

LESSON NOTES

How to Write in Japanese: Hiragana and Katakana #18 The Katakana R Column

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VOCABULARY

Kanji	Kana	Romaji	English	Class
ホテル	ホテル	hoteru	hotel	noun
トイレ	トイレ	toire	toilet, lavatory	
テレビ	テレビ	terebi	TV	noun
カラオケ	カラオケ	karaoke	karaoke	noun
クレジットカード	クレジットカード	kurejitto kâdo	credit card	noun

SAMPLE SENTENCES

<p>私が話をしているときはテレビを消してください。</p> <p><i>Watashi ga hanashi o shite iru toki wa terebi o keshite kudasai.</i></p> <p>Please switch off the TV while I am talking to you.</p>	<p>テレビはどこですか。</p> <p><i>Terebi wa doko desu ka.</i></p> <p>Where is the TV?</p>
<p>カラオケとは、日本語で「空のオーケストラ」という意味です。</p> <p><i>karaoke to wa, nihongo de "kara no ôkesutora" to iu imi desu.</i></p> <p>Karaoke means "empty orchestra" in Japanese.</p>	<p>カラオケに行きませんか。</p> <p><i>Karaoke ni ikimasen ka.</i></p> <p>Won't you go to Karaoke (with me)?</p>
<p>クレジットカードを持って行かなかった。</p> <p><i>Kurejitto kâdo o motte ikanakatta.</i></p> <p>I didn't take my credit card with me.</p>	<p>クレジットカードは便利です。</p> <p><i>Kurejitto kâdo wa benri desu.</i></p> <p>Credit cards are convenient.</p>

GRAMMAR

The Focus of This Lesson is Mastering the Katakana R Column

In this lesson we're skipping ahead to the R column where you'll learn five new *katakana* characters.

1. ㇰ (ra)
2. ㇱ (ri)
3. ㇴ (ru)
4. ㇵ (re)
5. ㇶ (ro)

ㇰ (ra)

Katakana ㇰ is written in 2 strokes. The first stroke is a horizontal line. The second stroke starts as a longer horizontal line parallel to the first stroke. It then turns sharply and makes a curved diagonal line going down until the bottom center.

ㇱ (ri)

ㇱ looks exactly like its hiragana counterpart but without the *hane* part.

Katakana ㇱ is written in 2 strokes. *Katakana* ㇱ is written just like its hiragana counterpart but without the *hane* so the first stroke is just a vertical line going down. The second stroke starts at the same height of the first stroke. Draw a longer stroke going down, curving to the left.

ㇴ (ru)

Katakana ㇴ is written in 2 strokes. The first stroke starts as a straight vertical line then it curves slightly to the left. The second stroke starts as a vertical line to the right of the first stroke. It turns sharply when reaching the bottom and makes a short curved diagonal line.

ㇵ (re)

Katakana ㇵ is written in 1 stroke. Start by drawing a vertical line, then at the bottom, turn and make a short curved diagonal line. It is a wider version of the second stroke of *katakana* ㇴ.

ㇶ (ro)

Katakana □ is written in 3 strokes. The first stroke is a straight vertical line. The second stroke starts where the first stroke starts. It goes to the right, then turns sharply and goes straight down. The third stroke is a horizontal line that closes up the box.