

ひらがな

**Hiragana
Workbook**

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	あ	い	う	え	お
k	か	き	く	け	こ
s	さ	し	す	せ	そ
t	た	ち	つ	て	と
n	な	に	ぬ	ね	の
h	は	ひ	ふ	へ	ほ
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y	や		ゆ		よ
r	ら	り	る	れ	ろ
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z	ざ	じ	ず	ぜ	ぞ
d	だ	ぢ	づ	で	ど
b	ば	び	ぶ	べ	ぼ
p	ぱ	ぴ	ぷ	ぺ	ぽ

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ky	きゃ	きゅ	きょ	gy	ぎゃ	ぎゅ	ぎょ
sh	しゃ	しゅ	しょ	j	じゃ	じゅ	じょ
ch	ちゃ	ちゅ	ちょ	j	ぢゃ	ぢゅ	ぢょ
ny	にゃ	にゅ	にょ				
hy	ひゃ	ひゅ	ひょ	by	びゃ	びゅ	びょ
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ry	りゃ	りゅ	りょ				

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Read the following Hiragana.

- 1 あ 2 い 3 う 4 え 5 お
- 6 お 7 え 8 い 9 あ 10 う
- 11 あい (love) 12 いえ (house) 13 うえ (top)
- 14 え (picture) 15 おおい (many)

Write the following Hiragana.

- 1 **au** (meet)

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- 2 **ee** (yes)

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- 3 **oi** (nephew)

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- 4 **ie** (no)

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- 5 **aoi** (blue)

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Write the following Hiragana.

1 **ai** (love)

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2 **ie** (house)

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3 **oi** (nephew)

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4 **ue** (top)

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5 **au** (meet)

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6 **ii** (good)

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7 **iu** (say)

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8 **ee** (yes)

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9 **ie** (no)

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10 **aoi** (blue)

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Read the following Hiragana.

- 1 か 2 き 3 く 4 け 5 こ
- 6 かき (oyster) 7 かく (write) 8 きく (hear)
- 9 ここ (here) 10 け (hair) 11 かう (buy)
- 12 あく (be open) 13 いけ (pond) 14 こえ (voice)
- 15 えき (staition)

Write the following Hiragana.

- 1 **kako** (past)

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- 2 **kuki** (stem)

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- 3 **koke** (moss)

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- 4 **koi** (carp)

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- 5 **akai** (red)

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Write the following Hiragana.

1 **au** (meet)

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2 **oi** (nephew)

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3 **ue** (top)

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4 **kaki** (oyster)

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5 **kiku** (hear)

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6 **koke** (moss)

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7 **iku** (go)

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8 **ike** (pond)

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9 **aki** (autumn)

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10 **kau** (buy)

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11 **oku** (put)

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12 **kao** (face)

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13 **eki** (station)

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14 **akai** (red)

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15 **ookii** (big)

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Read the following Hiragana.

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| 1 さ | 2 し | 3 す | 4 せ | 5 そ |
| 6 かさ (umbrella) | 7 あし (leg,foot) | 8 いす (chair) | | |
| 9 けさ (this morning) | 10 しお (salt) | 11 すし (sushi) | | |
| 12 あせ (sweat) | 13 すこし (a bit) | 14 せかい (world) | | |
| 15 おいしい (delicious) | | | | |

Write the following Hiragana.

- 1 **asa** (morning)

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- 2 **ishi** (stone)

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- 3 **suki** (like)

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- 4 **seki** (seat)

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- 5 **soko** (there)

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Write the following Hiragana.

1 **isu** (chair)

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2 **kasa** (umbrella)

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3 **ashi** (leg,foot)

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4 **sake** (Japanese wine)

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5 **usui** (thin)

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6 **sekai** (world)

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7 **sukoshi** (a bit)

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8 **osoi** (slow)

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9 **okashi** (sweet)

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10 **asoko** (over there)

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Read the following Hiragana.

- 1 た 2 ち 3 つ 4 て 5 と
- 6 した (under) 7 うち (house) 8 くつ (shoes)
- 9 て (hand) 10 そと (outside) 11 きた (north)
- 12 しち (seven) 13 あつい (hot) 14 そして (and)
- 15 おととい (the day before yesterday)

Write the following Hiragana.

- 1 **uta** (song)

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- 2 **kuchi** (mouth)

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- 3 **itsu** (when)

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- 4 **otoko** (man)

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- 5 **chikatetsu** (underground)

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Write the following Hiragana.

1 **shita** (under)

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2 **ichi** (one)

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3 **ato** (after)

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4 **takai** (expensive, high)

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5 **tsukue** (desk)

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6 **ikutsu** (how many)

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7 **chikai** (near)

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8 **kotoshi** (this year)

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9 **soshite** (and)

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10 **itsuka** (5th)

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11 **ashita** (tomorrow)

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12 **chiisai** (small)

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Read the following Hiragana.

- 1 な 2 に 3 ぬ 4 ね 5 の
- 6 なつ (summer) 7 にし (west) 8 きぬ (silk)
- 9 あね (older sister) 10 なのか (7th) 11 にく (meat)
- 12 おなか (stomach) 13 ねこ (cat) 14 すな (sand)
- 15 たのしい (enjoyable)

Write the following Hiragana.

- 1 **kuni** (country)

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- 2 **inu** (dog)

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- 3 **okane** (money)

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- 4 **kitanai** (dirty)

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- 5 **otoko no ko** (boy)

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Write the following Hiragana.

1 **naka** (inside)

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2 **ani** (older brother)

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3 **netsu** (fever)

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4 **kono** (this)

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5 **senaka** (back)

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6 **otona** (adult)

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7 **kanai** (wife)

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8 **okane** (money)

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9 **sakana** (fish)

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10 **ichinichi** (one day)

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Read the following Hiragana.

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| 1 は | 2 ひ | 3 ふ | 4 へ | 5 ほ |
| 6 はな (flower) | 7 ひとつ (one) | 8 ふく (clothes) | | |
| 9 へた (poor at) | 10 ほしい (want) | 11 はい (yes) | | |
| 12 ひくい (low) | 13 ふつか (2nd) | 14 へい (fense) | | |
| 15 ほし (star) | | | | |

Write the following Hiragana.

- 1 **hako** (box)

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- 2 **hito** (people)

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- 3 **futoi** (thick)

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- 4 **heishi** (soldier)

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- 5 **hosoi** (thin)

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Write the following Hiragana.

1 **hashi**

(bridge, chopstick)

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2 **funē** (ship)

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3 **hoka** (other)

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4 **hachi** (eight, bee)

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5 **hata** (flag)

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6 **hone** (bone)

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7 **hito** (people)

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8 **fuku** (clothes)

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9 **heta** (poor at)

--	--

10 **sofu** (grand father)

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11 **hatachi** (20 years old)

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12 **fukai** (deep)

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13 **hanashi** (talk)

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Read the following Hiragana.

- 1 ま 2 み 3 む 4 め 5 も
- 6 なまえ (name) 7 みなみ (south) 8 さむい (cold)
- 9 むすめ (daughter) 10 のみもの (drink) 11 うみ (sea)
- 12 せまい (narrow) 13 いつも (always) 14 むすこ (son)
- 15 つめたい (cold)

Write the following Hiragana.

- 1 **hima** (free)

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- 2 **michi** (road)

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- 3 **ame** (rain)

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- 4 **muika** (6th)

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- 5 **nimotsu** (baggage)

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Write the following Hiragana.

1 **machi** (town)

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2 **kami** (paper)

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3 **nomu** (drink)

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4 **mise** (shop)

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5 **kumo** (cloud)

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6 **ima** (now)

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7 **mae** (before)

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8 **imi** (meaning)





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9 **mata** (again)




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10 **kaimono** (shopping)

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yu	ゆ				
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yo	よ				
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Read the following Hiragana.

1 や

2 ゆ

3 よ

4 へや (room)

5 ゆか (floor)

6 よむ (read)

7 やま (mountain)

8 ゆめ (dream)

9 よこ (beside)

Write the following Hiragana.

1 hanaya (florist)

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2 yuki (snow)

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3 tsuyoi (strong)

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4 yaoya (grocery)

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5 fuyu (winter)

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Write the following Hiragana.

1 **iya** (no, hate)

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2 **yume** (dream)

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3 **yomu** (read)

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4 **yama** (mountain)

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5 **yoku** (often)

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6 **fuyu** (winter)

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7 **tsuyoi** (strong)

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8 **hayai** (fast, early)

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9 **yasui** (cheap)

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10 **yonaka** (midnight)

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11 **yasashii** (easy)

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12 **natsuyasumi** (summer vacation)

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Read the following Hiragana.

1 ら 2 り 3 る 4 れ 5 ろ

6 そら (sky) 7 くすり (medicine) 8 よる (night)

9 あれ (that) 10 おふろ (bath) 11 あらう (wash)

12 となり (next to) 13 はる (spring) 14 これ (this)

15 おもしろい (interesting)

Write the following Hiragana.

1 sara (plate)

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2 tori (bird)

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3 hiru (noon)

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4 rekishi (history)

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5 hiroi (spacious)

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Write the following Hiragana.

1 **ikura** (how much)

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2 **amari** (not very)

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3 **kuruma** (car)

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4 **kirei** (beautiful)

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5 **shiroi** (white)

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6 **ireru** (put in)

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7 **sochira** (that way)

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8 **furui** (old)

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9 **atarashii** (new)

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wa	わ	丨	わ		
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wa	わ				
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o	を				
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Read the following Hiragana.

1 わ

2 を

3 ん

4 わるい (bad)

5 てんき (weather)

6 にわ (garden)

7 しつもん (question)

8 たいしかん (embassy)

9 わかい (young)

Write the following Hiragana.

1 kawa (river)

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2 hon (book)

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3 watashi (I)

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4 taihen (very)

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5 minasan (everybody)

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Write the following Hiragana.

1 **niwa** (garden)

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2 **hon** (book)

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3 **kawa** (river)

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4 **wakai** (young)

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5 **tenki** (weather)

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6 **watashi** (I)

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7 **nihon** (Japan)

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8 **kawaii** (cute)

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9 **sentaku** (laundry)

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10 **okusan** (wife)

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Read the following Hiragana.

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| 1 めがね (glasses) | 2 かぎ (key) | 3 すぐ (soon) |
| 4 こんげつ (this month) | 5 ごはん (meal) | 6 はいざら (ashtray) |
| 7 じかん (time) | 8 ちず (map) | 9 かぜ (cold, wind) |
| 10 かぞく (family) | 11 からだ (body) | 12 でんき (electricity) |
| 13 まど (window) | 14 そば (near) | 15 かびん (vase) |
| 16 ぜんぶ (all) | 17 べんり (convenient) | 18 おぼん (tray) |
| 19 きんぱつ (blond) | 20 えんぴつ (pencil) | 21 てんぷら (tempura) |
| 22 さんぽ (walk) | | |

Write the following Hiragana.

- 1 **ongaku** (music)

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- 2 **shizukana** (quiet)

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- 3 **tomodachi** (friend)

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- 4 **shinbun** (newspaper)

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Write the following Hiragana.

1 **mizu** (water)

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2 **tsugi** (next)

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3 **dore** (which)

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4 **tegami** (letter)

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5 **denwa** (telephone)

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6 **gozen** (A.M.)

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7 **genki** (fine)

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8 **kaban** (bag)

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9 **abunai** (dangerous)

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10 **nigiyaka** (lively)

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Read the following Hiragana.

- 1 きって (stamp) 2 みっか (3rd) 3 むつつ (six)
- 4 にっき (diary) 5 まっすぐ (straight) 6 もっと (more)
- 7 あさって (the day after tomorrow)

Write the following Hiragana.

- 1 **kippu** (stamp)

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- 2 **zasshi** (magazine)

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- 3 **sekken** (soap)

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- 4 **yukkuri** (slowly)

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- 5 **kissaten** (coffee shop)

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- 6 ***onna** (woman)

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Read the following Hiragana.

1 おかあさん (mother)

2 おにいさん (brother)

3 ゆうがた (evening)

4 おねえさん (sister)

5 おおきい (big)

Write the following Hiragana.

1 **obaasan** (grandmother)

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2 **ojiisan** (grandfather)

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3 **yuubin** (mail)

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4 **tooi** (far)

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5 **yuube** (last night)

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Read the following Hiragana.

1 えいご (English)

2 ゆうめいな (famous)

3 ぎんこう (bank)

4 いもうと (younger sister)

5 せんせい (teacher)

6 がくせい (student)

Write the following Hiragana.

1 eega (film)

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2 kooen (park)

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3 ototoo (younger brother)

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4 yoofuku (clothes)

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5 dooshite (why)

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Write the following Hiragana.

1 **tokee** (watch)

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2 **mukoo** (beyond)

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3 **doozo** (please)

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4 **kinoo** (yesterday)

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5 **sooji** (cleaning)

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6 **booshi** (hat)

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7 **seeto** (pupil)

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8 **doomo** (thank you)

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9 **gakkoo** (school)

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10 **kayoobi** (Tuesday)

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kyu	き	ゆ								
kyo	き	よ								

sha	し	や								
shu	し	ゆ								
sho	し	よ								

cha	ち	や								
chu	ち	ゆ								
cho	ち	よ								

nya	に	や								
nyu	に	ゆ								
nyo	に	よ								

hya	ひ	や								
hyu	ひ	ゆ								
hyo	ひ	よ								

mya	み	や								
myu	み	ゆ								
myo	み	よ								

rya	り	や								
ryu	り	ゆ								
ryo	り	よ								

gya	ぎ	や								
gyu	ぎ	ゆ								
gyo	ぎ	よ								

ja	じ	や								
ju	じ	ゆ								
jo	じ	よ								

ja	ぢ	や								
ju	ぢ	ゆ								
jo	ぢ	よ								

bya	び	や								
byu	び	ゆ								
byo	び	よ								

pya	ぴ	や								
pyu	ぴ	ゆ								
pyo	ぴ	よ								

Read the following Hiragana.

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| 1 おきゃく (guest) | 2 きゅうか (holiday) |
| 3 きょう (today) | 4 じてんしゃ (bicycle) |
| 5 れんしゅう (practise) | 6 じょうず (good at) |
| 7 にほんちゃ (green tea) | 8 ちゅうい (caution) |
| 9 ちょうど (just) | 10 ひゃく (hundred) |
| 11 りゅうがくせい (foreign student) | 12 りょこう (trip) |
| 13 ぎゅうにゅう (milk) | 14 たんじょうび (birthday) |
| 15 びょういん (hospital) | |

Write the following Hiragana.

- 1 **shashin** (photograph)

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- 2 **chairo** (brown)

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- 3 **ryokan** (inn)

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- 4 **shukudai** (homework)

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HOMEWORK

Write the following Hiragana.

1 **jisho** (dictionary)

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2 **densha** (train)

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3 **kyonen** (last year)

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4 **shujin** (husband)

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5 **ryoori** (food)

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6 **koocha** (tea)

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8 **byooki** (sick)

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9 **kaisha** (company)

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10 **benkyoo** (study)

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Read the following sentences.

- 1 こんにちは。
- 2 わたしは がくせいです。
- 3 きょうは どうようびではありません。
- 4 まいにち かいしゃへ いきます。
- 5 きノウ なにを しましたか。
- 6 いいてんきでしたから、こうえんに 行きました。
- 7 「おげんきですか。」

Write the following sentences in Hiragana.

- 1 Ima nanji desu ka.
- 2 Kore o misete kudasai.
- 3 Watashi wa ashita Nihon ni ikimasu.
- 4 Tookyoo de tomodachi to eega o mimasu.
- 5 Anata wa doko e ikimasu ka.

HOW TO WRITE HIRAGANA

1. In Japanese, there are three writing systems: Hiragana, Katakana and Kanji. Hiragana and Katakana are phonetic and the same symbol always indicates the same sound.
2. One hiragana represents one syllable and there are five different types in syllables.
 - a. Five basic vowels: [a],[i],[u],[e],[o]
 - b. Consonant or semivowel + vowel: [na],[ki],[yu], etc.
 - c. Syllabic consonant: [n] / [m]
 - d. Any consonant other than [n] / [m] when followed by another identical consonant: e.g. zasshi, kissaten, etc.
 - e. A contracted syllable: [ki] + [ya]=[kya],[chi] + [ya]=[cha],etc.
3. The stroke orders are usually from left to right and top to bottom.
4. There are three ways to finish a stroke.

Tome or 'stop' means that the pen has to make a complete stop and should be lifted it off the paper at the end of the stroke.

Hane or 'jump' means that you leave a jump mark before the end of the stroke.

Lastly, with harai or 'sweeping', you finish the stroke by lifting the pen up gradually.
5. There are 46 basic symbols in Hiragana. In addition, there are Dakuon, Handakuon and Yoon (See 16, 17, & 18).
6. The first five of these are vowels, [a], [i], [u], [e], [o].
7. The second five are these vowels plus the consonant *k*.
8. The third are the vowels plus the consonant *s*.

Shi is used for si because the latter sound doesn't exist.
9. The fourth, the vowels plus the consonant *t*..

Chi and *tsu* replace ti and tu.

10. The fifth, the vowels plus the consonant *n*.
11. The sixth, the vowels plus the consonant *h*..
Fu for *hu*
12. The seventh, the vowels plus *m*.
13. The eighth, the vowels plus *y*.
Yi and *ye* don't exist.
14. The ninth, the vowels plus *r*
The pronunciation of 'r' can be regarded as the sound between [r] and [l] in English.
15. The vowel plus *w*
wi, wu and *we* don't exist in modern Japanese.
o [を] is used only as a particle.
16. Dakuon
There are three kinds of dakuon. Three consonants used for them are [g,z,d].
17. Handakuon is [pa, pi, pu, pe, po].
18. Yoon
There are three kinds of yoon.
 1. *K, N, H, M, R + Y + A, U, O*
Eg. *K + Y + O = KYO* きょ
 2. *S, C + H + A, U, O*
Eg. *CH + YA = CHA* ちゃ
 3. *J + A, U, O*
Eg. *JA* じゃ

How to write words

19. Double Vowel [o] + [o]

When double o's occur, the second [o] syllable is written with an [u] in most cases. [e] + [e] → [e] + [i]

20. Double Consonants

Everytime two consonants take place in a row, the first one is always written with a half-sized [tsu].

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The double consonant [n] is not to be treated as above. The first [n] is written with ん.

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Don't confuse the particles [wa,o,e] with ordinary [wa,o,e].