

ASPECT	CHINESE LANGUAGE	JAPANESE LANGUAGE
Pronunciation	Tonal language with four tones	Pitch accent with fewer tonal variations
Grammar	Relatively straightforward	More complex grammatical structure involving verb conjugations, particles, and honorific language
Sentence Structure	Rigid structure, less flexibility in word placement	More flexibility due to the usage of particles
Verb Conjugation	Less verb conjugation for tense and aspect	More verb conjugations for various forms and tenses
Character Usage	Only Chinese characters called Hanzi	Has three writing systems: hiragana, katakana, and kanji