



# Hiragana chart

All 46 basic hiragana, 25 with dakuten and handakuten, 33 yōon. Romaji in Hepburn.

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Red: ぢ and づ sound the same as じ and ず, and are rare.

## Basic hiragana (gojūon)

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

## Look-alikes to drill

さ・ち・き

sa · chi · ki

ぬ・め

nu · me

ね・れ・わ

ne · re · wa

る・ろ

ru · ro

は・ほ

ha · ho

い・り

i · ri

こ・に

ko · ni

う・つ

u · tsu

## Dakuten and handakuten

|   | A       | I       | U       | E       | O       |
|---|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| g | が<br>ga | ぎ<br>gi | ぐ<br>gu | げ<br>ge | ご<br>go |
| z | ざ<br>za | じ<br>ji | ず<br>zu | ぜ<br>ze | ぞ<br>zo |
| d | だ<br>da | ぢ<br>ji | づ<br>zu | で<br>de | ど<br>do |
| b | ば<br>ba | び<br>bi | ぶ<br>bu | べ<br>be | ぼ<br>bo |
| p | ぱ<br>pa | ぴ<br>pi | ぷ<br>pu | ぺ<br>pe | ぽ<br>po |

## Yōon: contracted sounds

|    | YA        | YU        | YO        |
|----|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| ky | きゃ<br>kya | きゅ<br>kyu | きょ<br>kyo |
| sh | しゃ<br>sha | しゅ<br>shu | しょ<br>sho |
| ch | ちゃ<br>cha | ちゅ<br>chu | ちょ<br>cho |
| ny | にゃ<br>nya | にゅ<br>nyu | にょ<br>nyo |
| hy | ひゃ<br>hya | ひゅ<br>hyu | ひょ<br>hyo |
| my | みゃ<br>mya | みゅ<br>myu | みょ<br>myo |
| ry | りゃ<br>rya | りゅ<br>ryu | りょ<br>ryo |
| gy | ぎゃ<br>gya | ぎゅ<br>gyu | ぎょ<br>gyo |
| j  | じゃ<br>ja  | じゅ<br>ju  | じょ<br>jo  |
| by | びゃ<br>bya | びゅ<br>byu | びょ<br>byo |
| py | ぴゃ<br>pya | ぴゅ<br>pyu | ぴょ<br>pyo |

## Reading tips

- Small っ doubles the next consonant: きて (kitte, stamp), がっこう (gakkō, school).
- Long vowels: おかあさん (okāsan), おとうさん (otōsan). おう and えい usually sound long: せんせい.
- As particles, は is read wa, へ is read e and を is read o.
- ん is a sound of its own: せんせい is sen-sei, not se-nse-i.