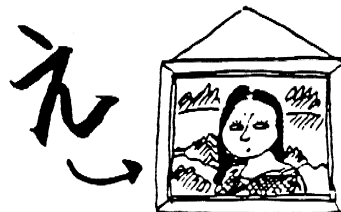
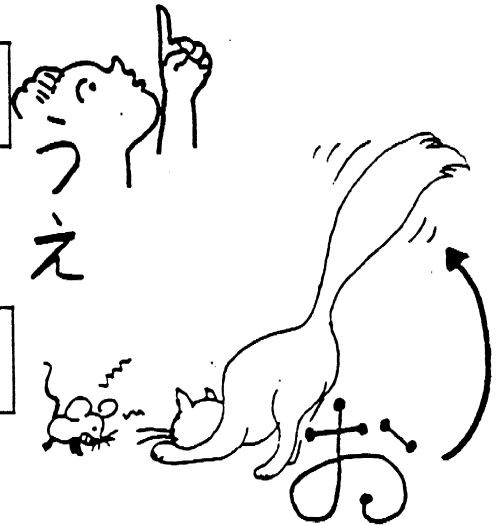


あ_a い_i う_u え_e お_o name _____

あ	ー	↓	あ	あ		
あ	あ	あ				
い	い	い				
い	い	い				
う	う	う				
え	え	え				
え	え	え				
お	ー	↓	お	お		
お	お	お				



Carefully copy the following strokes in the empty squares by writing them in the directions indicated by arrows.

あ	1	あ	2	あ	3		1		2		3		1		2		3
い	1	い	2		1		2		1		2		1		2		
う	1	う	2		1		2		1		2		1		2		
え	1	え	2		1		2		1		2		1		2		
お	1	お	2	お	3		1		2		3		1		2		3

Now practice writing the following hiragana in correct stroke order.

あ		い		う		え		お	

Enrich your vocabulary! Write in hiragana two times each.

1. a o

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(blue)

2. i e

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(house)

3. u e

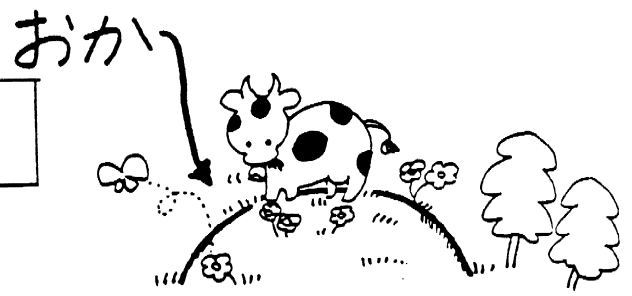
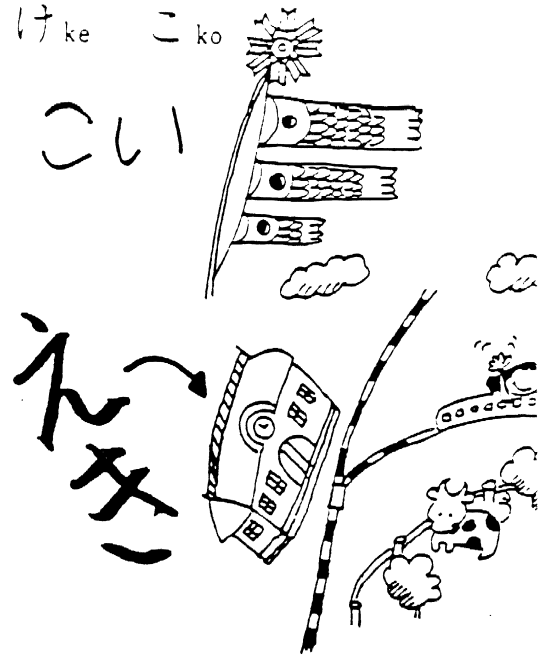
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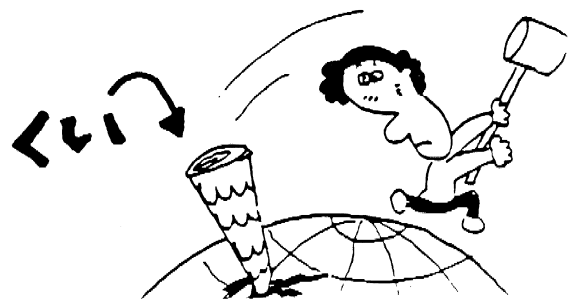
(up. top)

か ka き ki く ku け ke こ ko

か	っ	っ	か	か	
か	か	か			
き					
	ー	き	き		
き	き	き			
く					
	く				
く	く	く			
け					
	ー	ー	け		
け	け	け			
こ					
	ー	ー	こ		
こ	こ	こ			



あ
か



Carefully copy the following strokes in the empty squares by writing them in the directions indicated by arrows.

か	つ ¹	カ ²	か ³						
き	ー ¹	ニ ²	キ ³	き ⁴					
く	く ¹								
け	け ¹	に ²	け ³						
こ	こ ¹	こ ²							

Now practice writing the following hiragana in correct stroke order.

か		き		く	け		こ	

Enrich your vocabulary! Write in hiragana.

1. a k i
(a u t u m n)

--	--

4. k a o
(f a c e)

--	--

2. i k e
(p o n d)

--	--

5. k i k u
(c h r y s a n t h e m u m)

--	--

3. e k i
(s t a t i o n)

--	--

6. k o e
(v o i c e)

--	--

さ sa し si す su せ se そ so

NAMAZ

さ	→	さ	さ	さ	
さ	さ	さ			
し	↓	し			
し	し	し			
す	→	す	す		
す	す	す			
せ	→	せ	せ		
せ	せ	せ			
そ	ゝ	ソ	そ	そ	せかい
そ	そ	そ			



Carefully copy the following strokes in the empty squares by writing them in the directions indicated by arrows.

さ	一 ¹	サ ²	サ ³	1	2	3	1	2	3
し	し ¹	1	1	1	1	"sa" is also written さ with two strokes.			
す	一 ¹	す ²	1	2	1	2	1	2	
せ	一 ¹	せ ²	せ ³	1	2	3	1	2	3
そ	そ ¹	1	1	1	1	"so" is also written そ with two strokes.			

Now practice writing the following hiragana in correct stroke order.

さ		し	す		せ		そ	
さ							そ	

Enrich your vocabulary! Write in hiragana.

1. a s a
(m o r n i n g)

--	--

2. i s u
(c h a i r)

--	--

3. a s e
(p e r s p i r a t i o n)

--	--

[s h i]

4. s u s i

--	--

5. k a s a
(u m b r e l l a)

--	--

6. u s o
(a l i e)

--	--

た ta ち ti つ tu ^{NAMAえ}て te と to

た → た た た

た た た

ち → ち ち

ち ち ち

つ → っ

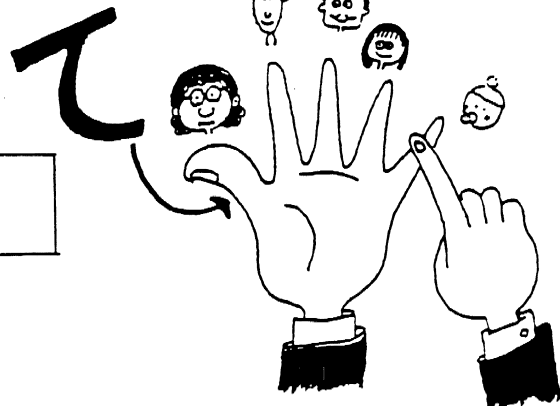
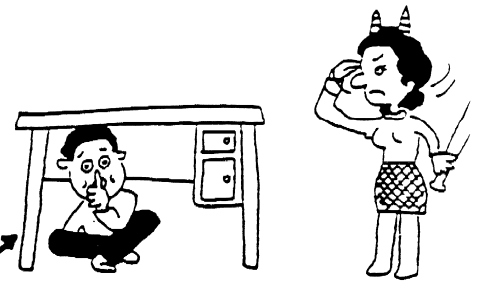
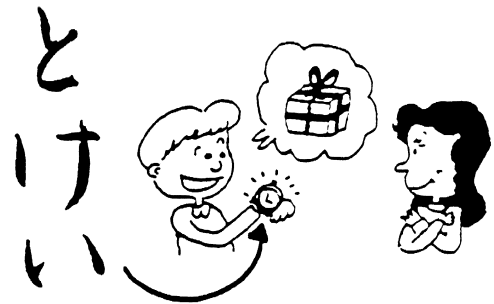
っ っ っ

て → て

て て て

と → と と

と と と



また 4²

Carefully copy the following strokes in the empty squares by writing them in the directions indicated by arrows.

た	一 ¹	ナ ²	た ³	た ⁴				
ち	一 ¹	ち ²						
つ	つ ¹							
て	て ¹							
と	い ¹	と ²						

Now practice writing the following hiragana in correct stroke order.

た		ち		つ	て	と	

Enrich your vocabulary! Write in hiragana.

1. k i t a

(n o r t h)

[ch i]

--	--

[t s u]

2. t i k a t e t u

(s u b w a y)

3. t o k e i

(c l o c k)

[t s u]

4. k u t u

(s h o e s)

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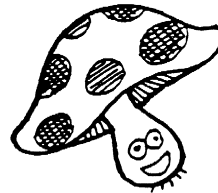
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な na に ni ぬ nu ね ne の no

な	→	ナ	ナ	な
な	な	な		
に	↓	に	に	に
に	に	に		
ぬ	↓	ぬ	ぬ	ぬ
ぬ	ぬ	ぬ		
ね	↓	ね	ね	ね
ね	ね	ね		
の	↓	の		
の	の	の		

なて

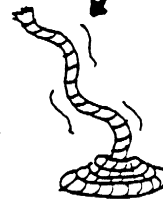
きのこ



なす



つな



ねこ



Carefully copy the following strokes in the empty squares by writing them in the directions indicated by arrows.

な	1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4
に	1	2	3	1	2	3	1	2
ぬ	1	2	1	2	1	2	1	2
ね	1	2	1	2	1	2	1	2
の	1	1	1	1	1			

Now practice writing the following hiragana in correct stroke order.

な		に		ぬ		ね		の

Enrich your vocabulary! Write in hiragana.

1. n e k o
(c a t)
[t s u]

--	--

4. i n u
(d o g)

--	--

2. n a t u
(s u m m e r)

--	--

5. n u n o
(c l o t h)

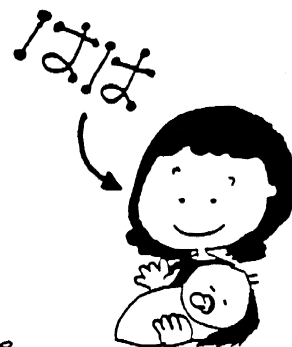
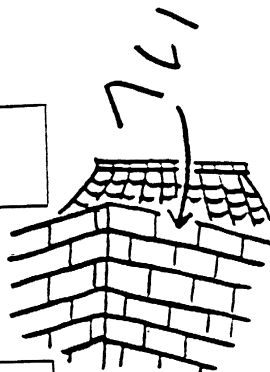
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3. s a k a n a
(f i s h)

--	--	--

は ha ひ hi ふ hu へ he ほ ho

は	は	は	は	は
は	は	は		
ひ	ひ	ひ		
ひ	ひ	ひ		
ふ	ふ	ふ	ふ	ふ
ふ	ふ	ふ		
へ	へ	へ	へ	へ
へ	へ	へ		
ほ	ほ	ほ	ほ	ほ
ほ	ほ	ほ		



は

Carefully copy the following strokes in the empty squares by writing them in the directions indicated by arrows.

は	↓ ¹	↗ ²	↓ ³						
ひ	ひ ¹								
ふ	ふ ¹	ふ ²	ふ ³				"fu" is also written ふ in four strokes.		
へ	へ ¹								
ほ	↓ ¹	↗ ²	↗ ³	↓ ⁴					

Now practice writing the following hiragana in correct stroke order.

は		ひ		ふ		へ		ほ	
				ふ					

Enrich your vocabulary! Write in hiragana.

1. hifu
(skin)

--	--

4. fune
(ship)

--	--

2. hoshi
(star)

--	--

5. hoka
(another; else)

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3. hei
(stone wall; fence)

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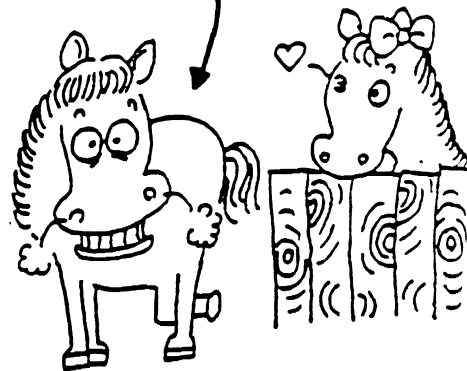
6. hanashi
(story)

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ま ma み mi む mu め me も mo

ま	ー	二	ま	ま
ま	ま	ま		
み	フ	み	み	
み	み	み		
む	ー	す	む	む
む	む	む		
め	↓	め	め	
め	め	め		
も	し	も	も	
も	も	も		

うま



あめ



みみ

ももも



むし



Carefully copy the following strokes in the empty squares by writing them in the directions indicated by arrows.

ま	→ 1	→ 2	ま ^{↓ 3}	1	2	3	1	2	3
み	→ 1	み ^{↓ 2}	1	2	1	2	1	2	
む	→ 1	む ^{↓ 2}	む ^{↓ 3}	1	2	3	1	2	3
め	↓ 1	め ^{↓ 2}	1	2	1	2	1	2	
も	↓ 1	→ 2	も ^{↓ 3}	1	2	3	1	2	3

Now practice writing the following hiragana in correct stroke order.

ま		み		む		め		も	

Enrich your vocabulary! Write in hiragana.

1. ame
(rain)

--	--

4. ima
(now)

--	--

2. momo
(peach)

--	--

5. mushi
(bug; worm)

--	--

3. kami
(paper)

--	--

6. michi
(road)

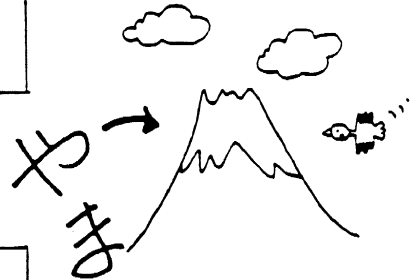
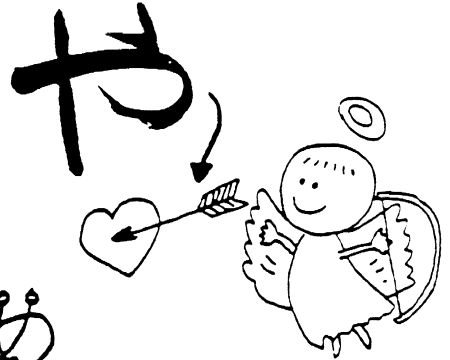
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や ya

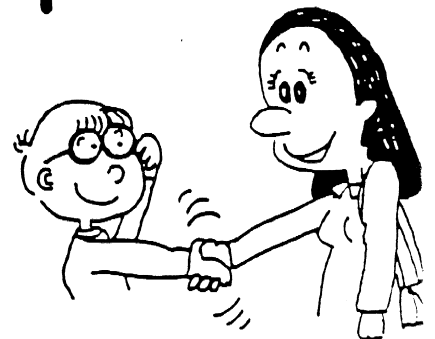
ゆ ^{なまえ}yu

よ yo

や	っ	ゃ	ゃ		
や	や	や			
ゆ	ゝ	ゅ	ゅ	ゅ	
ゆ	ゆ	ゆ			
よ	ー	ょ			
よ	よ	よ			



やまのふもとで



Carefully copy the following strokes in the empty squares by writing them in the directions indicated by arrows.

や	1 ㇀	2 ㇀	3 ㇀	1	2	3	1	2
ゆ	1 ㇀	2 ㇀	1	2	1	2	1	2
よ	1 ㇀	2 ㇀	1	2	1	2	1	2

Practice writing や, ゆ, and よ.

や			ゆ			よ		
---	--	--	---	--	--	---	--	--

Write the following words in hiragana.

1. y a m a
(mountain)
[tsu]

--	--

6. h e y a
(room)

--	--

2. y u m e
(dream)

--	--

7. y u k i
(snow)

--	--

3. y o y a k u
(reservation)

--	--	--

4. y a s a i
(vegetables)

--	--	--

5. y u k a t a

--	--	--

❖ *Yukata* is a kind of *kimono*. It is an informal summertime garment used for general relaxation, especially after a bath.

なまえ

ら ra り ri る ru れ re ろ ro

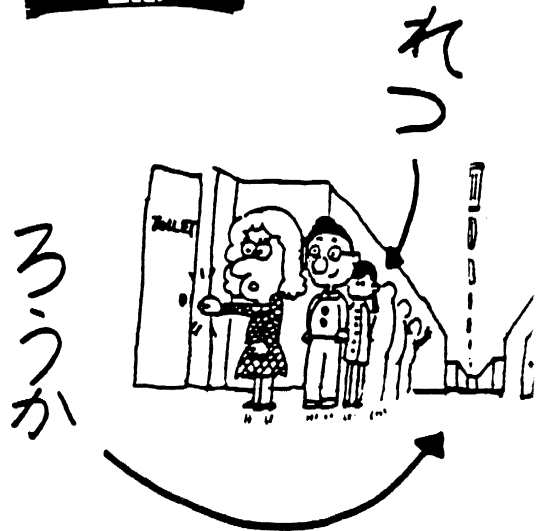
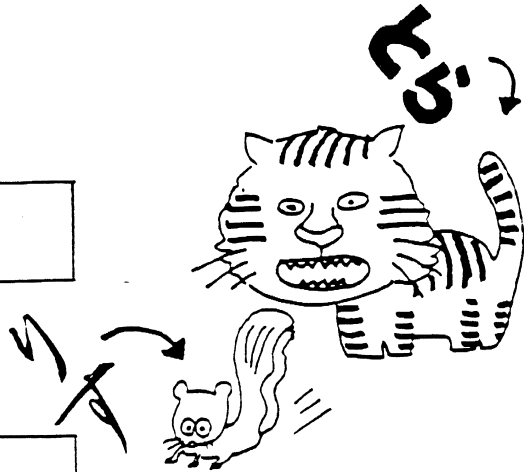
ら ら ら

り り り

る る る

れ れ れ

ろ ろ ろ



Carefully copy the following strokes in the empty squares by writing them in the directions indicated by arrows.

ら	↓ 1	↓ 2	1	2	1	2	1	2
り	↓ 1	↓ 2	1	2	1	2	1	2
る	↗ 1	1	1	1	1	1		
れ	↓ 1	↗ 2	1	2	1	2	1	2
ろ	↗ 1	1	1	1	1	1		

Now practice writing the following hiragana in correct stroke order.

ら		り		る		れ		ろ	

Enrich your vocabulary! Write in hiragana.

1. sakura

(cherry tree;
blossoms)

--	--	--

2. kokoro

(mind; heart)

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3. rekishi

(history)

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4. mura

(village)

5. tori

(bird)

6. yoru

(night)

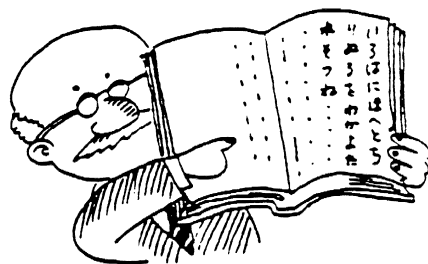
わ wa を o なまえ ん n

わ ↓ わ わ
わ わ わ



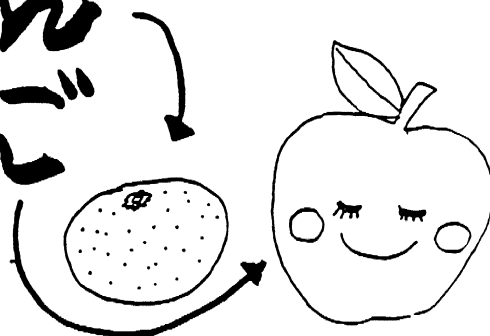
を → を を
を を を

ほんを
よんで
ください。

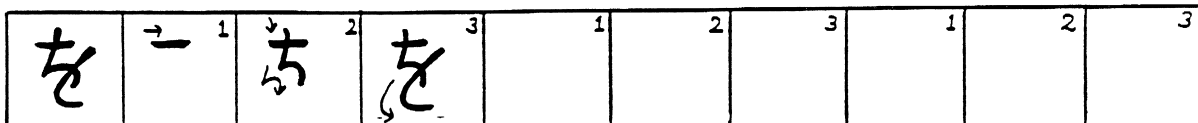
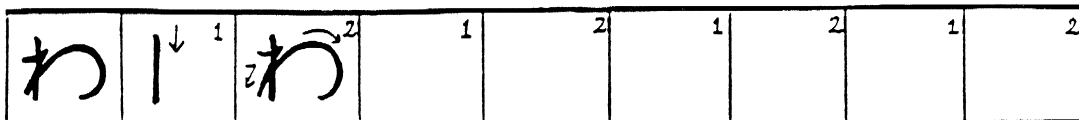


ん へ ん
ん ん ん

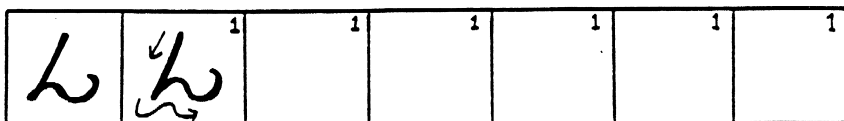
みかん
りんご



Carefully copy the following strokes in the empty squares by writing them in the directions indicated by arrows.



“を” is used to write the particle “o” only.



Write the following words in hiragana.

1. w a t a s h i
(I)

--	--	--

2. h e i w a
[t s u]
(p e a c e)

--	--	--

3. k a i w a
(c o n v e r s a t i o n)

--	--	--

4. t e n k i
(w e a t h e r)

--	--	--

Practice the particle “o”.

1. くるま かいます。

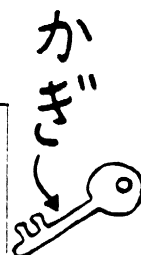
2. (お) さけ のみます。

Adding " to some hiragana

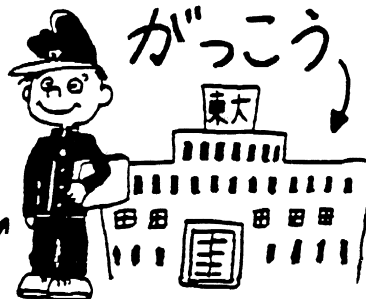
The mark " added to some of the hiragana you have learned changes the consonant sound. Practice reading and writing:



が	ぎ	ぐ	げ	ご
ga	gi	gu	ge	go



が(ga), ぎ(gi), ぐ(gu), げ(ge), ご(go) are pronounced [ga], [gi], [gu] [ge], [go] respectively except when they appear in the first syllable of a word. [ŋ] indicates a nasal sound.

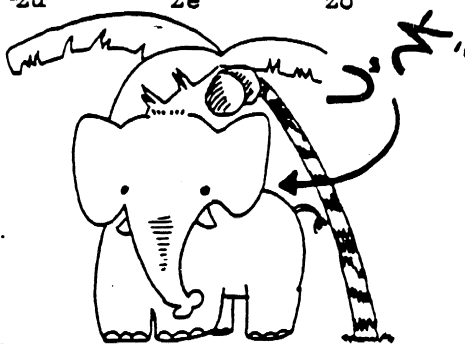


がくせい (gakusei)

ざ	じ	ず	ぜ	ぞ
za	ji (ji)	zu	ze	zo

じ is always used to write zi(ji) except where ti(chi) is changed into zi(ji) in a compound word or zi(ji) is preceded by ti(chi) in one word. The same principle is applied to writing zu in which ず is preferred to づ.

Example of the use of ち to write zi(ji).
はなち (hanaji)[nosebleed] = はな(hana)[nose] + ち(chi)[blood].



だ	(ぢ)	(づ)	で	ど
da	ji (ji)	zu	de	do

The marks " and ° added to the hiragana ba, bi, bu, be, bo change the consonant sounds as follows:

ば	び	ぶ	べ	ぼ
---	---	---	---	---

ba bi bu be bo



ぱ	ぴ	ぷ	ぺ	ぽ
---	---	---	---	---

pa pi pu pe po



やきゅう



Kya

きや

Sya (sha)

しや

Kyu

きゅ

Syu (shu)

しゅ

Kyo

きよ

Syo (sho)

しよ

tya (cha)

ちや

nya

にや

tyu (chu)

ちゅ

nyu

にゅ

tyo (cho)

ちよ

nyo

にょ



ちょうちよ
∞

hya

ひや

mya

みや

hyu

ひゅ

myu

みゅ

hyo

ひよ

myo

みよ



ギゃ
うー
い
い
ゃ
う

Small や (ゆ, よ)

Writing the や smaller and placing it to the lower right creates the single syllable kya.

Compare:

kya	kyu	kyo
きゃ	きゅ	きょ
kiya	kiyu	kiyo
きや	きゆ	きよ

When writing horizontally, や, ゆ, and よ are written small in the lower lefthand part of the square:

き	や	き	ゆ	き	よ
---	---	---	---	---	---

When writing vertically, や, ゆ, and よ are written small in the upper righthand part of the square:

き や	き ゆ	き よ
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Practice reading and writing these hiragana:

ぎゅうにゅう

びょういん

りよ

かん

しゃ
しん

よんでください。そして
ひらがなをかいてくださ
しょうぼうし

ちゅうしゃ

“Long Vowels in hiragana”

なまえ _____

I. Practice reading and writing the following words that include long vowels.

1. おかあさん ⇒ _____
[okaasan] = mother
2. ちいさい ⇒ _____ 6. めいし ⇒ _____
[chiisai] = small [meeshi] = business card
3. こうこう ⇒ _____ 7. とけい ⇒ _____
[kookoo] = high school [tokee] = clock
4. せいと ⇒ _____ 8. さとう ⇒ _____
[seeto] = student [satoo] = sugar
5. すもう ⇒ _____ 9. へいわ ⇒ _____
[sumoo] = sumo wrestling [heewa] = peace

☞ In some words, long e and long o are spelled with え and お respectively. See the following examples and practice writing.

1. とおい ⇒ _____ 2. おねえさん ⇒ _____
[tooi] = far away [oneesan] = older sister

II. Distinguishing between long and short vowels is important in Japanese as the length of the vowel can sometimes change the meaning of the word. Compare the following.

- おじさん [ojisan] = “uncle” or “middle aged man”
おじいさん [ojiiisan] = “grandfather” or “old man”

III. Write the following in hiragana.

1. hikooki ⇒ _____ 3. hoo hoo ⇒ _____
[airplane] [method]
2. keekaku ⇒ _____ 4. sooji ⇒ _____
[plan] [cleaning]

Long Vowels in hiragana

Long vowels are written as follows:

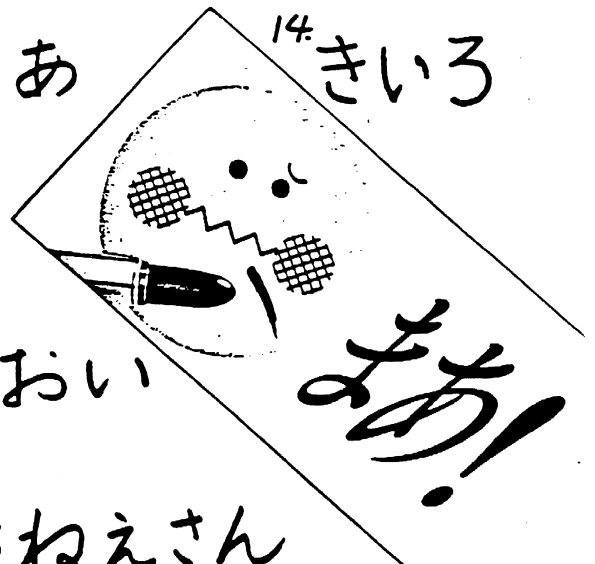
かあ kaa	さあ saa	たあ taa	etc.
きい kii	しい sii (shii)	ちい tii (chii)	etc.
くう kuu	すう suu	つう tuu (tsuu)	etc.
けい kee	せい see	てい tee	etc.

(In a few words, long e is spelled with え : ねえ nee.)

こう koo	そう soo	とう too	etc.
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(In a few words long o is spelled with お : とお too.)

1. おかあさん 7. やあ
2. ひこうき 8. こうこう
3. おにいさん 9. そうこ
4. おおかみ 10. とおい
5. とけい 11. おねえさん
6. そうけい 12. やとう
13. ちいさい 14. きいろ
15. みてい 16. つうこうにん
17. せいと



“TWO-DOTS & ONE-CIRCLE HIRAGANA”

なまえ _____

I. Practice reading and writing the following words that include “two-dots” and/or “one-circle” hiragana.

- | | |
|---|---|
| 1. めがね ⇒ _____
[me gane] = eye glasses | 8. ひだり ⇒ _____
[hi d a r i] = left |
| 2. みぎて ⇒ _____
[mi gi te] = right hand | 9. せんぱい ⇒ _____
[sen pai] = one's senior |
| 3. たまご ⇒ _____
[ta ma go] = egg | 10. ぶんぽう ⇒ _____
[bun poo] = grammar |
| 4. かべ ⇒ _____
[ka be] = wall | 11. しずか ⇒ _____
[shi zu ka] = quiet |
| 5. ちず ⇒ _____
[chi zu] = map | 12. かぞえる ⇒ _____
[ka zo eru] = to count |
| 6. がいこくじん ⇒ _____
[ga i ko ku jin] = foreigner | |
| 7. だいどころ ⇒ _____
[da i do ko ro] = kitchen | |

II. Write the following in Japanese.

- | | |
|--|-----------------------------------|
| 1. tegami ⇒ _____
[letter] | 5. hiragana ⇒ _____
[hiragana] |
| 2. kaze ⇒ _____
[wind] | 6. doobutsu ⇒ _____
[animal] |
| 3. hajimemashite ⇒ _____
[How do you do?] | |
| 4. doomo arigatoo ⇒ _____
[Thank you.] | |