

This image features a variety of traditional Japanese symbols and objects. At the top center are Mount Fuji and a cherry blossom. To the left is a torii gate, and to the right is a paper lantern. Below these are more cherry blossoms, a pagoda, and a string of prayer beads. The middle section includes a teapot, a conical hat, a bamboo leaf, a cloud, a map of Japan, a bowl of ramen, a washi brush, a bow, a cup of tea, a sake bottle, and a fan. The word "JAPAN" is prominently displayed in the center-right. Below it are two brushes, a pagoda, and a flower. The bottom section contains a torii gate, a small shrine, a bridge, a crane, a flower, a lantern, and steam rising from a pot. The entire composition is framed by a decorative border of various motifs like fish, sushi, and other cultural items.

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
ta た	chi ち	tsu つ	te て	to と
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	ji ぢ	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

きゅ = kyu

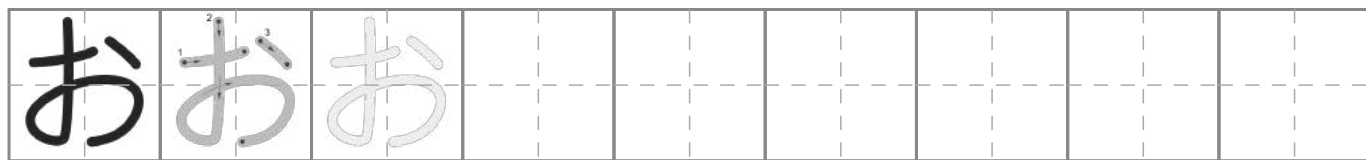
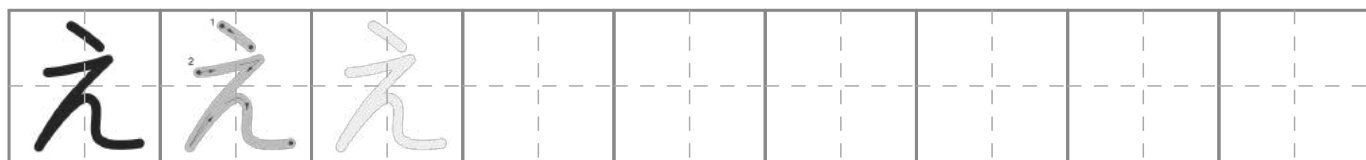
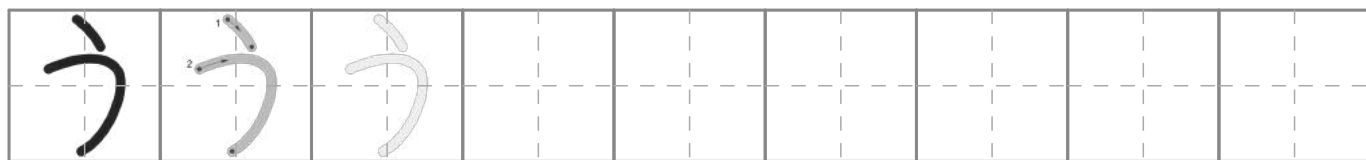
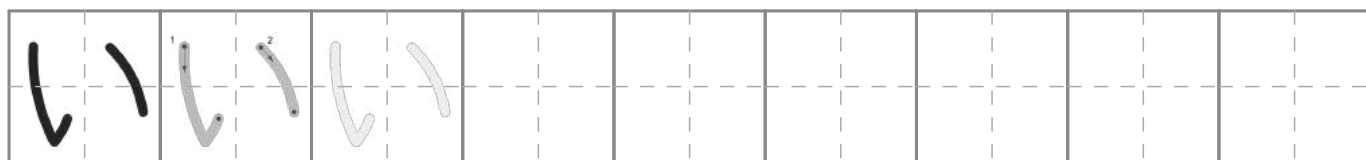
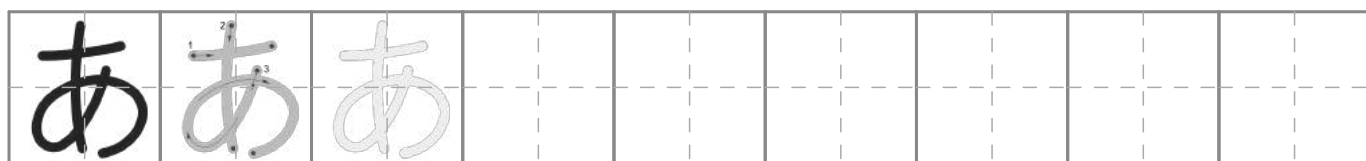
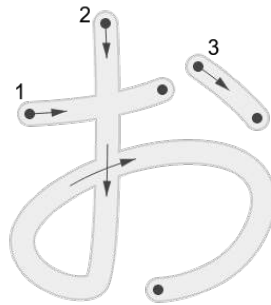
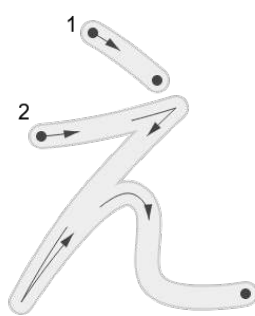
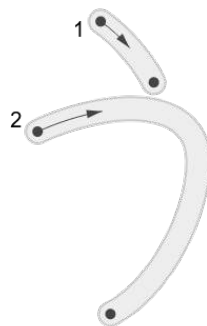
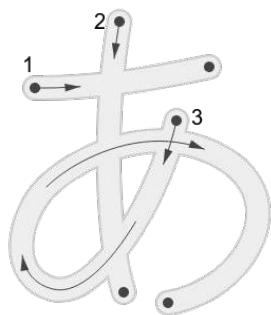
きよ = kyo

じゃ = jya or ja

じゅ = jyu or ju

じよ = jyo or jo





EE - yes



IIE - no

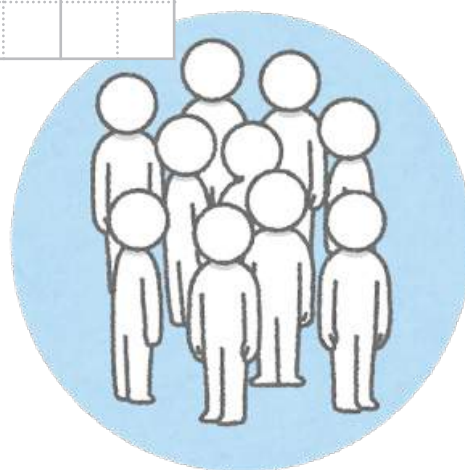


AI - love

IE - house



OOI - many



UE - up

Practice:

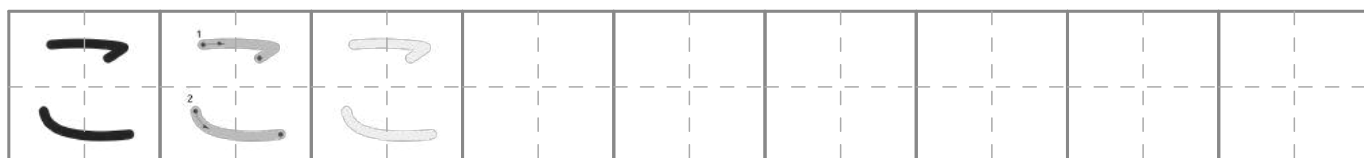
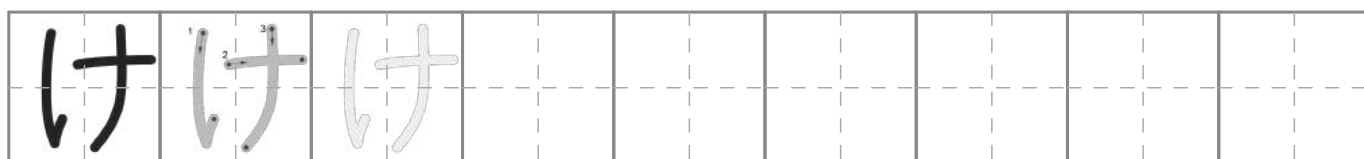
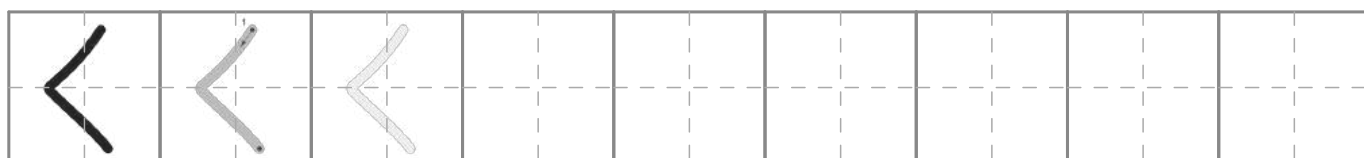
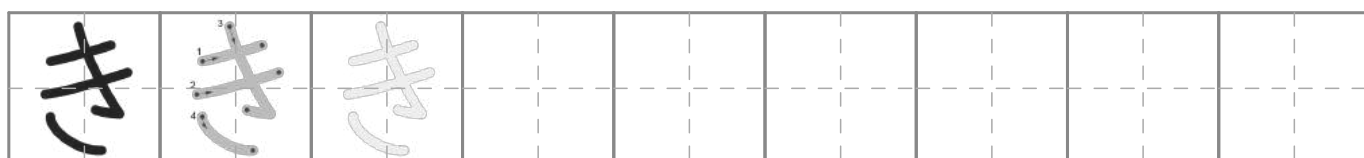
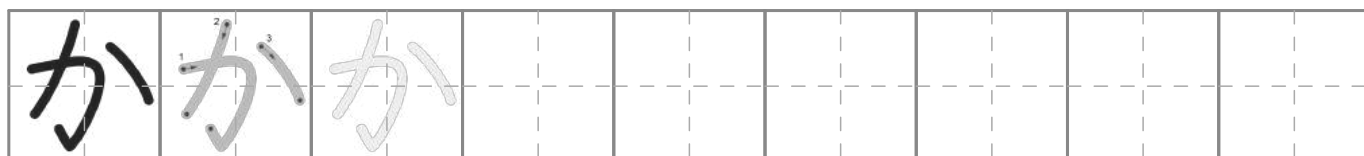
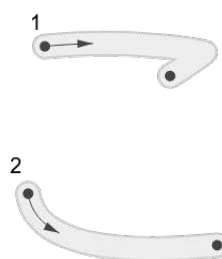
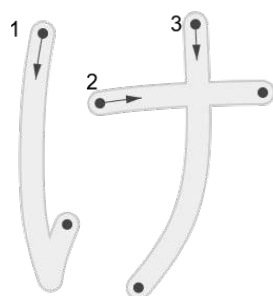
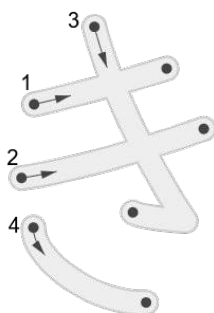
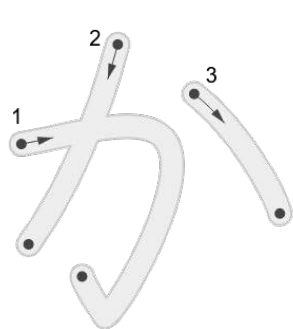
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yes

up

love

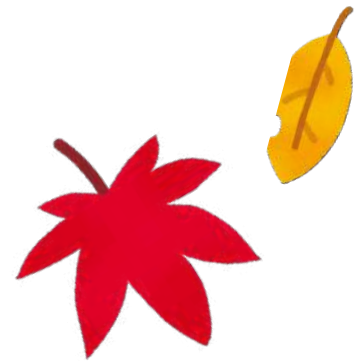
many





OOKI - big

KI - tree



AKI - Autumn



IKA - squid



KAKU - to write



EKI - station



IKE - pond

Practice:

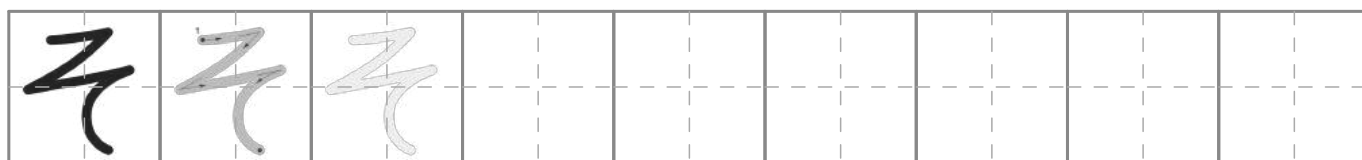
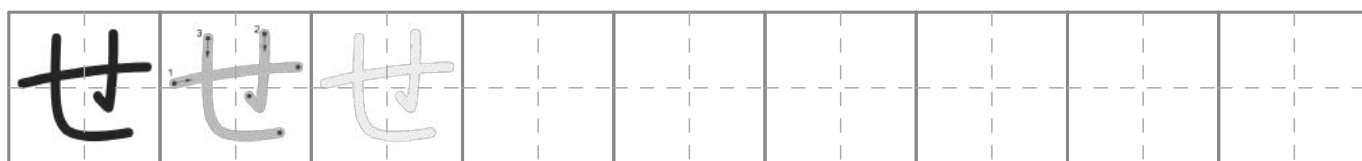
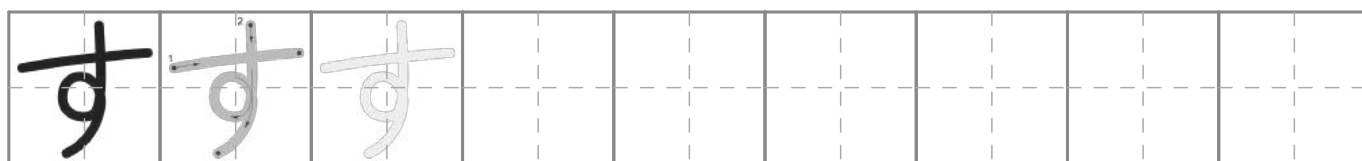
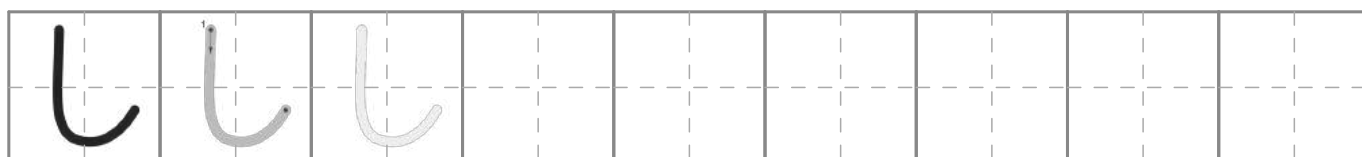
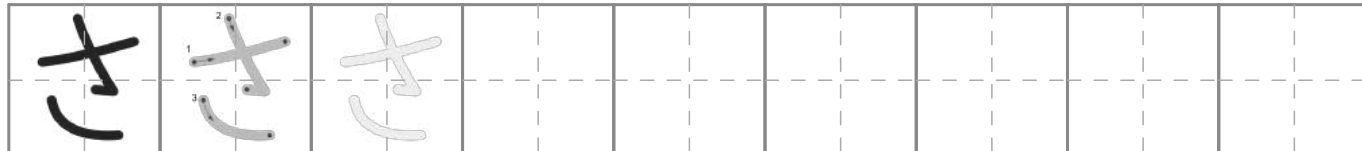
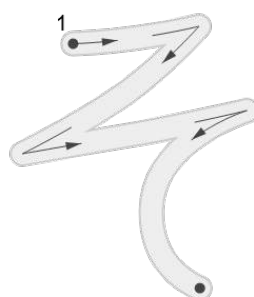
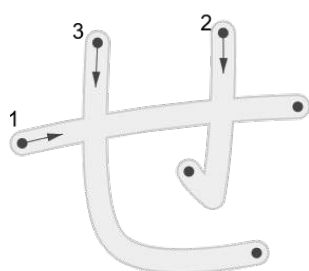
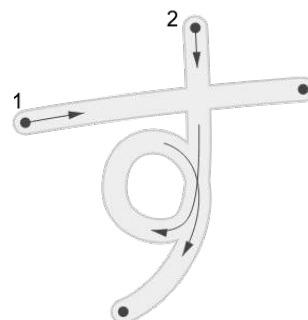
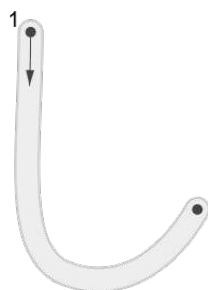
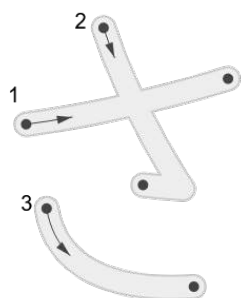
Read the English word and write the Hiragana in the box.

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)

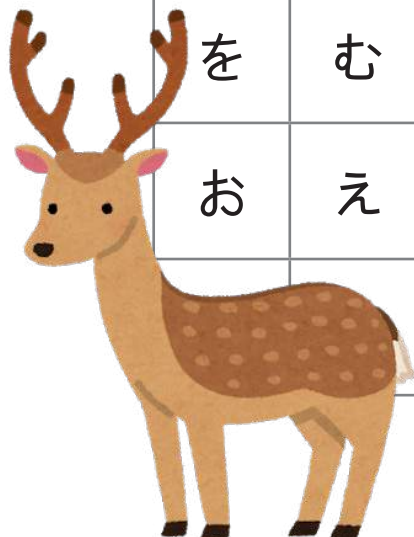
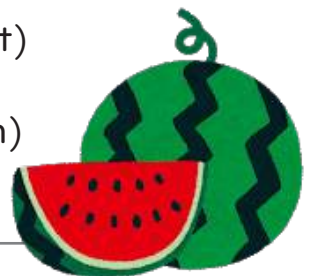
shikaku (square)

okashi (sweets)

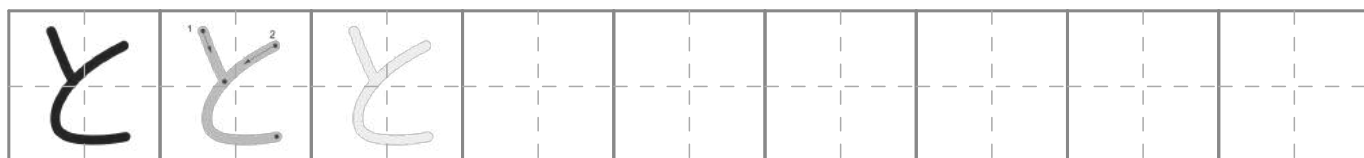
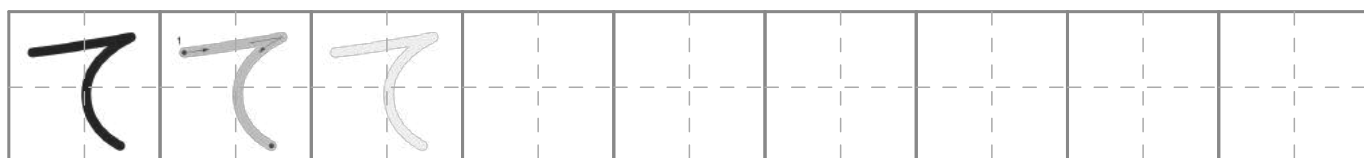
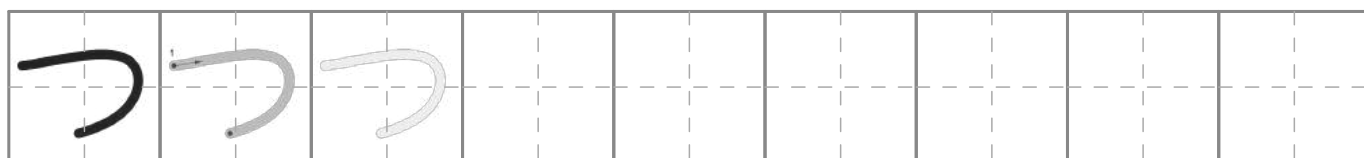
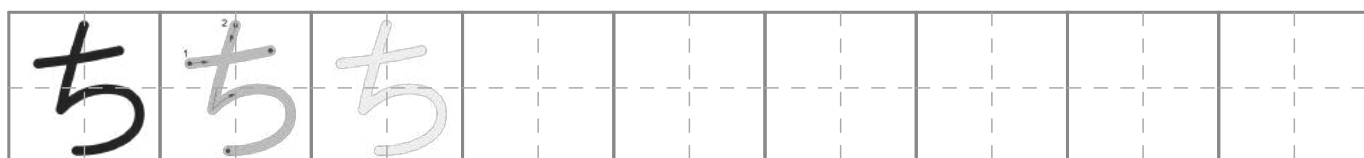
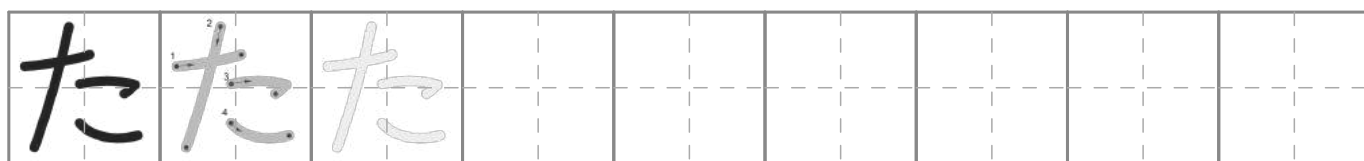
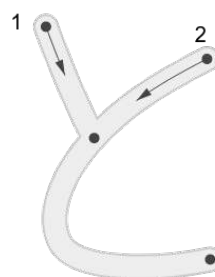
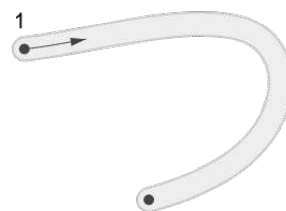
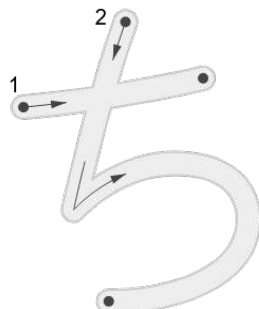
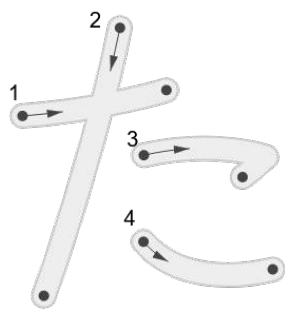
kaisou (seaweed)

sukoshi (a little bit)

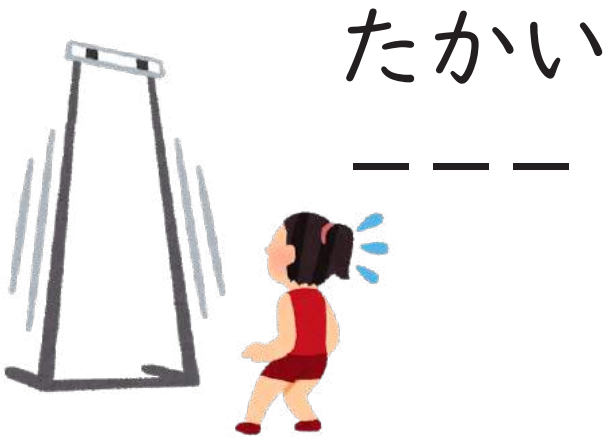
suika (watermelon)



ま	あ	お	も	し	か	お	と
す	い	か	ふ	め	ひ	さ	か
し	す	し	て	へ	か	た	り
か	い	ら	く	つ	は	し	ん
を	む	す	か	る	い	み	あ
お	え	こ	し	う	す	ち	る
		し	ほ	か	い	そ	う



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



とし
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たこ
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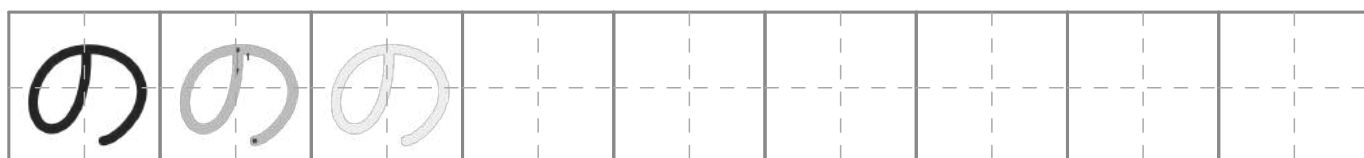
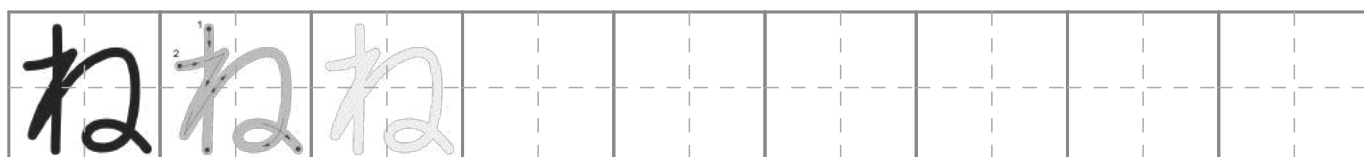
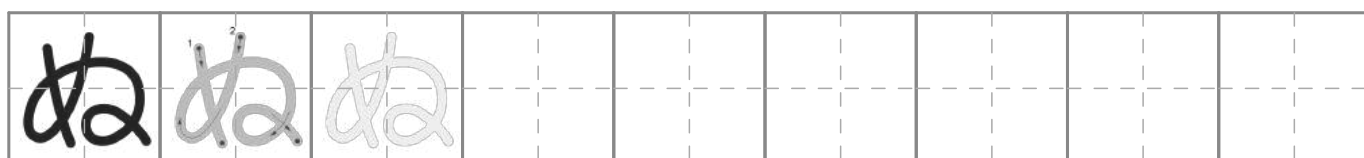
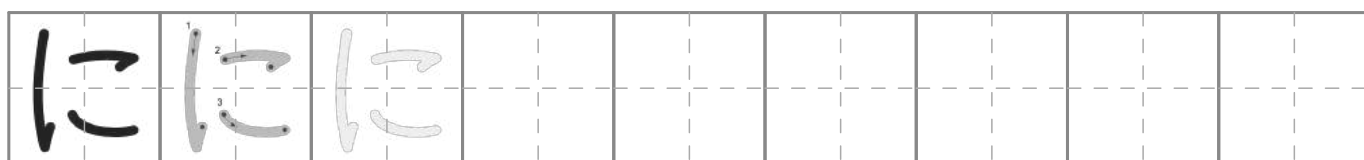
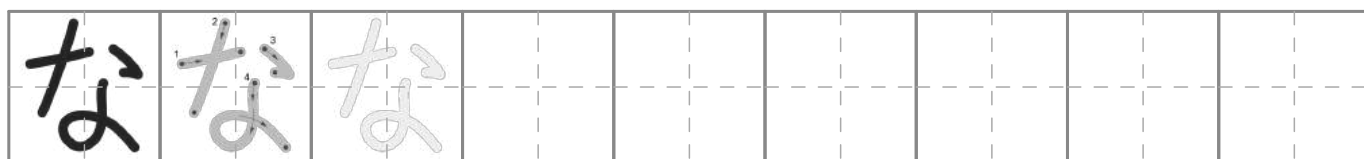
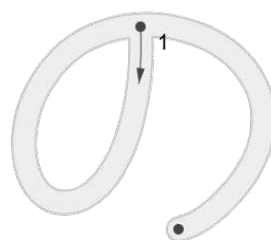
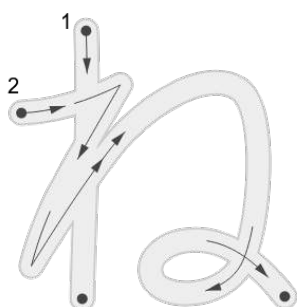
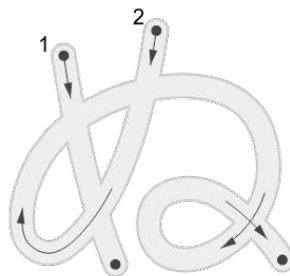
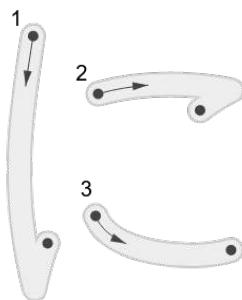
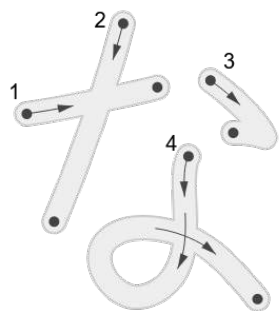


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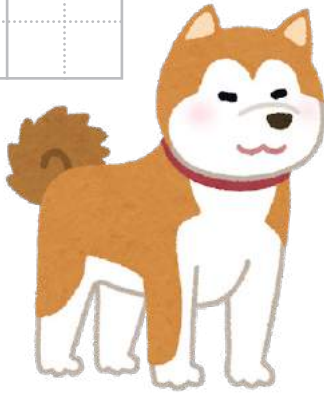


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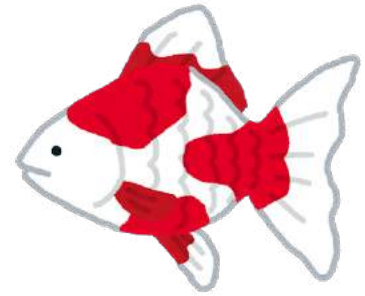
INU - dog



NEKO - cat

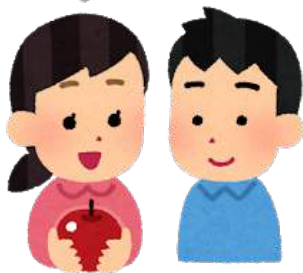


SAKANA - fish



KONO - this

this



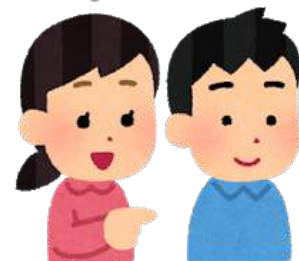
SONO - that

that



ANO - that over there

that over
there



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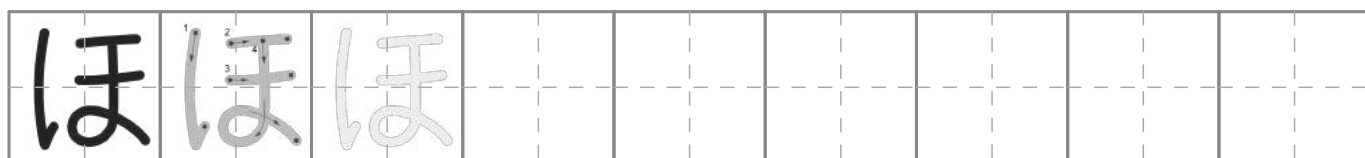
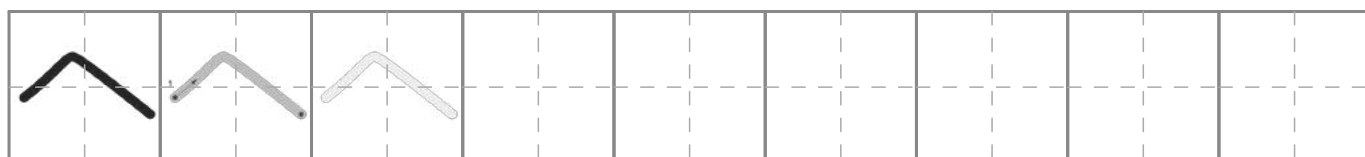
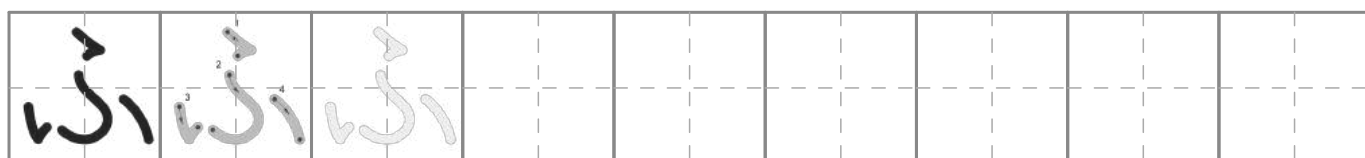
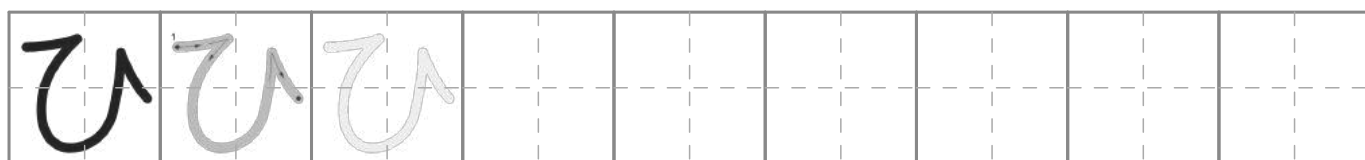
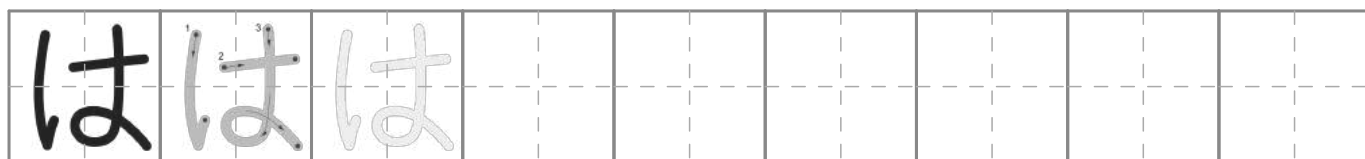
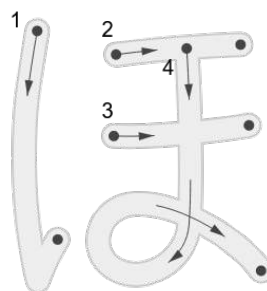
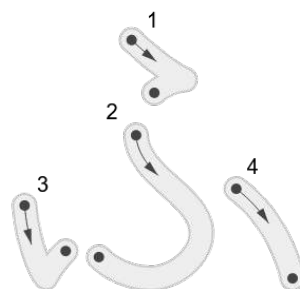
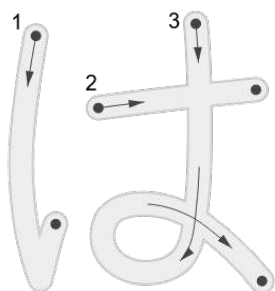
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that

cat

dog

fish





HANA - flower



HI - fire

FUDE - brush

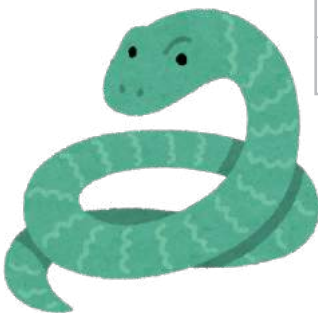
Use the ten-ten
to change the 't' sound to
a 'd' sound.



HOSHI - star



HEBI - snake



HAKO - box



Practice:

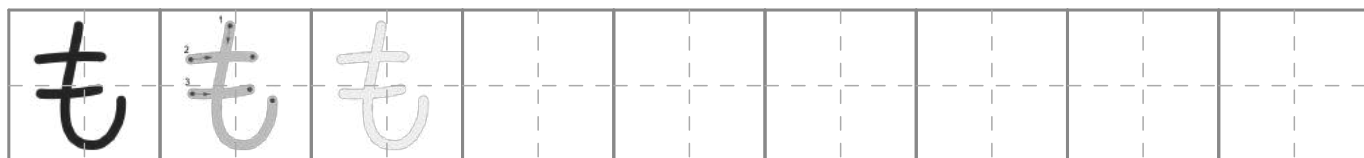
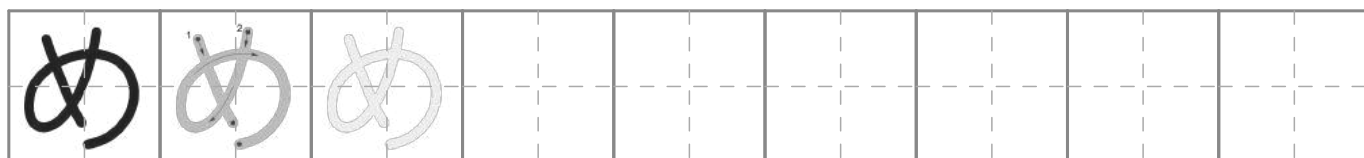
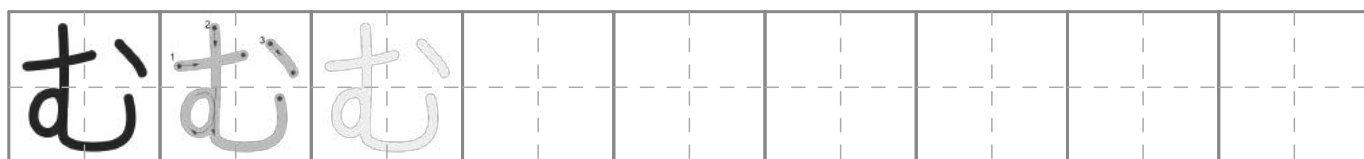
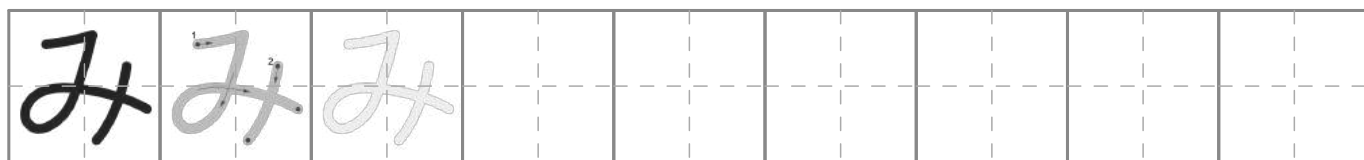
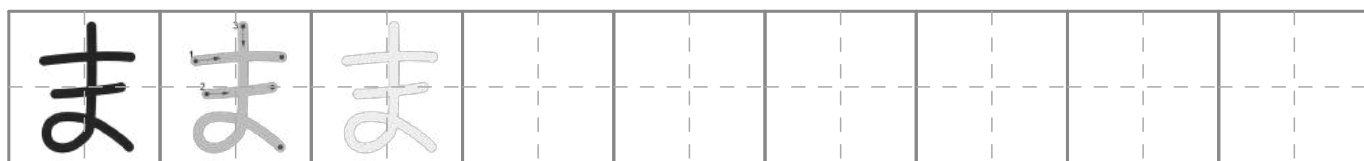
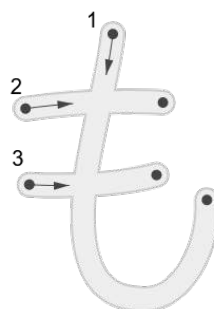
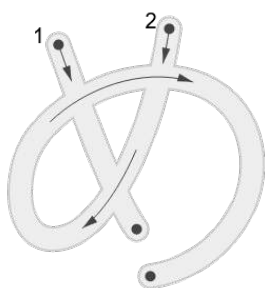
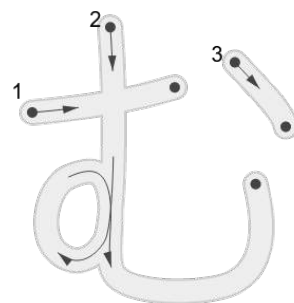
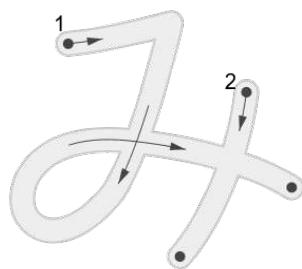
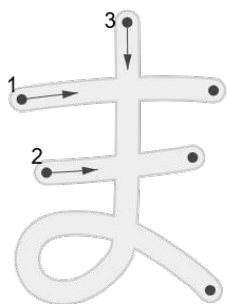
Read the English word and write the Hiragana in the box.

star

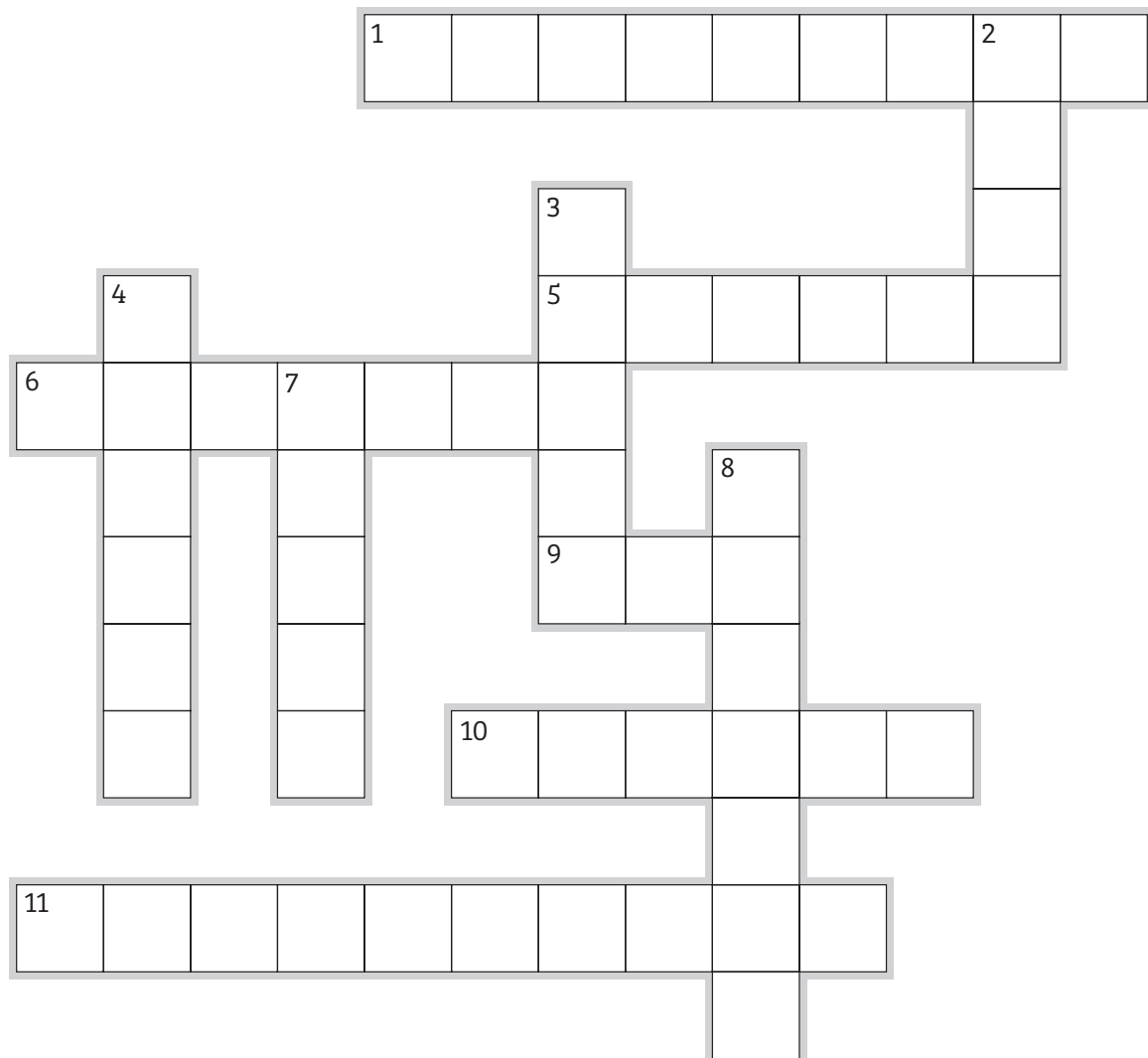
brush

flower

snake



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



Across

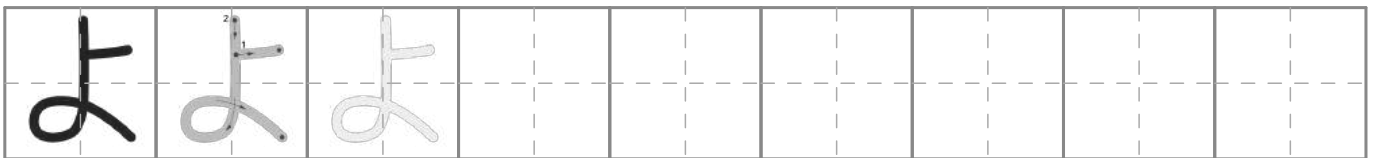
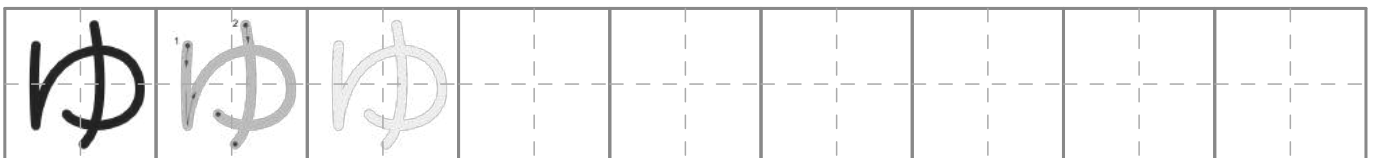
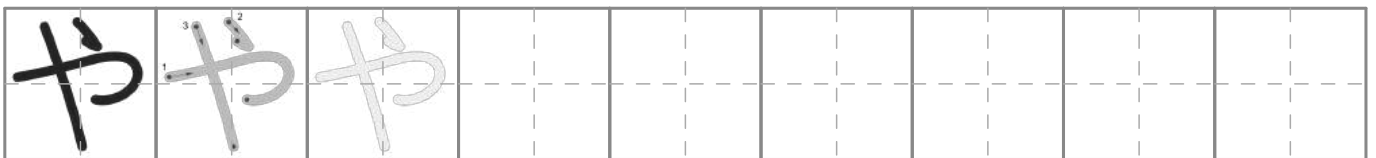
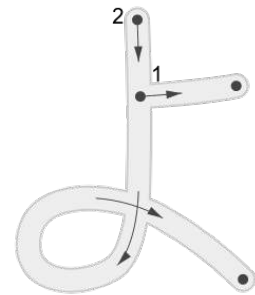
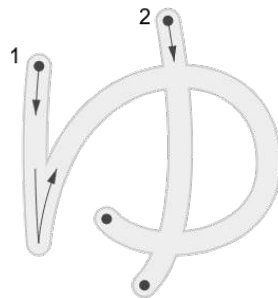
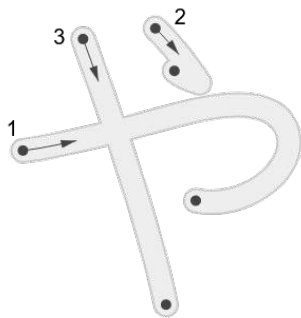
1. いのしし (boar)
5. さかな (fish)
6. ひとつ (one, counting)
9. いぬ (dog)
10. かたな (sword)
11. はちみつ (honey)

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)

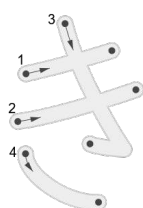
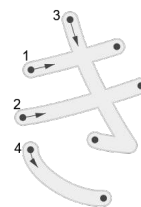
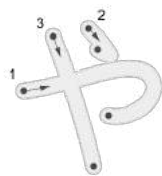
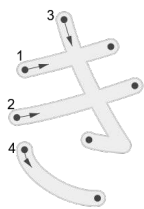
Hiragana Y Row
YA YU YO

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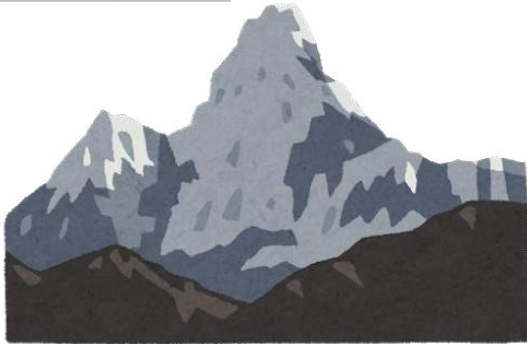
Blended Sounds
KYA KYU KYO

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



smaller size!

YAMA- mountain



FUYU - Winter



YUKI - snow



YOMU - read



YUME - dream



'ya' means shop
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HANAYA - flower shop



Practice:

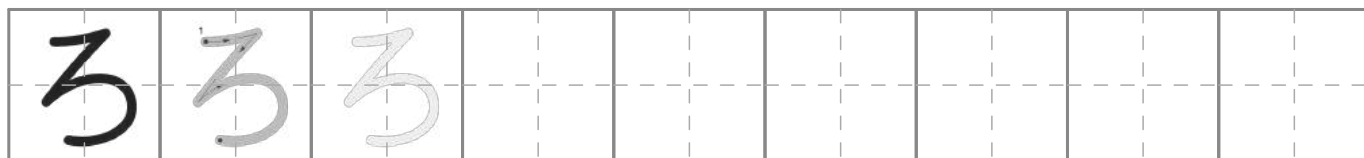
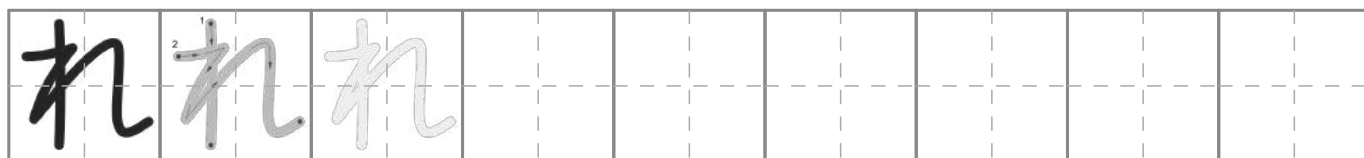
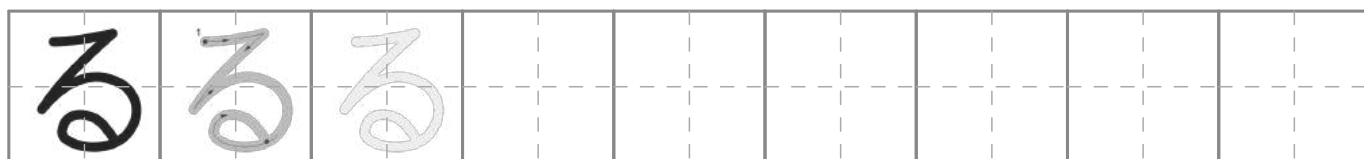
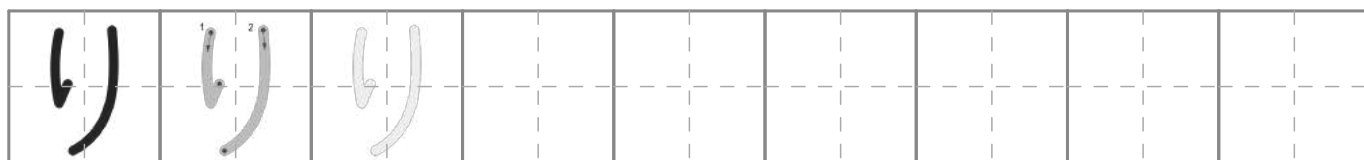
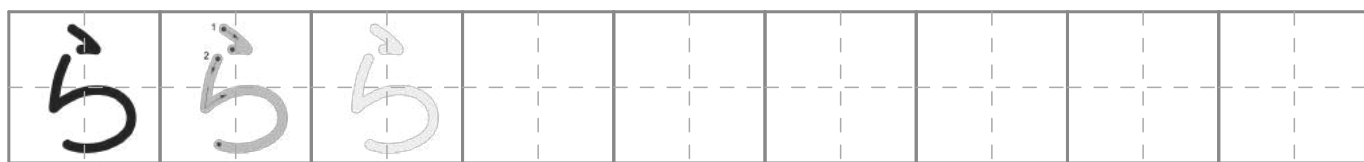
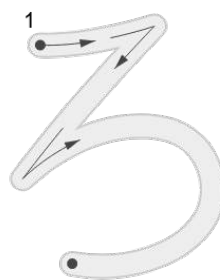
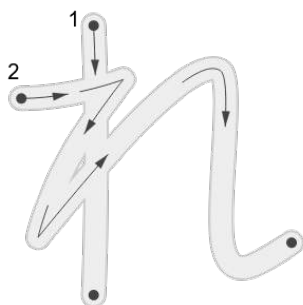
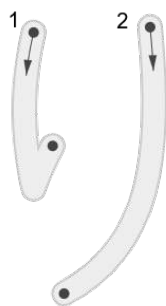
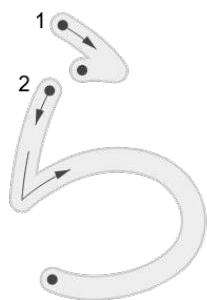
Read the English word and write the Hiragana in the box.

night

mountain

snow

flower shop





SORA - sky

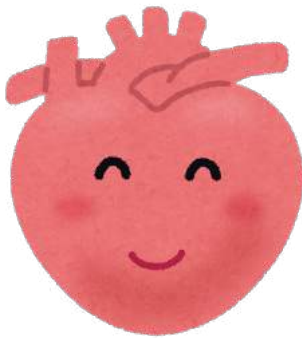


TORI - bird



SARU - monkey

KIREI - tidy, clean, pretty



KOKORO - heart



Practice:

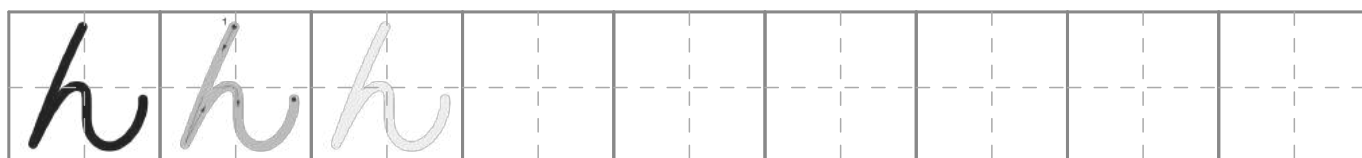
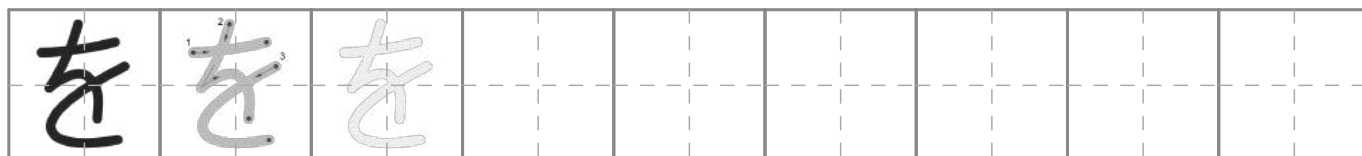
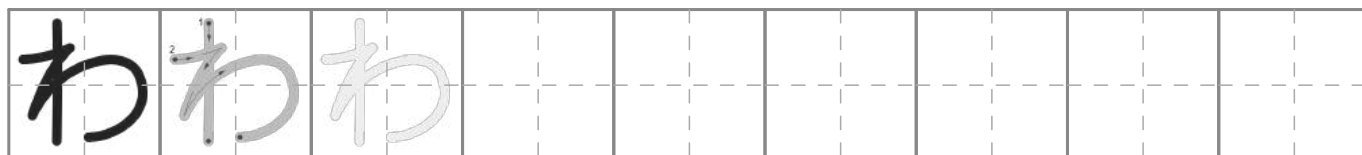
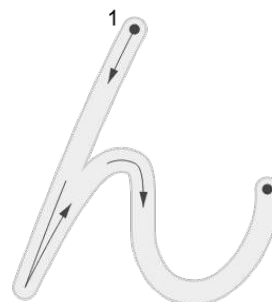
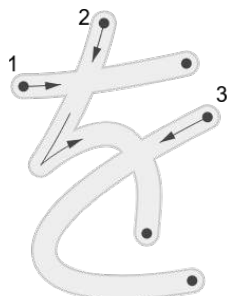
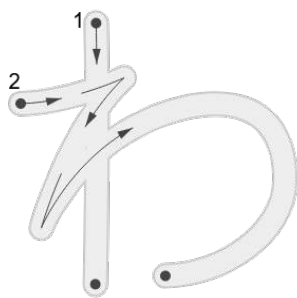
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bird

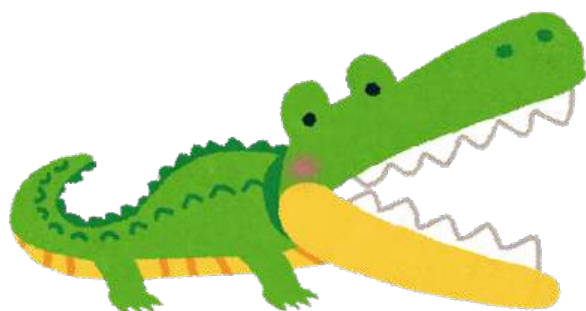
sky

monkey

tidy



WANI - alligator



KIRIN - giraffe



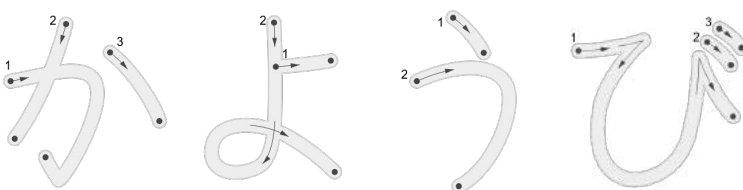
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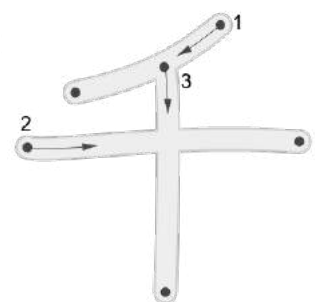
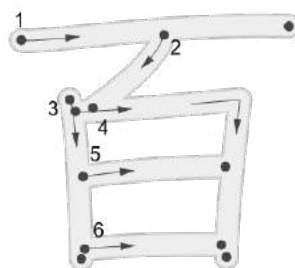
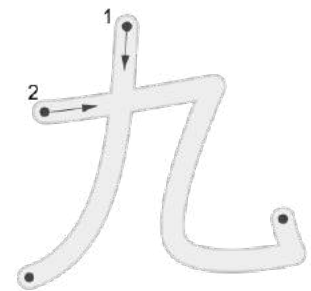
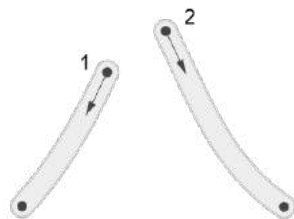
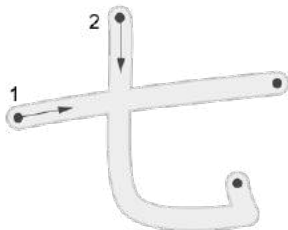
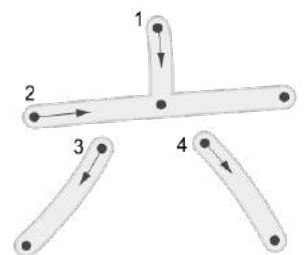
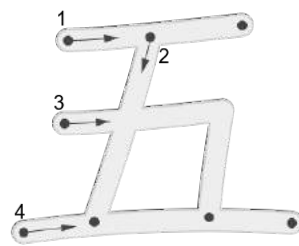
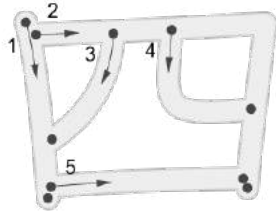
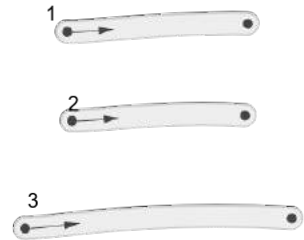
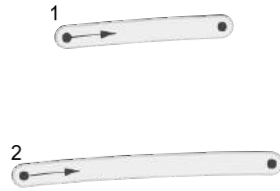


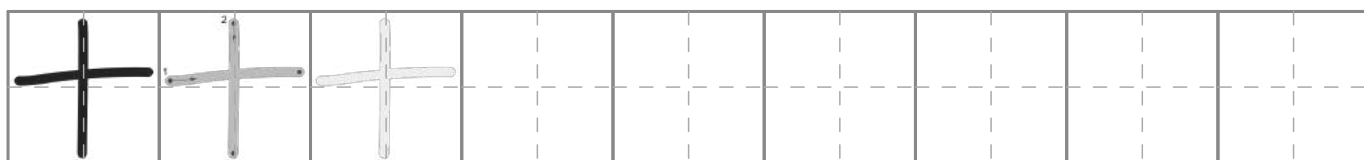
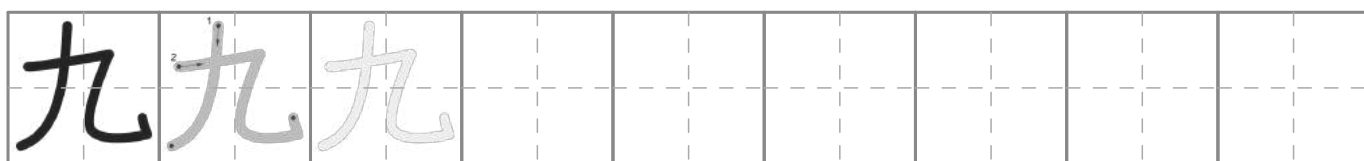
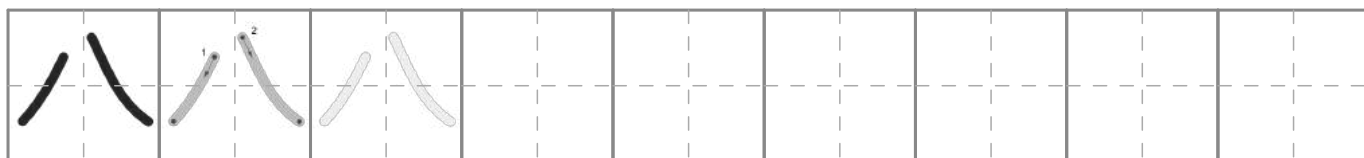
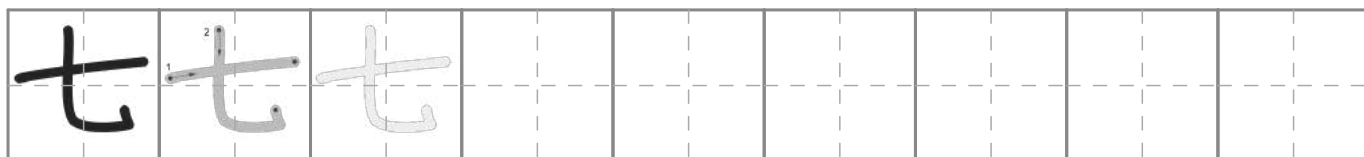
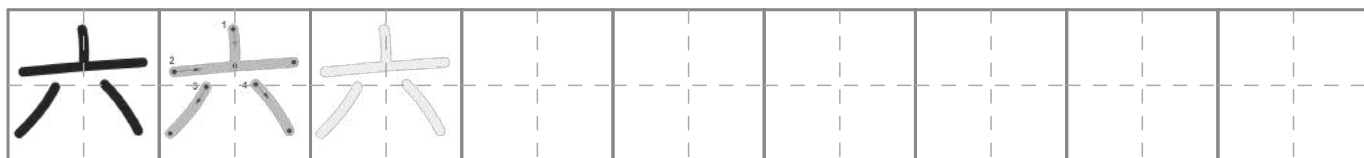
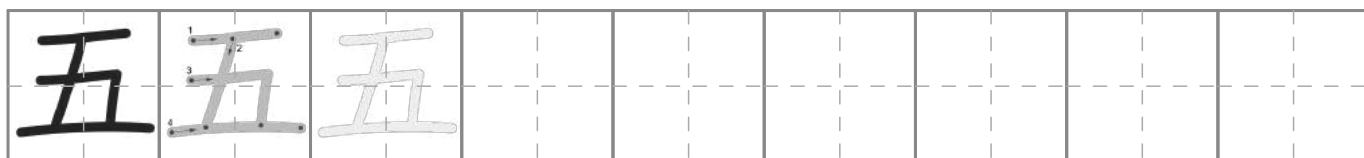
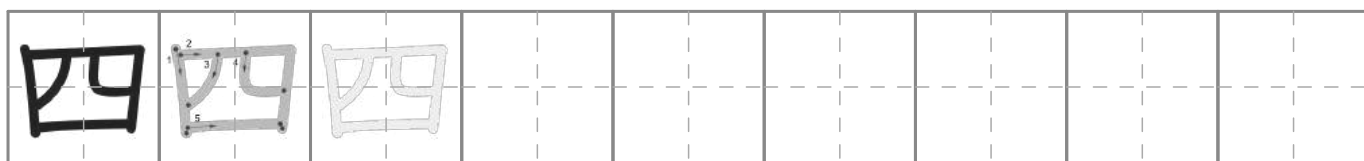
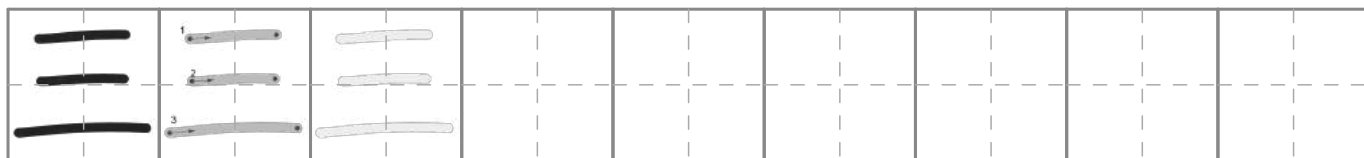
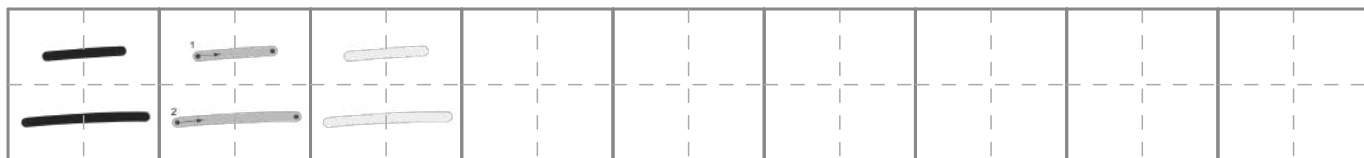
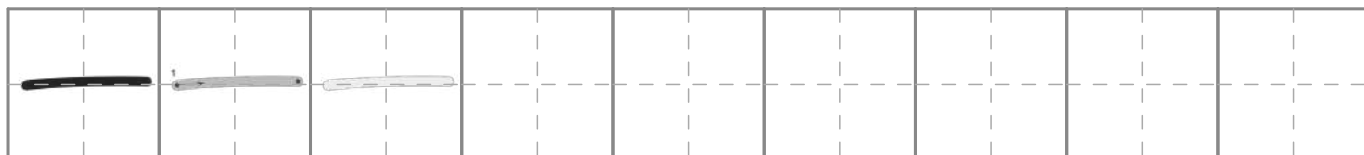
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Sat.







Quiz 1
Hiragana Character Reading

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Circle the correct Hiragana for the Japanese sounds below. Only circle one symbol per row.

Sound	Hiragana
o	え ぬ お は あ
yo	よ つ す け ろ
su	そ き ら け す
nu	ぬ な し そ は
ka	の へ く か ゆ
e	う と え ろ ま
mi	み ぬ め そ す
te	つ て い し ほ
fu	ふ ゆ へ れ す
chi	ち さ き た な
u	る う つ ろ へ
i	し に い た り
to	や め よ ら と
ne	ひ ね ぬ ゆ れ
ma	ほ は ま あ お

Score:

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Quiz 2
Hiragana Word Reading

日付： 年 月 日

Circle the correct Hiragana for the following words.

1. sensei (teacher)

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|---------|---------|
| a. さんせい | c. せんせい |
| b. さんさい | d. さんすう |

2. watashi (me/myself)

- | | |
|--------|--------|
| a. わたし | c. わたつ |
| b. れたし | d. わとし |

3. haru (spring)

- | | |
|-------|-------|
| a. ほろ | c. はれ |
| b. はる | d. まる |

4. tomodachi (friend)

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|---------|---------|
| a. ともたさ | c. ともさし |
| b. ともだち | d. ともだし |

5. kaimono (shopping)

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|---------|---------|
| a. かいもの | c. かいまの |
| b. かいほの | d. きものは |

6. gakkou (school)

- | | |
|---------|---------|
| a. きんこう | c. がっこう |
| b. がっき | d. かっこう |

7. kyoushitsu (classroom)

- | | |
|----------|----------|
| a. こうしつ | c. けおうしつ |
| b. きょうしつ | d. かようしつ |

Score: _____ / 7