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Japanese is written in several scripts: *Kanji* (an ideographic system, using characters of Chinese origin), *Hiragana* and *Katakana* (syllabaries, in which a single character represents the sound of a syllable). *Rōmaji* (the Japanese language in the Romanised Latin alphabet) is used by foreign students of Japanese who have yet to master the Japanese scripts and by Japanese native speakers when using computer and other keyboards. In this we use the *Rōmaji* script.