



# ひらがな

## Basic Hiragana

a	あ	i	い	u	う	e	え	o	お
ka	か	ki	き	ku	く	ke	け	ko	こ
sa	さ	shi	し	su	す	se	せ	so	そ
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na	な	ni	に	nu	ぬ	ne	ね	no	の
ha	は	hi	ひ	fu	ふ	he	へ	ho	ほ
ma	ま	mi	み	mu	む	me	め	mo	も
ya	や			yu	ゆ			yo	よ
ra	ら	ri	り	ru	る	re	れ	ro	ろ
wa	わ			wo	を			n	ん

# Modified Hiragana



## Extra sounds

We can make extra sounds by adding a **ten-ten**” or **maru**° to the top right corner of a hiragana

ga	が	gi	ぎ	gu	ぐ	ge	げ	go	ご
za	ざ	ji	じ	zu	ず	ze	ぜ	zo	ぞ
da	だ			dzu	づ	de	で	do	ど
ba	ば	bi	び	bu	ぶ	be	べ	bo	ぼ
pa	ぱ	pi	ぴ	pu	ぷ	pe	ぺ	po	ぽ

## Blended sounds

Adding a small や, ゆ or よ after a hiragana will blend the sounds

Examples:

きや = kya

きゆ = kyu

きよ = kyo

じゃ = jya or ja

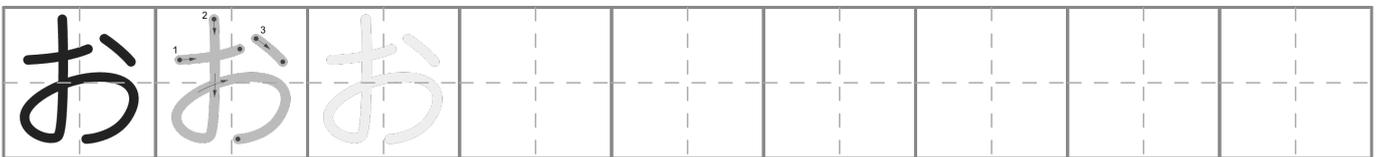
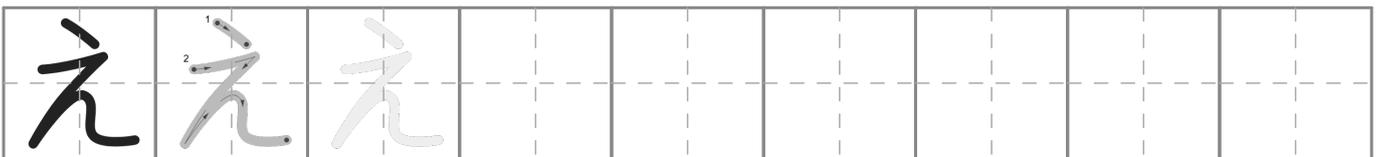
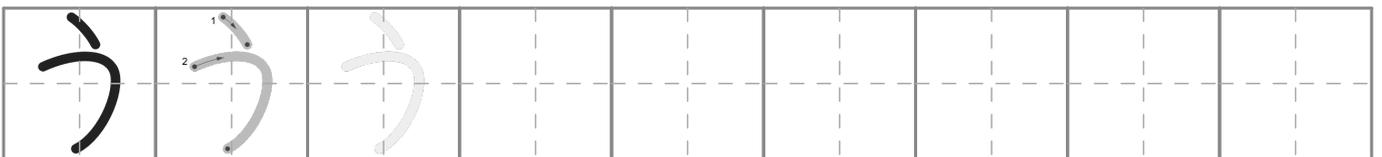
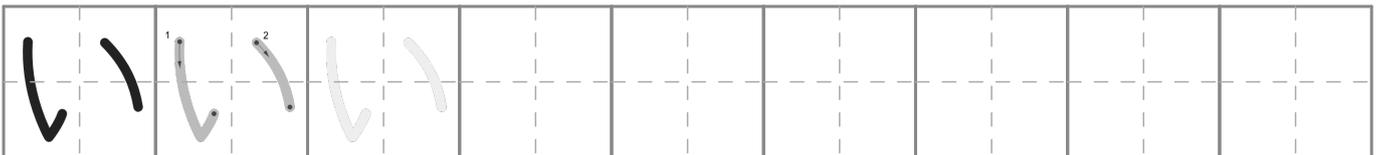
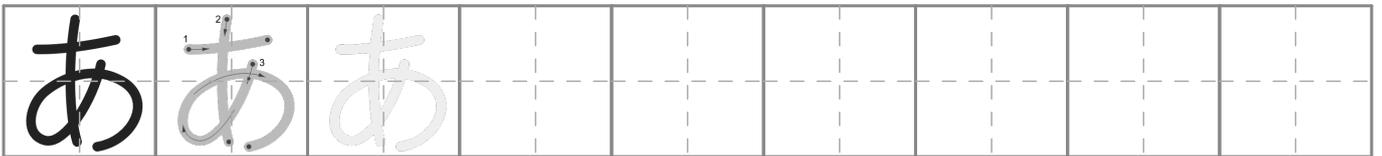
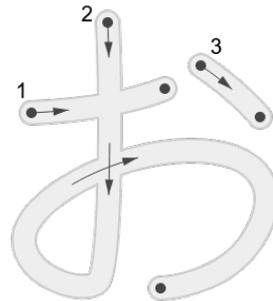
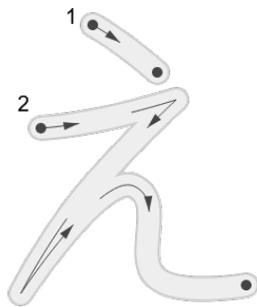
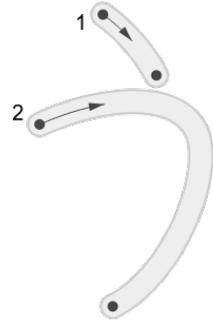
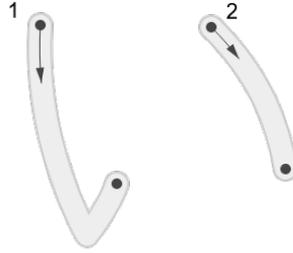
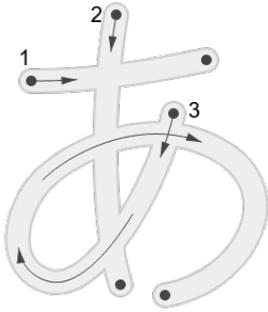
じゆ = jyu or ju

じよ = jyo or jo



Hiragana Vowels  
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EE - yes




IIE - no




AI - love

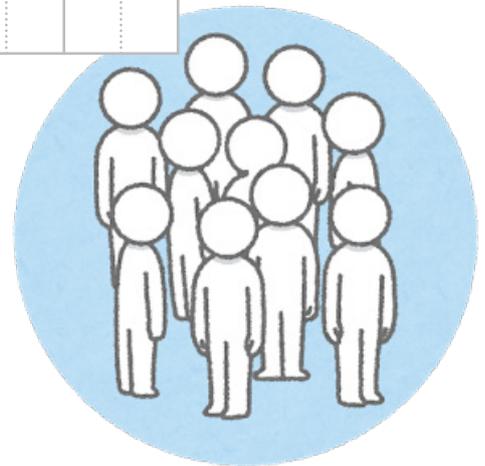

IE - house




OOI - many




UE - up

**Practice:**

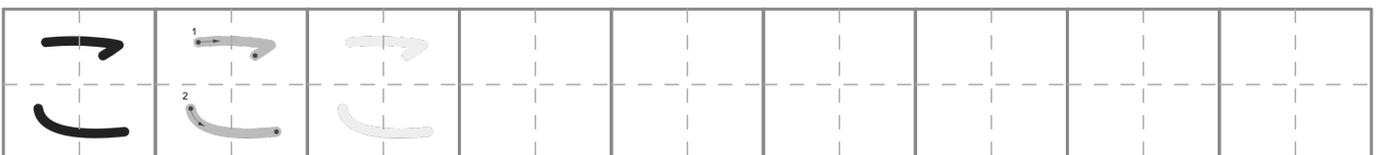
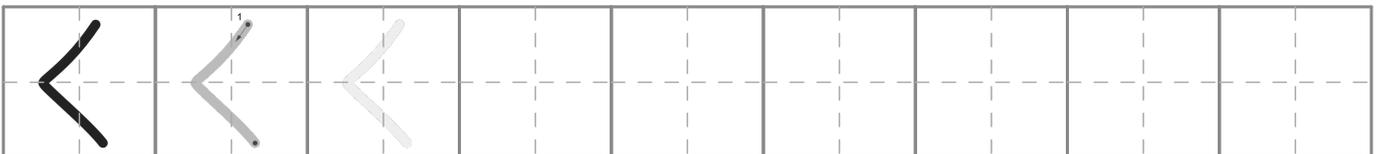
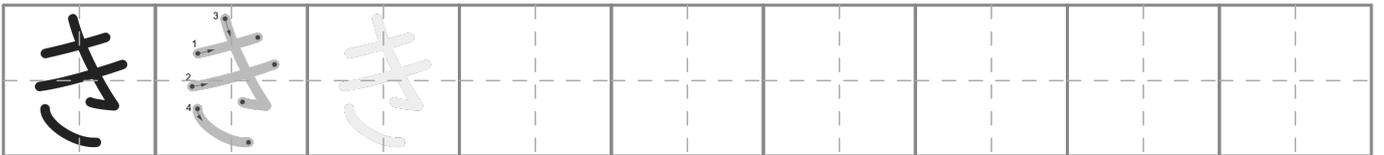
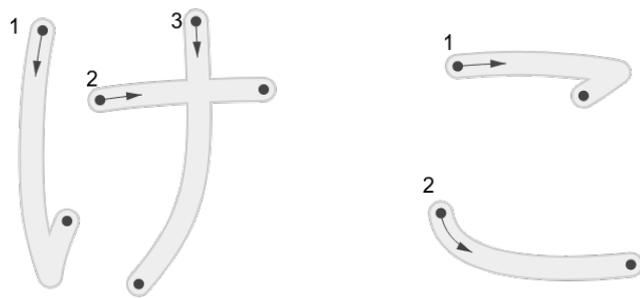
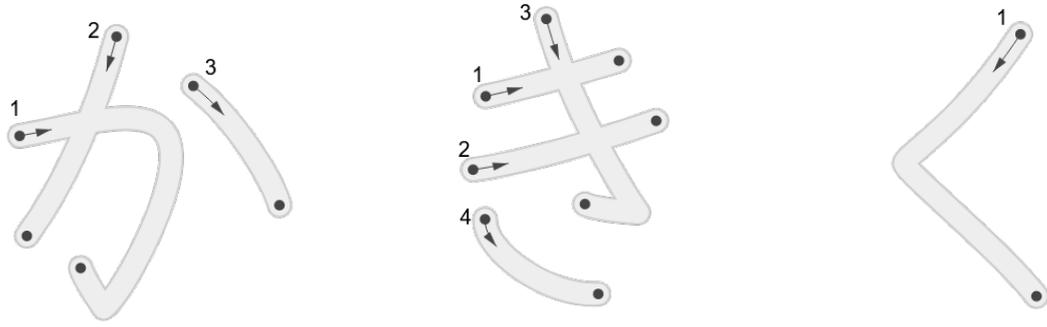
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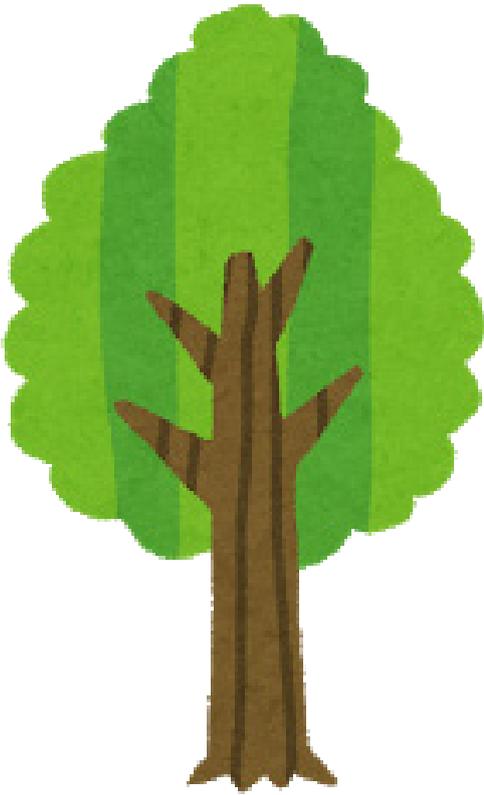
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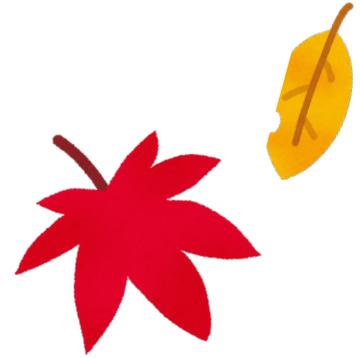

love


many



OOKII - big

KI - tree


AKI - Autumn



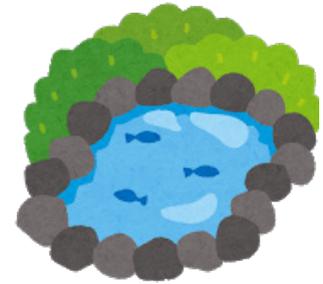

IKA - squid




KAKU - to write




EKI - station

IKE - pond


**Practice:**

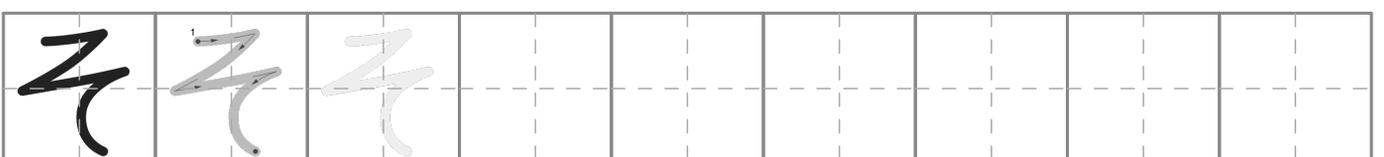
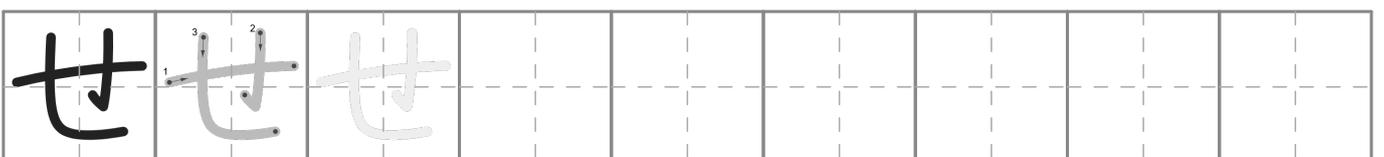
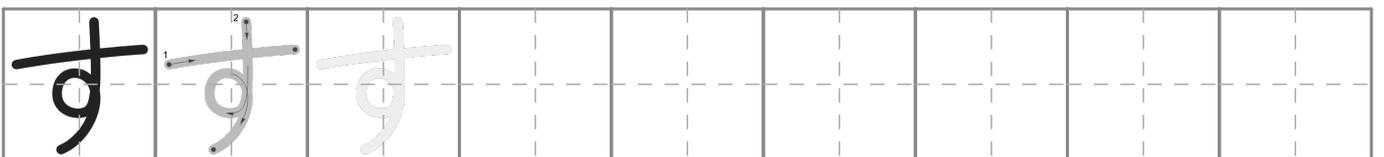
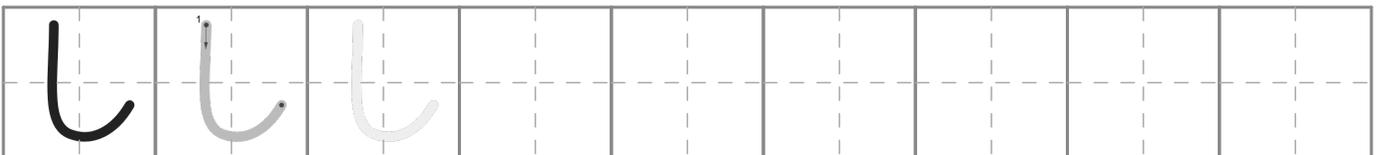
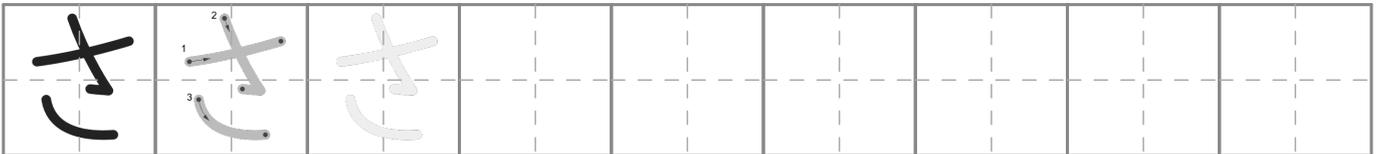
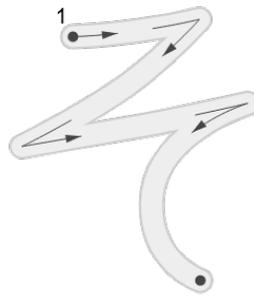
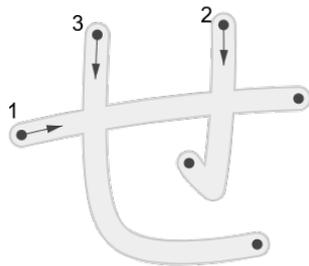
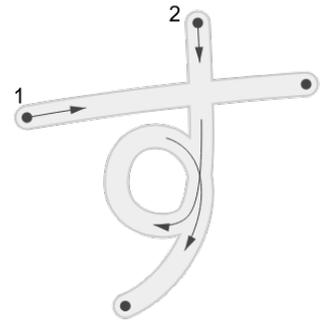
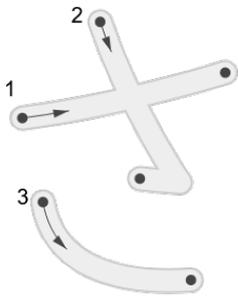
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squid


to write


up


big

Find the following Japanese words in the word search below. They are written in Hiragana and may be found horizontally, vertically, diagonally and backwards.

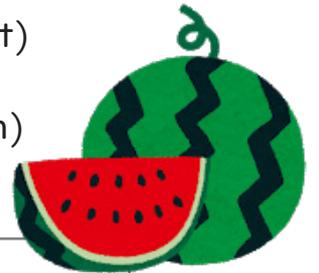
Use the Hiragana chart on Page 1 if you get stuck!



- sushi (sushi)
- kasa (umbrella)
- isu (chair)
- ashika (sea lion)
- shika (deer)



- shikaku (square)
- okashi (sweets)
- kaisou (seaweed)
- sukoshi (a little bit)
- suika (watermelon)

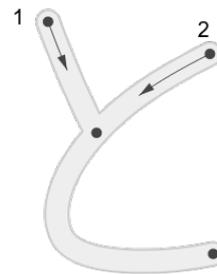
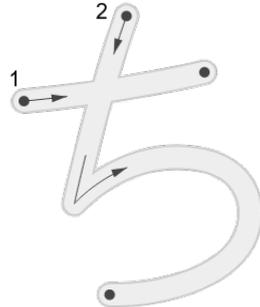
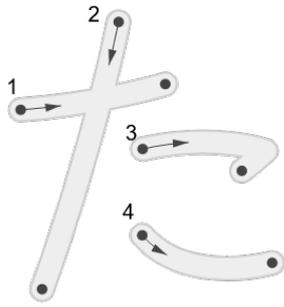


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Hiragana T Row  
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Write the Romaji for the Japanese words below and practice reading them out loud/



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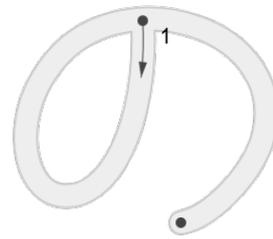
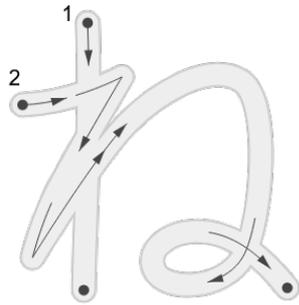
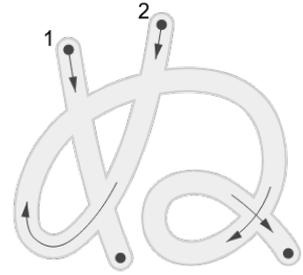
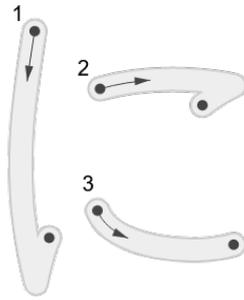
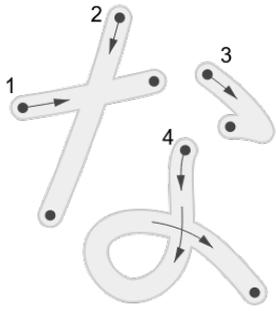
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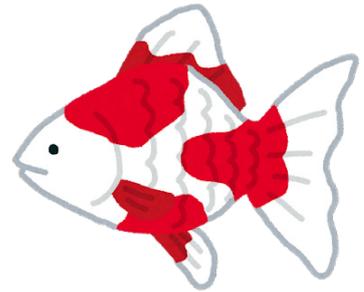
INU - dog




NEKO - cat




SAKANA - fish

KONO - this


this



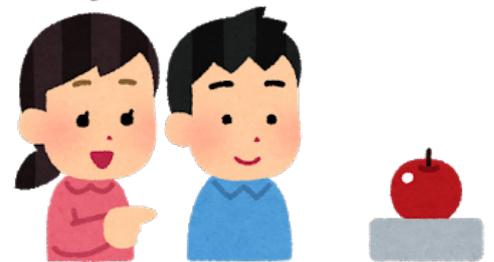
SONO - that


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ANO - that over there


that over there



**Practice:**

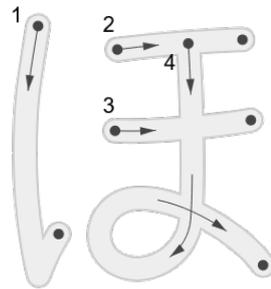
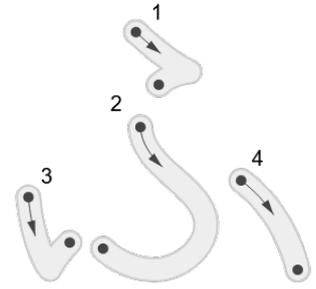
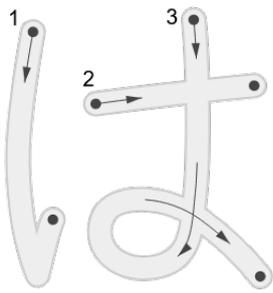
Read the English word and write the Hiragana in the box.

that


cat


dog


fish

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HANA - flower



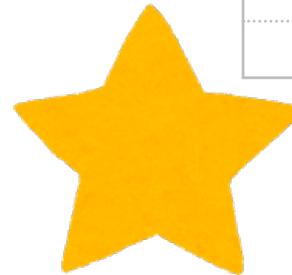

HI - fire


FUDE - brush

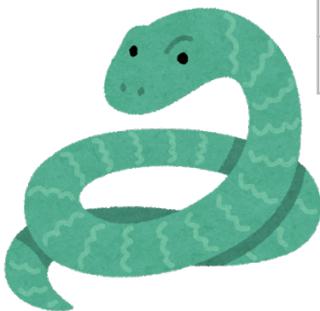

Use the ten-ten <sup>二</sup> to change the 't' sound to a 'd' sound.



HOSHI - star

HEBI - snake

HAKO - box




**Practice:**

Read the English word and write the Hiragana in the box.

star

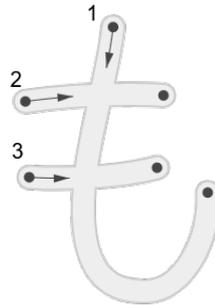
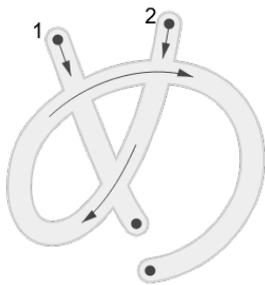
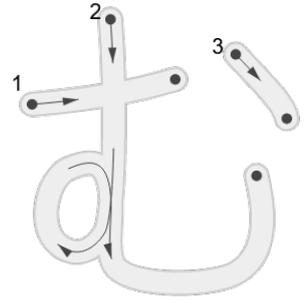
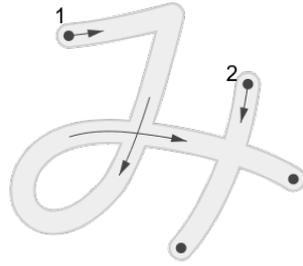
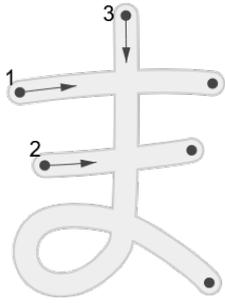

brush


flower


snake


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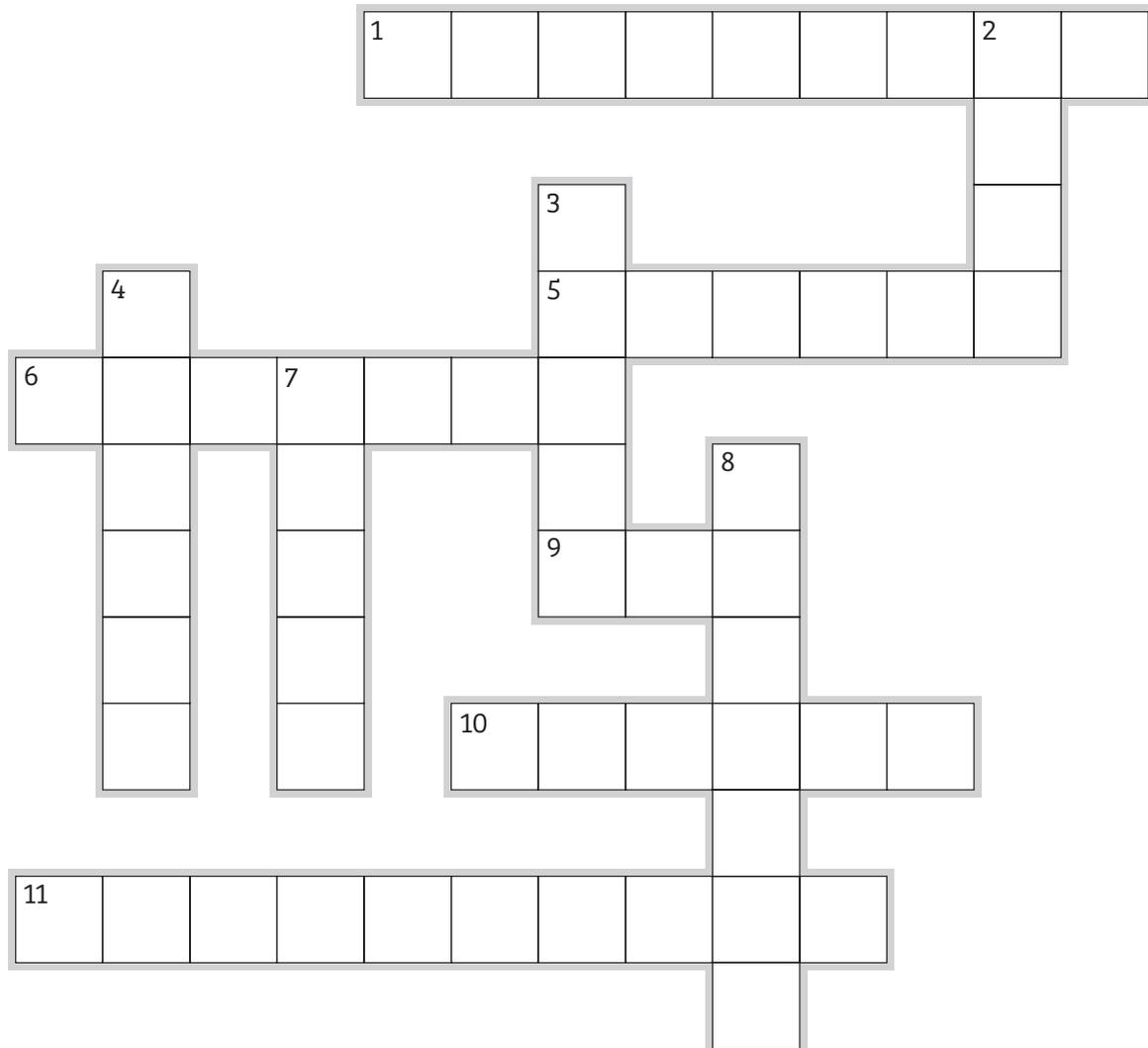
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Read the Hiragana clues and complete the crossword with the correct Romaji reading.



### Across

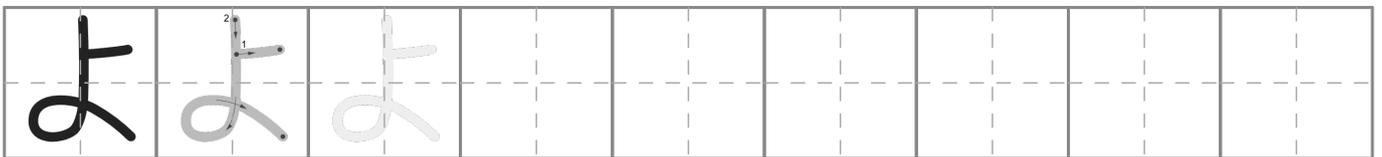
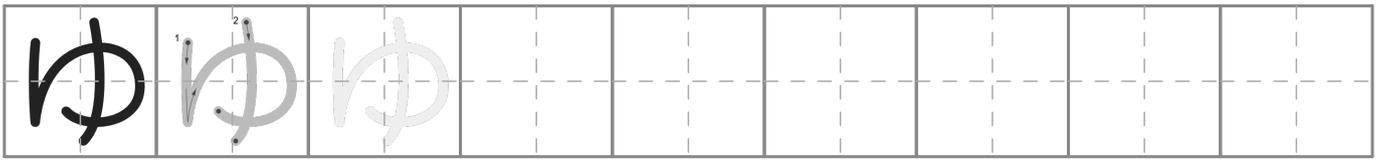
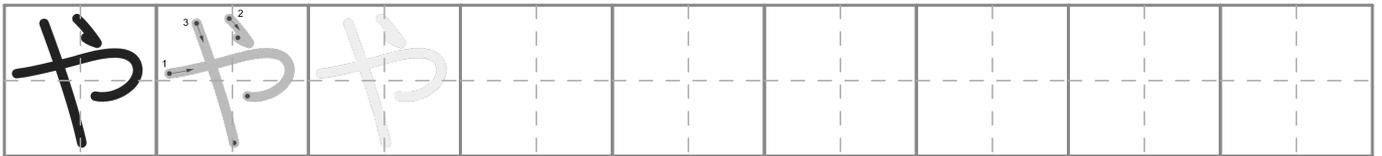
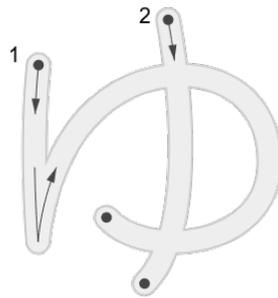
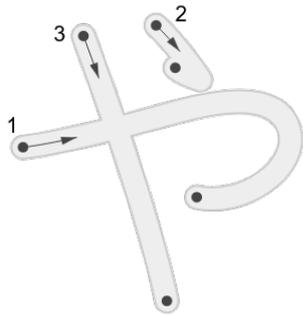
- 1. いのしし (boar)
- 5. さかな (fish)
- 6. ひとつ (one, counting)
- 9. いぬ (dog)
- 10. かたな (sword)
- 11. はちみつ (honey)

### Down

- 2. はな (flower)
- 3. つき (moon)
- 4. きもの (traditional clothes)
- 7. おかね (money)
- 8. ふたつ (two, counting)

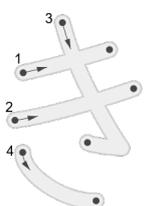
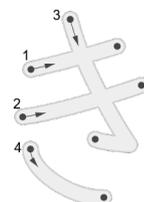
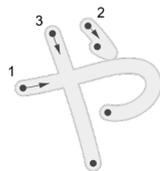
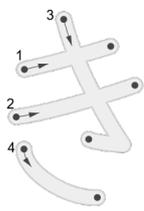
Hiragana Y Row  
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Blended Sounds  
KYA KYU KYO

Adding a small や, ゆ or よ after certain hiragana will blend the sounds.



YAMA- mountain




FUYU - Winter




YUKI - snow


YOMU - read




YUME - dream




'ya' means shop

HANAYA - flower shop




**Practice:**

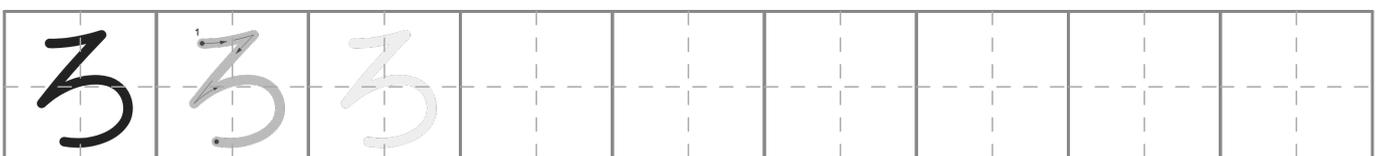
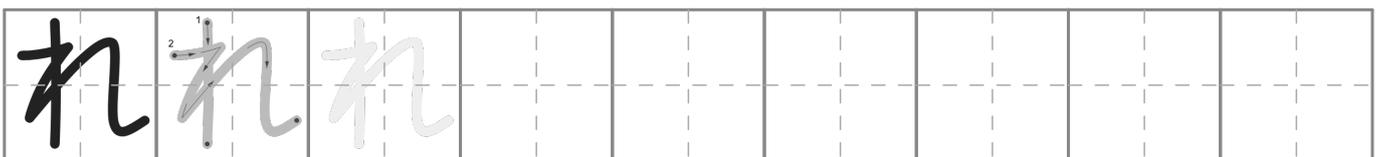
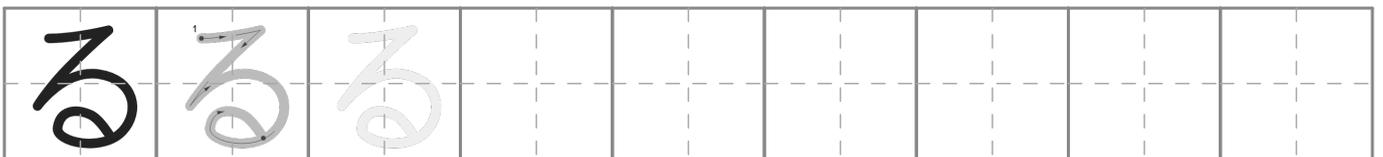
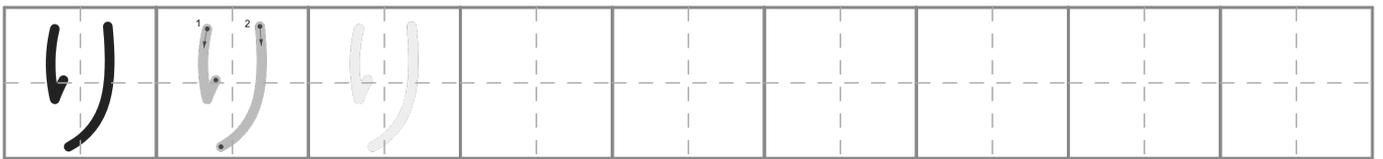
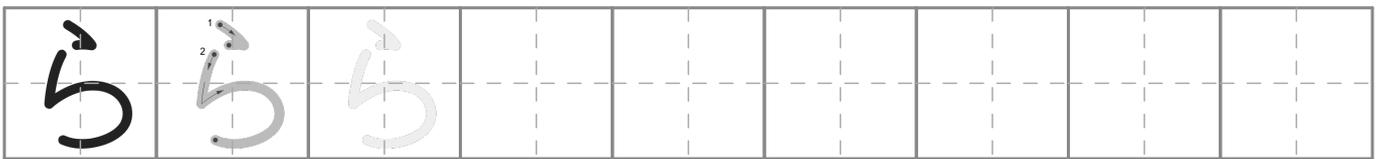
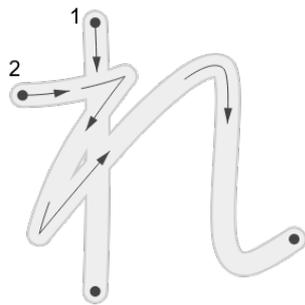
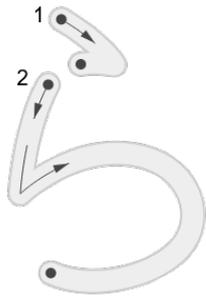
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night


mountain


snow


flower shop



SORA - sky

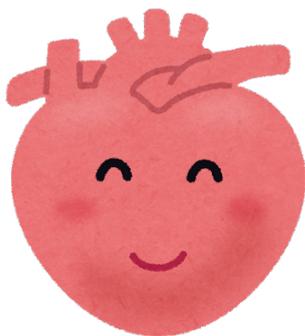



TORI - bird




SARU - monkey


KIREI - tidy, clean, pretty

KOKORO - heart




**Practice:**

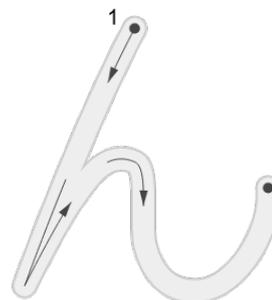
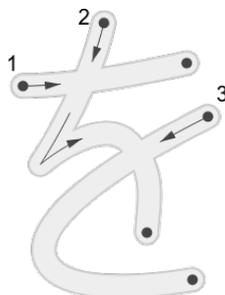
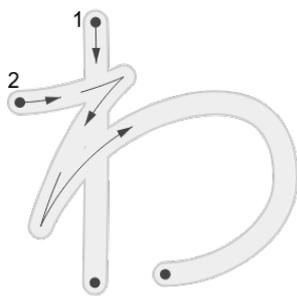
Read the English word and write the Hiragana in the box.

bird


sky


monkey


tidy

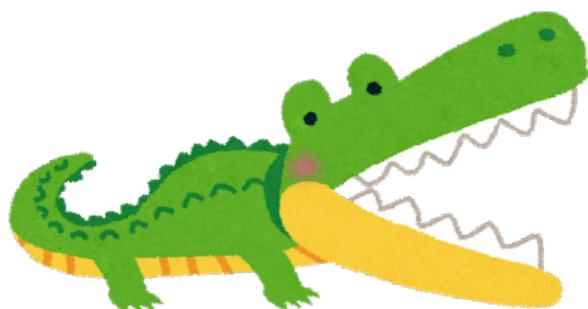



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WANI - alligator

KIRIN - giraffe




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Sat.      と      よ      う      び

