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English vocabulary items will appear in the Roman alphabet underlined (e.g. word). Japanese loanwords will appear in the Roman alphabet underlined and italicised (*waado*), using a modified Hepburn Romanisation; occasionally loanwords will appear in their *katakana* forms (e.g. ワード).

