

Hiragana Practice Sheet

Hiragana:

あ	a	い	i	う	u	え	e	お	o
か	ka	き	ki	く	ku	け	ke	こ	ko
さ	sa	し	shi	す	su	せ	se	そ	so
た	ta	ち	chi	つ	tsu	て	te	と	to
な	na	に	ni	ぬ	nu	ね	ne	の	no
は	ha	ひ	hi	ふ	fu	へ	he	ほ	ho
ま	ma	み	mi	む	mu	め	me	も	mo
や	ya			ゆ	yu			よ	yo
ら	ra	り	ri	る	ru	れ	re	ろ	ro
わ	wa							を	wo
ん	n								

Voiced and semi-voiced sounds:

Adding ̣ or ̤ to the characters with **s-**, **t-** and **h-** sounds changes them to **z-/j-**, **d-** and **b-** (voiced sounds) or **p-** (semi-voiced sound):

Original	Voiced	Semi-voiced
さ sa	ざ za	—
し shi	じ ji	—
す su	ず zu	—
せ se	ぜ ze	—
そ so	ぞ zo	—
た ta	だ da	—
て te	で de	—
と to	ど do	—
は ha	ば ba	ぱ pa
ひ hi	び bi	ぴ pi
ふ fu	ぶ bu	ぷ pu
へ he	べ be	ぺ pe
ほ ho	ぼ bo	ぽ po

You can combine two different characters to create a new sound. For instance, **じゅ (ju)**, **じゃ (ja)**, **じょ (jo)**, **ちゃ (cha)**...

Additionally, when you blend two different vowel sounds, you can produce an elongated vowel sound. For example, **とう** is pronounced “**tō**” (おう = ō), and **せい** is pronounced as “**sē**” (えい = ē), and so on...

Lastly, **っ** (a smaller version of ‘tsu’) is used to indicate a double consonant sound, which is pronounced as a brief and abrupt pause between the vowel and consonant. For example, in **みて** (*mitte*), there is a sudden pause between **み** and **て**. Except when it comes to ‘nn’. In that case, it’s **ん**, as in **こんにちは** (*konnichiwa*).

Exercises:

1. Write all the hiragana characters. Tip: follow the correct stroke order (available on my video).

A	I	U	E	O
Ka	Ki	Ku	Ke	Ko
Sa	Shi	Su	Se	So
Ta	Chi	Tsu	Te	To
Na	Ni	Nu	Ne	No
Ha	Hi	Fu	He	Ho
Ma	Mi	Mu	Me	Mo
Ya		Yu		Yo
Ra	Ri	Ru	Re	Ro
Wa				Wo
N				

2. Read These Words in Hiragana Out Loud (Romanji on the last page)

I- りんご

Apple

II- おなまえはなんですか。(は is read as ‘wa’ when it’s a grammar particle)

What is your name?

III- ありがとうございます。

Thank you so much!

IV- いま、じゅうじです。

It's 10 o'clock, now.

3. Write the Romani sentences in hiragana.

I- watashi wa genki desu. ('wa' is the grammar particle for 'ha')

II- kono hon o yomimasu. ('o' is the grammar particle for 'wo')

III- konnichiwa ('wa' is written as 'ha')

ANSWER KEYS:

2. I- Ringo

II- Onamae wa nan desu ka?

III- Arigatōgozaimasu.

IV- Ima, jū-ji desu.

3. I- わたしはげんきです。 **I am feeling good.**

II- このほんをよみます。 **I will read this book.**

III- こんにちは。 **Hello!**