

Hiragana

All 104 characters. 46 basic, 25 with dakuten or handakuten, 33 combinations.

THE 46 BASIC CHARACTERS

	A	I	U	E	O
	あ a	い i	う u	え e	お o
K	か ka	き ki	く ku	け ke	こ ko
S	さ sa	し shi	す su	せ se	そ so
T	た ta	ち chi	つ tsu	て te	と to
N	な na	に ni	ぬ nu	ね ne	の no
H	は ha	ひ hi	ふ fu	へ he	ほ ho
M	ま ma	み mi	む mu	め me	も mo
Y	や ya		ゆ yu		よ yo
R	ら ra	り ri	る ru	れ re	ろ ro
W	わ wa				を wo
	ん n				

WITH DAKUTEN AND HANDAKUTEN

	A	I	U	E	O
G	が ga	ぎ gi	ぐ gu	げ ge	ご go
Z	ざ za	じ ji	ず zu	ぜ ze	ぞ zo
D	だ da	ぢ ji	づ zu	で de	ど do
B	ば ba	び bi	ぶ bu	べ be	ぼ bo
P	ぱ pa	ぴ pi	ぷ pu	ぺ pe	ぽ po

Reading the chart. Down the left is the consonant, across the top is the vowel. Japanese has five vowel sounds and almost every character is one of them with a consonant in front, which is why the grid works at all.

The two marks. Dakuten, the two strokes, turn k into g, s into z, t into d and h into b. Handakuten, the small circle, turns h into p. Both go on last, after the character underneath is finished.

The gaps. The dashed squares are sounds Japanese does not have. Nothing is missing from the chart.

COMBINATIONS

YA	YU	YO
きゃ kya	きゅ kyu	きよ kyo
しゃ sha	しゅ shu	しよ sho
ちゃ cha	ちゅ chu	ちよ cho
にゃ nya	にゅ nyu	によ nyo
ひゃ hya	ひゅ hyu	ひよ hyo
みゃ mya	みゅ myu	みよ myo
りゃ rya	りゅ ryu	りよ ryo
ぎゃ gya	ぎゅ gyu	ぎよ gyo
じゃ ja	じゅ ju	じよ jo
びゃ bya	びゅ byu	びよ byo
ぴゃ pya	ぴゅ pyu	ぴよ pyo

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The 46 basic characters, 1 of 3. Trace the two models, then write it from memory along the row.

あ a	あ	あ									
い i	い	い									
う u	う	う									
え e	え	え									
お o	お	お									
か ka	か	か									
き ki	き	き									
く ku	く	く									
け ke	け	け									
こ ko	こ	こ									
さ sa	さ	さ									
し shi	し	し									
す su	す	す									
せ se	せ	せ									
そ so	そ	そ									
た ta	た	た									

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The 46 basic characters, 2 of 3. Trace the two models, then write it from memory along the row.

ち chi	ち	ち									
つ tsu	つ	つ									
て te	て	て									
と to	と	と									
な na	な	な									
に ni	に	に									
ぬ nu	ぬ	ぬ									
ね ne	ね	ね									
の no	の	の									
は ha	は	は									
ひ hi	ひ	ひ									
ふ fu	ふ	ふ									
へ he	へ	へ									
ほ ho	ほ	ほ									
ま ma	ま	ま									

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The 46 basic characters, 3 of 3. Trace the two models, then write it from memory along the row.

み mi	み	み								
む mu	む	む								
め me	め	め								
も mo	も	も								
や ya	や	や								
ゆ yu	ゆ	ゆ								
よ yo	よ	よ								
ら ra	ら	ら								
り ri	り	り								
る ru	る	る								
れ re	れ	れ								
ろ ro	ろ	ろ								
わ wa	わ	わ								
を wo	を	を								
ん n	ん	ん								

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Dakuten and handakuten, 1 of 2. The two marks are the last thing you write, after the character underneath is finished.

が ^{ga}	が	が									
ぎ ^{gi}	ぎ	ぎ									
ぐ ^{gu}	ぐ	ぐ									
げ ^{ge}	げ	げ									
ご ^{go}	ご	ご									
ざ ^{za}	ざ	ざ									
じ ^{ji}	じ	じ									
ず ^{zu}	ず	ず									
ぜ ^{ze}	ぜ	ぜ									
ぞ ^{zo}	ぞ	ぞ									
だ ^{da}	だ	だ									
ぢ ^{ji}	ぢ	ぢ									
づ ^{zu}	づ	づ									

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Dakuten and handakuten, 2 of 2. The two marks are the last thing you write, after the character underneath is finished.

で ^{de}	で	で									
ど ^{do}	ど	ど									
ば ^{ba}	ば	ば									
び ^{bi}	び	び									
ぶ ^{bu}	ぶ	ぶ									
べ ^{be}	べ	べ									
ぼ ^{bo}	ぼ	ぼ									
ぱ ^{pa}	ぱ	ぱ									
ぴ ^{pi}	ぴ	ぴ									
ぷ ^{pu}	ぷ	ぷ									
ぺ ^{pe}	ぺ	ぺ									
ぽ ^{po}	ぽ	ぽ									

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Combinations, 1 of 2. The second character is written small, in the lower half of the space, and the pair is said as one syllable.

きや kya	きや	きや						
きゆ kyu	きゆ	きゆ						
きよ kyo	きよ	きよ						
しゃ sha	しゃ	しゃ						
しゅ shu	しゅ	しゅ						
しよ sho	しよ	しよ						
ちゃ cha	ちゃ	ちゃ						
ちゅ chu	ちゅ	ちゅ						
ちよ cho	ちよ	ちよ						
にや nya	にや	にや						
にゅ nyu	にゅ	にゅ						
によ nyo	によ	によ						
ひや hya	ひや	ひや						
ひゅ hyu	ひゅ	ひゅ						
ひよ hyo	ひよ	ひよ						
みや mya	みや	みや						
みゅ myu	みゅ	みゅ						

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Combinations, 2 of 2. The second character is written small, in the lower half of the space, and the pair is said as one syllable.

みよ myo	みよ	みよ						
りゃ rya	りゃ	りゃ						
りゅ ryu	りゅ	りゅ						
りょ ryo	りょ	りょ						
ぎゃ gya	ぎゃ	ぎゃ						
ぎゅ gyu	ぎゅ	ぎゅ						
ぎょ gyo	ぎょ	ぎょ						
じゃ ja	じゃ	じゃ						
じゅ ju	じゅ	じゅ						
じょ jo	じょ	じょ						
びゃ bya	びゃ	びゃ						
びゅ byu	びゅ	びゅ						
びょ byo	びょ	びょ						
ぴゃ pya	ぴゃ	ぴゃ						
ぴゅ pyu	ぴゅ	ぴゅ						
ぴょ pyo	ぴょ	ぴょ						