclopedia of historical materials from premodern eras.
江戸名所図会 **Yumani Shobo / Chikumashobo**
Edo Meisho Zue (Famous Places in Edo)
 The culture and customs of Edo are brought to life with delicate illustrations.

English

Study the English language

小学館 ランダムハウス英和大辞典 (第2版) **Shogakukan**
Shogakukan Random House English-Japanese Dictionary (2nd Edition)
 Contains over 340,000 entries, and includes idioms and usage examples.
プログレッシブ英和中辞典 (第5版) **Shogakukan**
Shogakukan Progressive English-Japanese Dictionary (5th Edition)
 Contains a large volume of co-occurring lexical terms based on corpus language data.
プログレッシブ英和辞典 (第4版) **Shogakukan**
Shogakukan Progressive Japanese-English Dictionary (4th Edition)
 Contains entries from basic words necessary in practical life to specialist terms.
コビルド米語版英英辞典 **HarperCollins Publishers**
COBUILD Advanced Dictionary of American English/English/Japanese
 Japanese text is added to this standard dictionary of the English language.
CAMBRIDGE 英英辞典 (第2版) **Cambridge University Press**
Cambridge Advanced Learner's Dictionary
 This dictionary is written in easy-to-understand English for learners.

理化学英和辞典 **Kenkyusha**
English-Japanese Dictionary of Physical Sciences
 Contains basic and technical terms for physics and chemistry.
医学英和辞典 (第2版) **Kenkyusha**
English-Japanese Dictionary of Medical Science (2nd Edition)
 Up-to-date compilation of medically-related terms.
プログレッシブ ビジネス英語辞典 **Shogakukan**
Shogakukan Progressive Business English Dictionary
 A practical and extensive dictionary of English indispensable for business communication.
SPED理工系英和辞典 **Shogakukan**
SPED Science and Technology English-Japanese Dictionary
 A solid English-Japanese dictionary chock-full of scientific terms with usage examples.

European Languages

Study European culture

小学館 独和大辞典 (第2版) Shogakukan Grand German-Japanese Dictionary **Shogakukan**
 The most comprehensive German-Japanese dictionary.
小学館 ロベール仏和大辞典 Shogakukan Robert Grand French-Japanese Dictionary **Shogakukan**
 The most recent edition for understanding the "Now" of French language.
ポケプロ独和・和独辞典 Pocket Progressive German-Japanese / Japanese-German Dictionary
ポケプロ仏和・和仏辞典 Pocket Progressive French-Japanese / Japanese-French Dictionary
ポケプロ西和・和西辞典 Pocket Progressive Spanish-Japanese / Japanese-Spanish Dictionary
ポケプロ伊和・和伊辞典 Pocket Progressive Italian-Japanese / Japanese-Italian Dictionary
 A wealth of vocabularies and neologisms are included in these foreign dictionaries.
羅和辞典 (改訂版) Lexicon Latino-Japonicum Dictionary (Revised Edition) **Kenkyusha**
 Contains entries from ancient Latin to modern academic terms.

Log out when finished

Logout

Because JapanKnowledge is a database that allows a specified number of simultaneous users (varies depending on the subscription), not everyone in your organization can use the system at once. If you close the browser without logging out first, other users may not be able to use JapanKnowledge for a period of time. When you are finished, do not forget to log out.

East Asian Languages

Learn about Asia

ポケプロ中日・日中辞典
Pocket Progressive Chinese-Japanese / Japanese-Chinese Dictionary
ポケプロ韓日・日韓辞典
Pocket Progressive Korean-Japanese / Japanese-Korean Dictionary **Shogakukan**
 Read and understand the latest topics.

Terminology and Information

Study specialist terms

情報・知識 imidas **Every year** **Shueisha**
Innovative Multi-Information Dictionary, Annual Series
 The newest words in the Japanese language are carefully selected and categorized into different subject areas.
現代用語の基礎知識 **Every year** **Jiyukokuminsha**
Encyclopedia of Contemporary Words
 The newest words and slangs are compiled and explained.
会社四季報 **Four times a year** **Toyo Keizai**
Kaisha Shikho
 Databook of all listed companies in Japan.
法律用語辞典 (第4版) **Yuhikaku Publishing**
Dictionary of Legal Terms (4th Edition)
 Compiles and explains the newest legal terms.
デジタル大辞泉プラス **Updated annually** **Shogakukan**
Digital Dai-ji-sen Plus
 Covers proper names, such as brand names and names of characters.
図書館情報学用語辞典 Toshokan Johogaku Yogyojiten **Maruzen Publishing**
Dictionary of Library and Information Science Terms
 An essential resource for researchers, practitioners, and educators in the field of information and library science.

Biography/ Culture and Religion

Investigate famous figures

日本人名大辞典 **Kodansha**
The Biographical Dictionary of Japan
 The largest collection of biographies of over 75,000 people.
デジタル版 集英社 世界文学大事典 **Updated annually** **Shueisha**
The Shueisha Dictionary of World Literature, Digital Version
 Covers literature from around the world, from mythologies to modern works.
日本人物文獻目録 **Heibonsha**
Bibliography of Japanese Biographies
 Contains information on biographical works on 30,000 historical figures from Japanese history.
新版 日本架空伝承人名事典 **Heibonsha**
Dictionary of Japanese Fictional and Legendary Characters (New Edition)
 Contains entries on a wide range of unusual characters, from real-life historical figures to fictional heroes.
新版 能・狂言事典 **Heibonsha**
The Noh and Kyogen Dictionary (New Edition)
 Latest foundational materials on Noh and Kyogen research.
新版 歌舞伎事典 **Heibonsha**
The Kabuki Dictionary (New Edition)
 Latest edition of commentary of Kabuki works and performers.
例文 仏教語大辞典 **Shogakukan**
Bukkyogo Daijiten (Unabridged Dictionary of Buddhist Terms)
 An exhaustive Buddhist studies reference work ranging from general terms to technical vocabulary for the specialist.

Science

Investigate science

デジタル化学辞典 (第2版) **Morikita Publishing**
Digital Dictionary of Chemistry (2nd Edition)
 Covers the world of chemistry, with an emphasis on the practical aspect of the science.
法則の辞典 **Asakura Publishing**
Dictionary of Laws of Natural Science
 Over 4,400 laws, theorems and formulas are compiled.

Articles and Columns

Study the world of today

週刊エコノミスト **Weekly** **Mainichi Shimbun Publishing**
Weekly Economist
 Contents are sent in PDF format every week.
平成ニッポン生活便利帳
Useful Information for Life in Japan in the Heisei Era
 Compendium of Japanese culture, traditions, and etiquette.

Books

Read the entire collection

東洋文庫 **Heibonsha**
Toyo Bunko (The Eastern Library Series)
 Collection of precious Asian classics.
新編 日本古典文学全集 **Shogakukan**
The Complete Collection of Japanese Classical Literature (New Edition)
 Masterpieces of Japanese classical literature are digitally collected in this 88-volume set.
文庫クセジュ **Hakusuisha**
Collection <Que sais-je> Best Selections
 Best selections from the famous encyclopedia anthology.

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Basic Search

Basic Search is the core feature of JapanKnowledge. Enter a keyword in the Search box for the subject you wish to look up. A cross-search through over 50 reliable content resources will offer information concerning the knowledge contained. Functions such as detailed or narrowed searches are guided visually.

Search menu tab

The tab allows you to toggle search modes.

Click to switch between **Basic Search (One-Look)**, **Advanced Search**, and **Book Shelf**.

Search scope

Toggle between searching Headword and Full Text. The default setting is Headings.

Content facet

Filter contents by Facet Search.

Facet Search allows you to filter the information you need by separating the search results according to contents or the field of knowledge. The number of hits for the search is given for each knowledge areas and contents. Click on the area or content that interests you. A checkmark appears next to the name of the content. These areas/contents become the focus of your search. Filtered search results are shown as a list at the same time.

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To remove the checkmarks, click on the names again. You can choose from among the multiple areas and contents.

Media facet

Filter by type of media.

image sound map

You can filter contents by type of media: images, sound, and maps. Entries that include image, sound, and map information are indicated by icons. Thumbnails, if available, are shown on the right side of the screen.

Main text screen

Useful functions are also included in the main screen to further expand your knowledge.

Insert citation function

Invaluable function when making out reports.

JapanKnowledge includes a function that automatically inserts the citation when you copy and paste a part of the main text. Simply copy and paste a text into the word processing software of your choice. The citation information will be automatically inserted.

オリンピック競技大会 Olympic Gamesの略称。日本では〈五輪〉とも表記する。国際オリンピック委員会 International Olympic Committee (略称IOC) が主催する国際総合スポーツ大会。"オリンピック", Sekai Daihyakkajiten (Heibonsha's World Encyclopedia), JapanKnowledge, <http://japanknowledge.com>, (accessed Mar.3,2016)

Citation information displayed: entry name, content name, database name (JapanKnowledge), source URL, date of reference.
※ This function is available only when using Microsoft Internet Explorer as your browser. This function is not supported on other browsers such as Safari and Google Chrome. Turn Knowledge Searcher off when using this function.
※ This function is also not available when the selected text is 19 characters or fewer.

Drawer Menu

Function buttons found on the upper right of the browser are also located at the bottom left. With the "◀" button, housing is also possible.

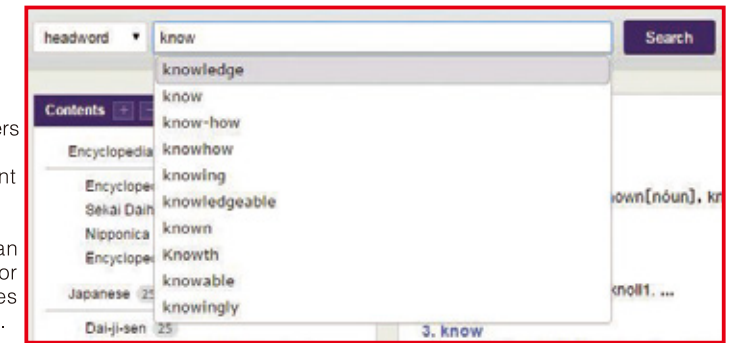
① Knowledge Searcher ② Previous Entries ③ Next Entries ④ Print ⑤ Notes
※ Depending on the source the buttons will vary.



Search box

Suggest function JapanKnowledge supports input with your guesswork.

Candidate entries are displayed when you enter the first few characters of a keyword, even if you are not sure of the entire keyword you want to search for. A maximum of 10 candidate entries are shown. This function allows you to have an idea of what entries are available for a keyword, and to find target entries even with vague English spelling.



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Change the display of search results

Customize the search results.

Show/hide snippets (according to your preference, snippets can be hidden with only entries visible), sort orders and the number of results displayed can be customized for easier viewing. *Maximum number of displays,1000.

About sort orders

A sort order default setting is on "relevance" with items most related to the search term displayed at the head of the listing and prioritized in descending order.

relevance.....Descending order most likely to match an entry with a search word
Exact match → Beginning match → Partial match
headword asc.....Heading words in ascending order
(numeric characters→Latin characters→hiragana→kanji)
headword desc.....Heading words in descending order
(kanji→hiragana→Latin characters→numeric characters)
more info.....Entries are sorted in order of increasing word count.
less info.....Entries are sorted in order of decreasing word count.
dictionary ID asc.....The list of contents on the left is in default order.
dictionary ID desc.....The list of contents on the left is in opposite order.

When you click on the entry you want to view from the list of search results, the main text of the entry is displayed.

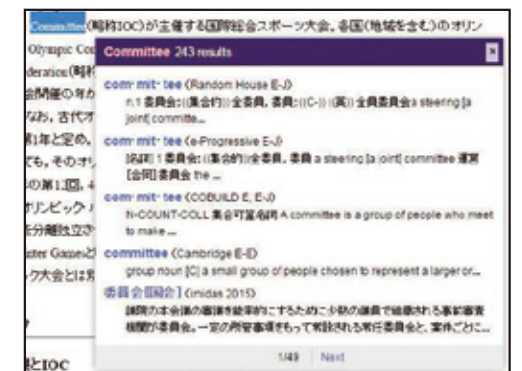
Text Search

Without returning to the search window, a direct text search is possible. Searches can be made in the displayed content, or expanded to all other resources.

Knowledge Searcher

Extend your knowledge in the midst of your investigation.

Select the word or phrase in the main text you want to conduct a search on by highlighting it with your mouse (its color becomes invert). When you select the word, the Knowledge Searcher function window opens, and search results are displayed.



The Knowledge Searcher button is off (left position) by default. Click on it to turn it on (right position).

※ Up to 40 characters can be searched using Knowledge Searcher. Knowledge Searcher will not function if a word or a phrase longer than 40 characters is highlighted. Also, please note that the search does not work for character sequences that include a graphical text, even if they can be highlighted.

