

LESSON NOTES

How to Write in Japanese: Hiragana and Katakana #15 The Katakana N Column

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VOCABULARY

Kanji	Kana	Romaji	English	Class
ツナ	ツナ	tsuna	tuna	
ネタ	ねた	neta	joke material, material	
ノート	ノート	nōto	notebook	noun
デザイナー	デザイナー	dezainā	designer	noun
ネット	ネット	netto	net, Internet	

SAMPLE SENTENCES

<p>お笑い芸人がネタを作る。 <i>O-warai geinin ga neta o tsukuru.</i></p> <p>A comedian makes joke material.</p>	<p>このノートは100円です。 <i>Kono nōto wa hyaku-en desu.</i></p> <p>This notebook is 100yen.</p>
<p>デザイナーは誰ですか。 <i>Dezainā wa dare desu ka.</i></p> <p>Who is the designer?</p>	<p>ネットにはどうやって接続しますか。 <i>Netto niwa dōyatte setsuzoku shimasu ka.</i></p> <p>How do I access the internet?</p>

GRAMMAR

The Focus of This Lesson is Mastering the Katakana N Column

In this lesson, you'll learn the five katakana characters of the N column.

1. ナ (na)
2. ニ (ni)
3. 又 (nu)

4. ネ (ne)

5. ノ (no)

ナ (na)

Katakana ナ is written in 2 strokes. The first stroke is a long horizontal line going from left to right. The second stroke starts from the top, cuts through the first stroke in the middle, then curves down to the left.

ニ (ni)

Katakana ニ is written in 2 strokes. It is just 2 parallel horizontal lines, each going from left to right. However, note that the second stroke is slightly longer.

ヌ (nu)

Katakana ヌ is written in 2 strokes. The first stroke starts as a horizontal line then turns sharply to make a curved diagonal going to the bottom left. The second stroke is a short diagonal stroke cutting through the curve of the first stroke.

ネ (ne)

ネ is written in 4 strokes. The first stroke is a short slanted stroke. The second stroke starts as a horizontal line then turns and makes a curved diagonal line going down to the left. The third stroke starts from the middle of the curved part of the second stroke and goes straight down. The fourth stroke is a short diagonal line starting from here. It is about the same length of this part of the second stroke.

ノ (no)

Katakana ノ is written in 1 stroke. It's just a curved diagonal line starting from the top right going down to the bottom left.