

Strategic Japanese: Verb Cheat Sheet; potential form

Potential form is indicated in red.

1 Verb groups and conjugation

III Group: irregular verbs

1. come: konai (neg.), kimasu (masu), kuru (dic), kureba (cond.), koyō (vol.), kite (te-form), **koreru**
2. do: sinai (neg.), simasu (masu), suru (dic), sureba (cond.), siyō (vol.), site (te-form), **dekiru**

II Group: i-verbs and e-verbs

1. be: **inai** (neg), **imasu** (masu), **iru** (dic), **ireba** (cond.), **iyō**, **ireru/irareru** (pot.), **ite** (te-form)
2. taberu: **tabenai** (neg), **tabemasu** (masu), **taberu** (dic), **tabereba** (cond.), **tabeyō**, **tabereru/**
taberareru (pot.), **tabete** (te-form)

I Group: aiueo conjugation

Table 1 Conjugation table (I Group verbs)

㊦	㊧	㊨	㊩	㊪	㊫	㊬	㊭	㊮	
w	r	y	m	b	n	t	s	g	k
わ	ら	や	ま	ば	な	た	さ	が	か
い	り		み	び	に	ち	し	ぎ	き
う	る	ゆ	む	ぶ	ぬ	つ	す	ぐ	く
え	れ	め	べ	ね	て	せ	げ	け	e
お	ろ	よ	も	ぼ	の	と	そ	ご	こ
t	t					t		i	
			n	n	n			i	
									-nai
									-masu
									u.
									-ba,-ru,-masu
									-u
									-te
									-de

2 Exercise

Convert the following verbs into masu form, potential form, and masu form.

1. Example: kuru きます → これる → これます (come/3rd Group)
2. suru _____ (do/3G)
3. taberu _____ (eat/2G)
4. miru _____ (see 2G)
5. yomu _____ (read/1G)
6. kau _____ (buy/1G)
7. tsukuru _____ (make/1G)
8. okuru _____ (send/1G)
9. nomu _____ (drink/1G)
10. tobu _____ (fly/1G)
11. shinu _____ (die/1G)
12. tatsu _____ (stand up/1G)
13. hanasu _____ (speak/1G)
14. kaku _____ (write/1G)