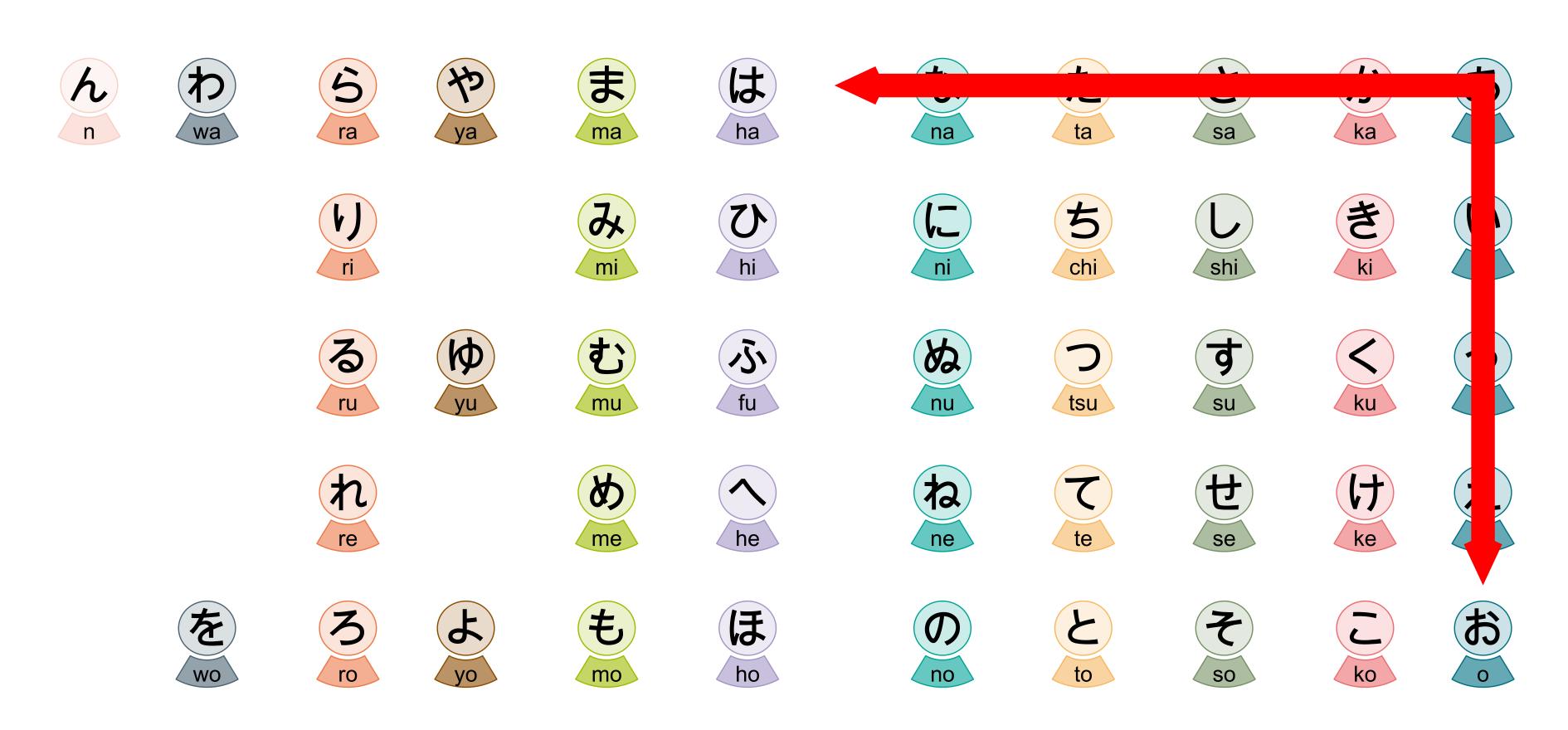
There are 46 hiragana characters, organized on a 5 x 10 grid



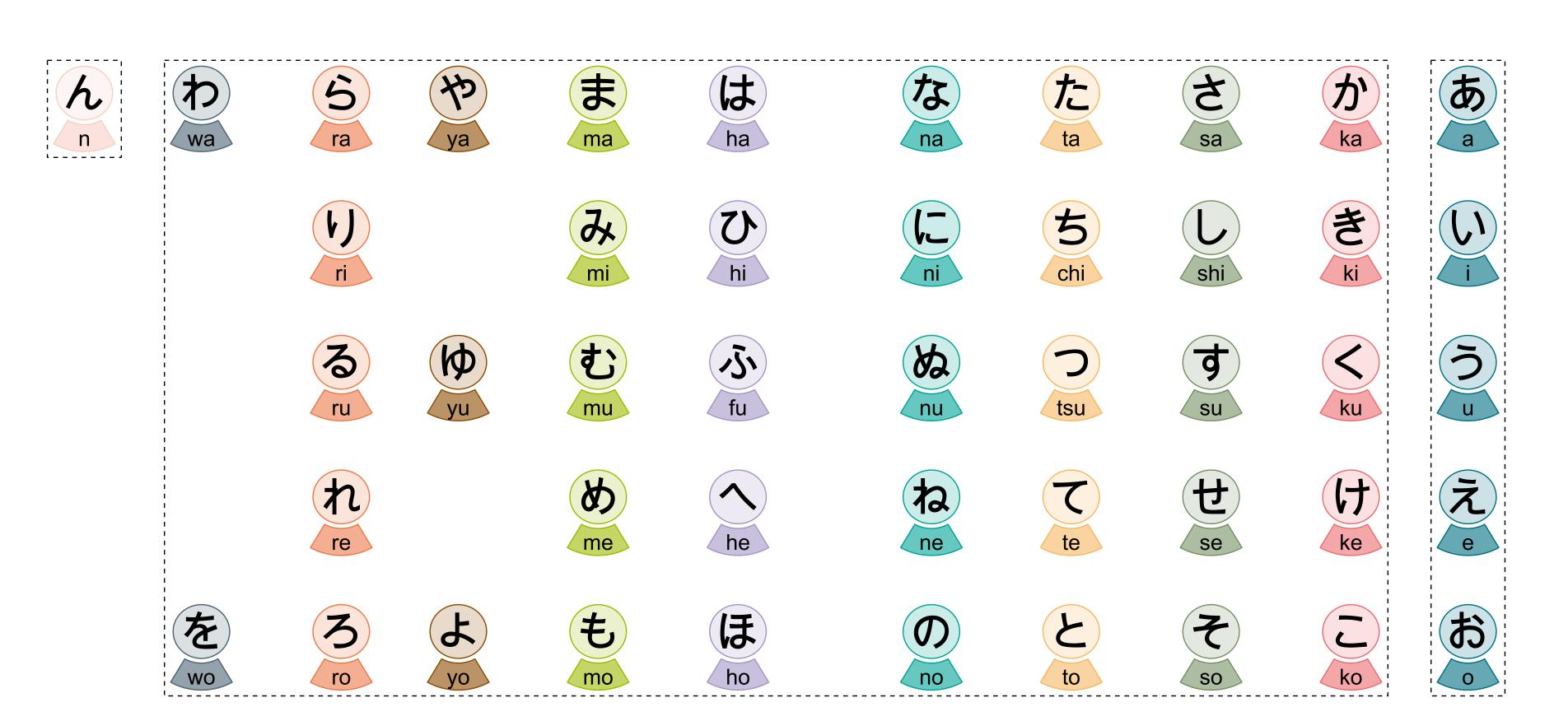
Each character corresponds to a sound, that can be written in romaji using the Hepburn romanization



The table is read top to bottom and right to left



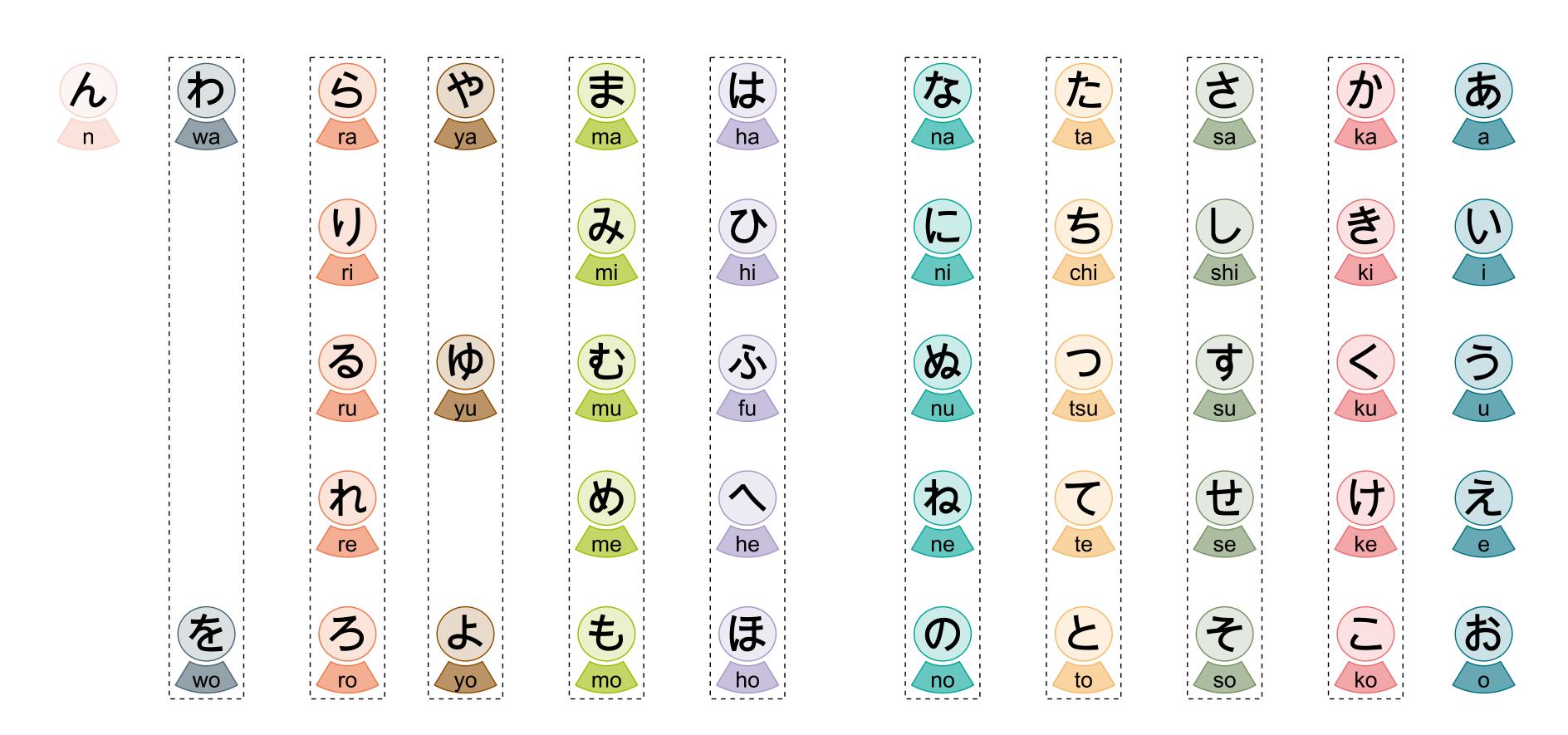
There are 5 singular vowels, 40 consonant-vowel unions, and 1 singular consonant



Kana on the same line end with the same vowel



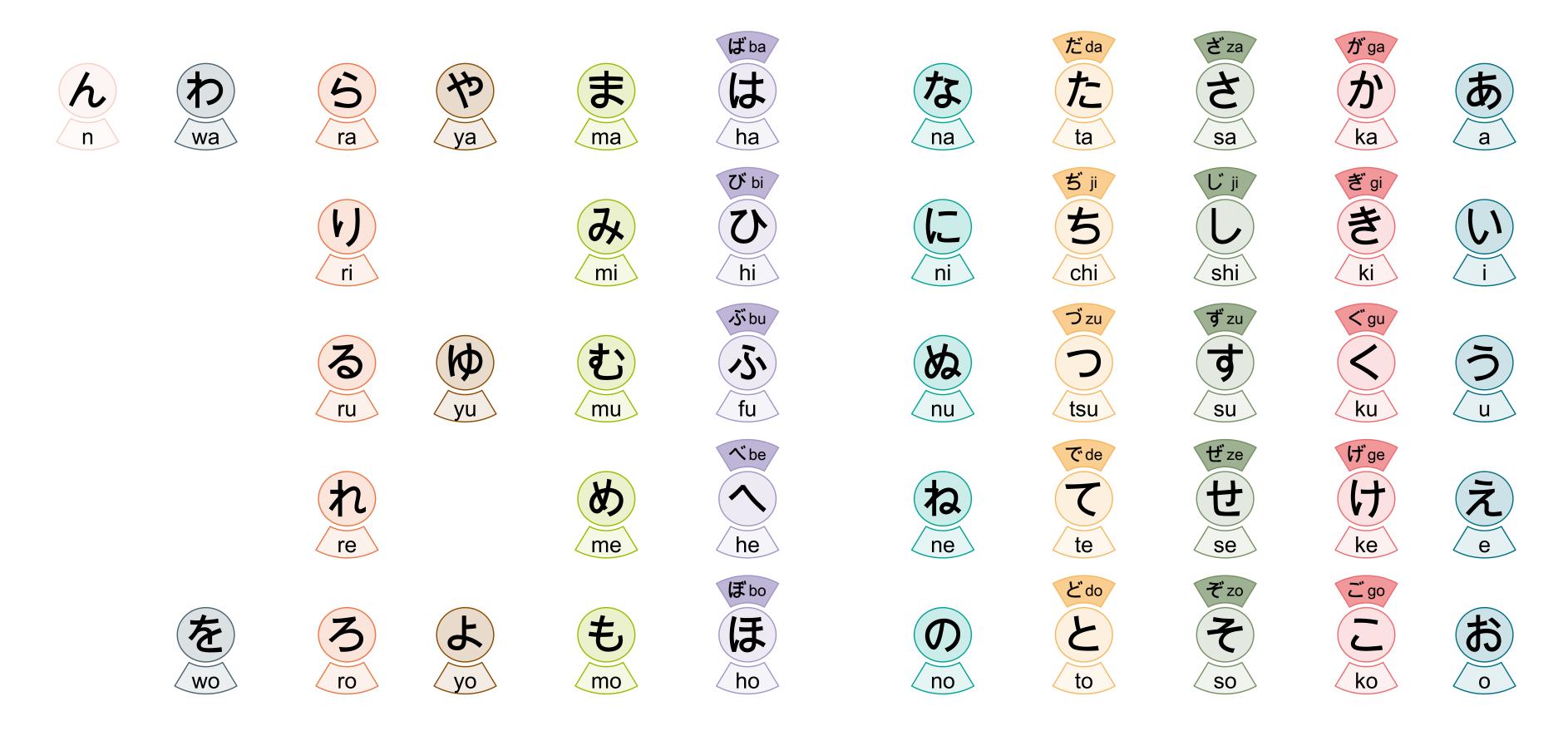
Kana on the same column start with the same consonant (with minor exceptions)



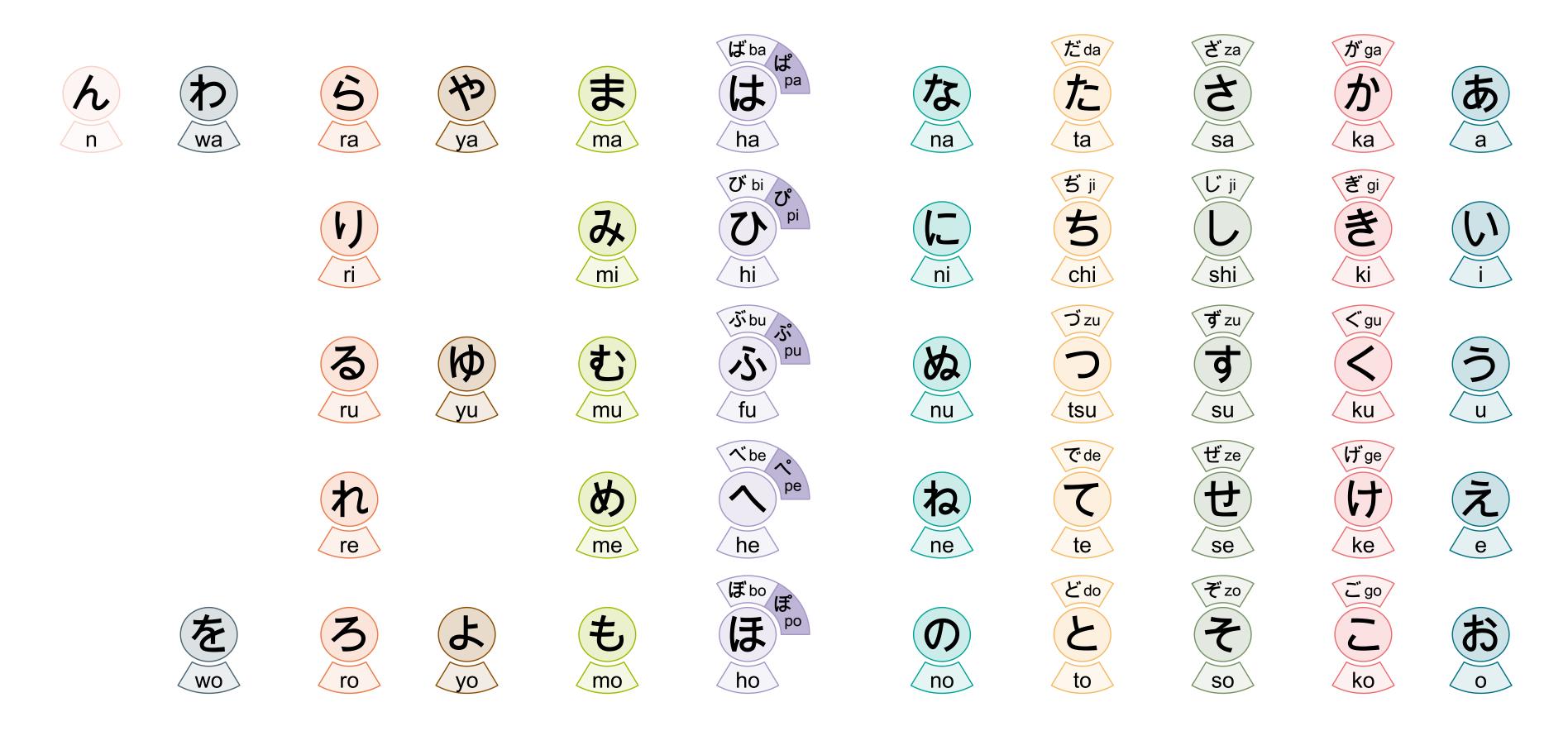
The basic characters can be modified in various ways



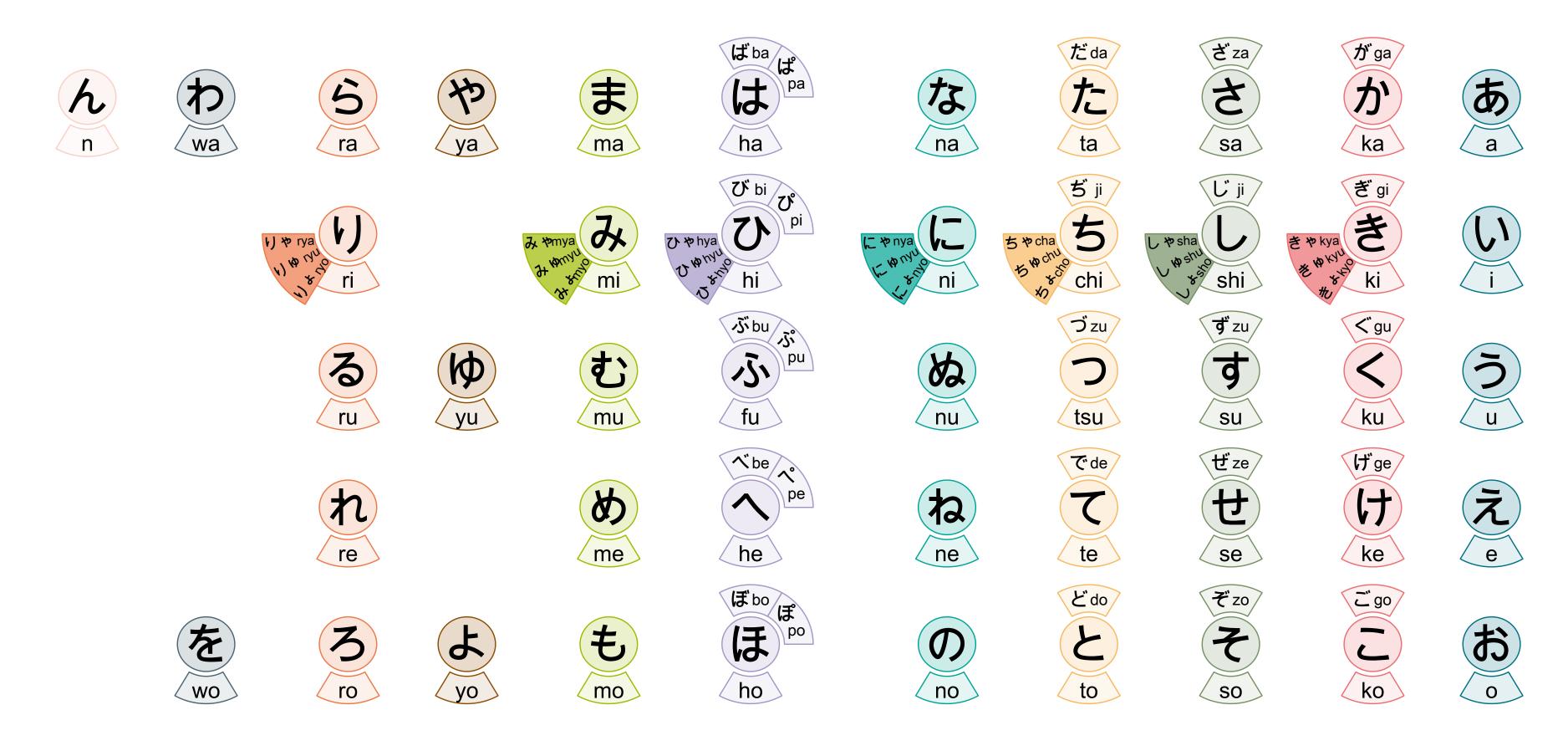
A dakuten marker turns a voiceless consonant into a voiced consonant: $\hbar/ka => \hbar/ga$



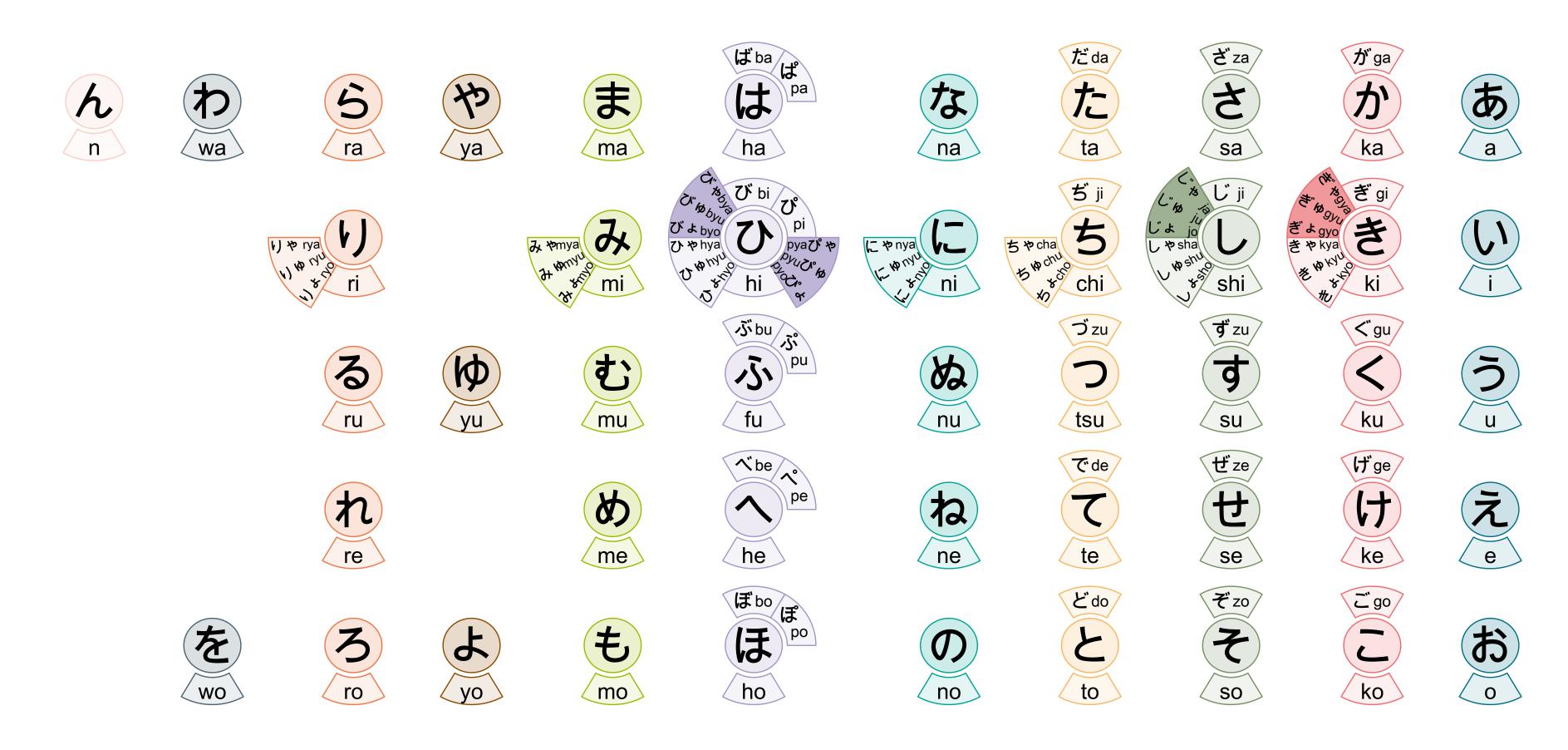
A handakuten marker turns the h into a p: は/ha => ぱ/pa



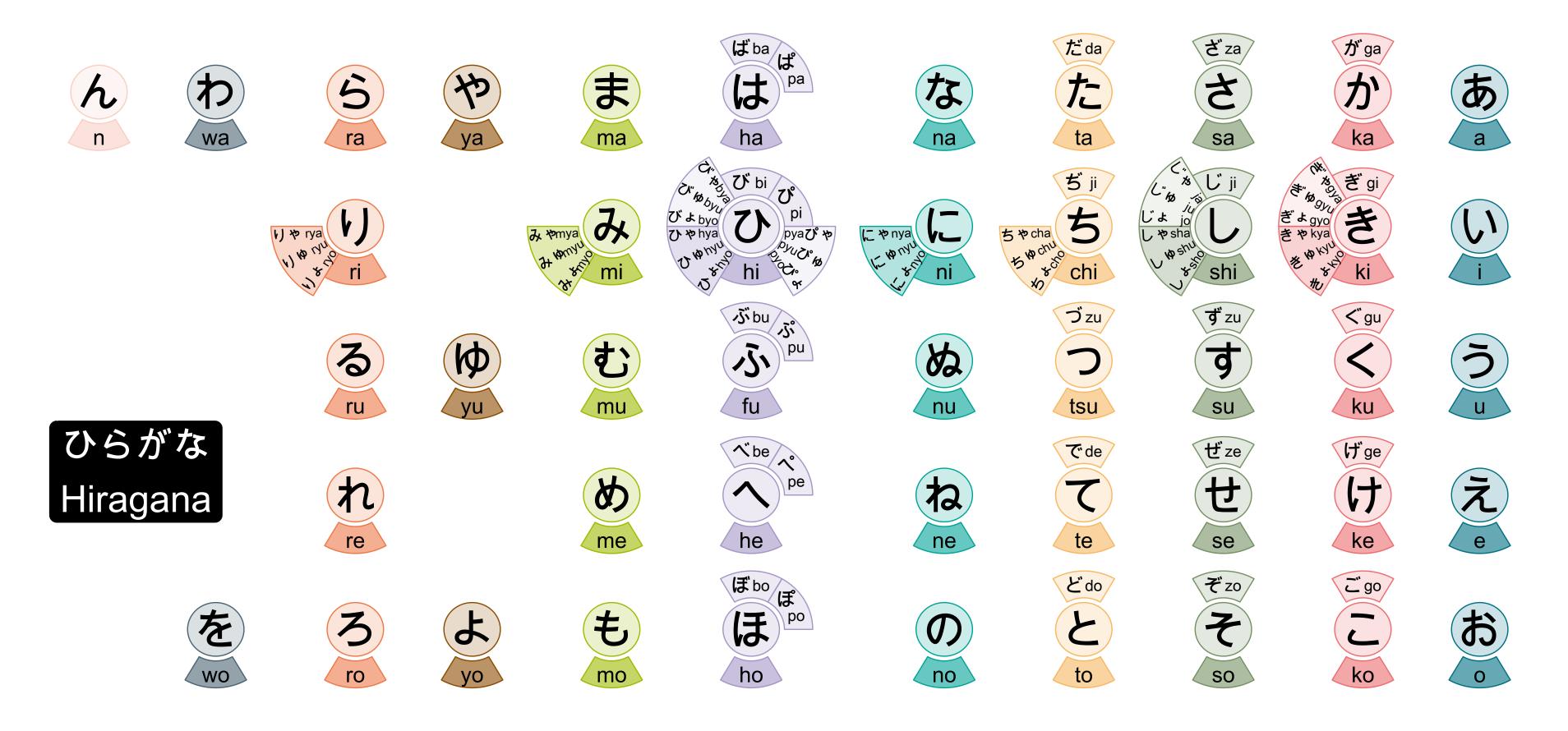
A small version of や, ゆ or ょ can be added to -i kana: き/ki + や/ya => きゃ/kya



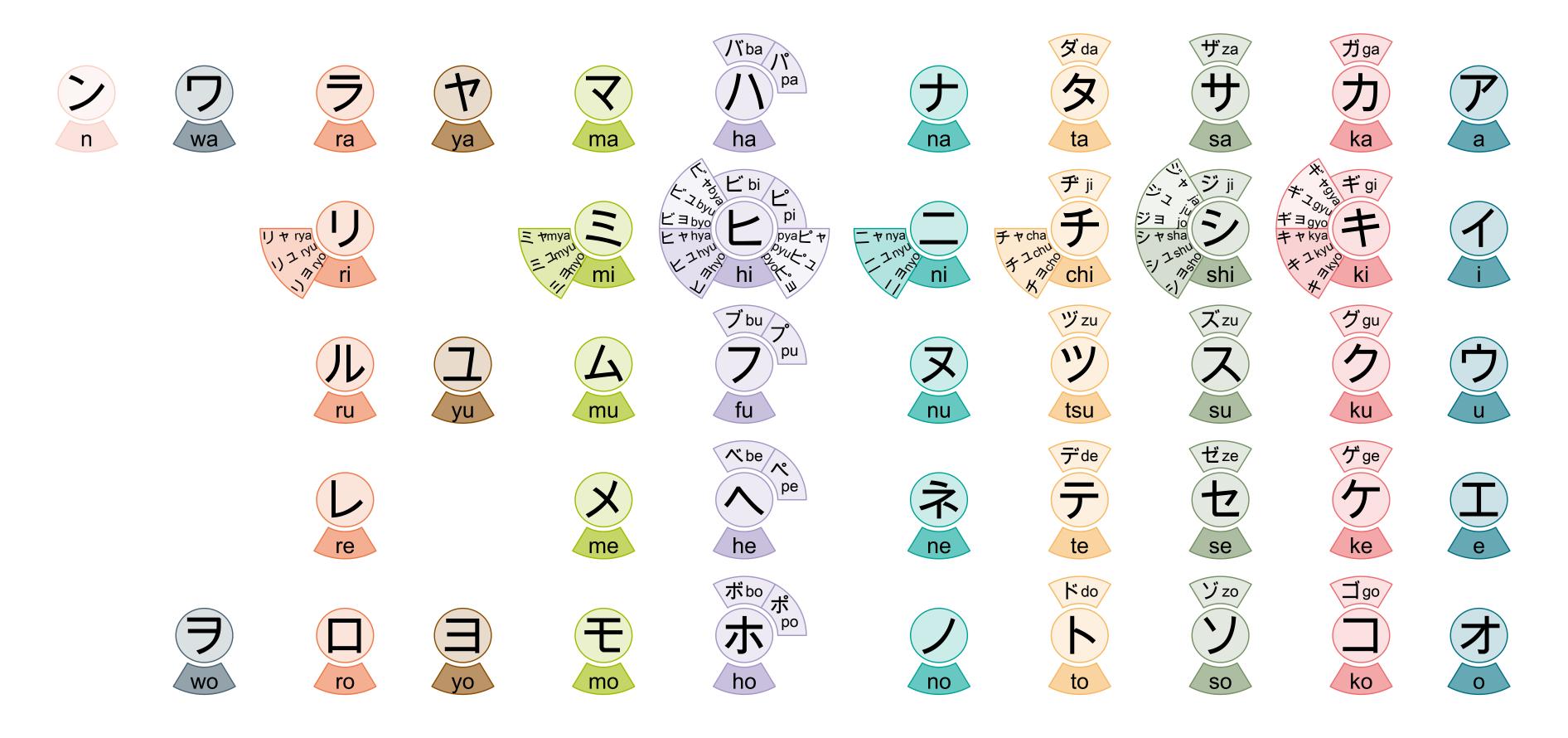
や, ゅ, and ょ can also be combined with characters modified by a (han)dakuten: ぎ/gi + ゃ/ya => ぎゃ/gya



This is the complete hiragana table



The same rules apply to katana, with the same sounds, but a different set of characters



This is the complete katakana table

