**Disaster Preparedness**

**Anki and What It Can Do for You**

As foreign residents in Japan who might be dealing with a significant language barrier, it helps to be extra prepared for disasters. Taking care of the material preparations is a big step in the right direction, but what if you want to go even further? What if you also want to prepare intellectually so that you can better take care of yourself?

Say “hello” to your new best friend, the Disaster Preparedness Anki deck!

“The *what* now?”

The Anki deck. It’s called Disaster Preparedness. In short, Anki is a program that lets you make and study digital flashcards, which it shows you at calculated times to help you learn more effectively. To read more about it, go to <http://ankisrs.net/>. “Disaster Preparedness” is one such deck of digital flashcards, and it is designed to help give you a foundational knowledge of terms and phrases that you will likely encounter and/or need to use in the event of a disaster. These terms are taken directly from the vocabulary list in Niigata Prefecture’s “Earthquake Safety for You and Your Family,”\* an English PDF that talks about disaster preparedness (<http://www.pref.niigata.lg.jp/HTML_Simple/954/429/english.pdf>).

To accommodate beginners and advanced Japanese learners alike, there are two versions available: one with kanji and romaji reading (answer shows English term) and one with kanji (answer shows hiragana reading and English term). Pick whichever you believe is the right one for you!

\*Slight changes were made to a small portion of the content for applicability and ease of use.

**Instructions:**

If you would like assistance, please refer to the YouTube videos found below and the written instructions. If you already know what you’re doing, grab your desired deck and go for it!

**Downloading Anki:** <https://youtu.be/T5RZhGteNc8>

1. Go to <http://ankisrs.net/>
2. Click “Download” or scroll down to the download portion of the main page
3. Confirm that the appropriate operating system is selected (e.g., Windows, Mac, etc.) and read the installation instructions on the page
4. Click “Download Anki for [operating system] [version number]”
5. Install Anki
6. Open Anki

**Importing Anki Decks:** <https://youtu.be/CMn73JPUsAE?t=1m28s> (Importing covered from 1m28s to 1m53s)

Now that you have Anki up and running, you will need to download whichever version of the Disaster Preparedness deck you would like to study.

1. Go to… File > Import… > [Locate and choose the Disaster Preparedness file]
2. Disaster Preparedness should now appear in Anki.

**Using Anki:** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PxHji1wxxjE> (Covers the basics of using Anki in the first portion)

1. Click on the deck name
2. Read the card, think of the answer, and hit “Show Answer”
3. Choose the response at the bottom that best represents your study needs for that card (“Soon” if you got it wrong, “Hard” if you struggled to get the right answer, “Good” if you have a solid grasp, “Easy” if you had no trouble with it)
4. The more easily you answer a card, the longer it will be before you see it again
5. You are now ready to begin your study. *Ganbatte!* (Good luck!)