

Hiragana ひらがな

GOJŪON · THE 46 BASIC KANA

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

DAKUTEN & HANDAKUTEN

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

READ THIS FIRST

- し・ち・つ・ふ break the pattern — shi, chi, tsu, fu, not si, ti, tu, hu.
- を is pronounced o and is used almost only as the object particle.
- ん is the only kana that is not a full syllable, and never starts a word.
- っ (small tsu) doubles the next consonant: きて = kitte.
- lengthens a vowel in katakana: コーヒー = kōhī.
- As particles, は・へ・を read wa, e, o.

YŌON

	YA	YU	YO
k	きゃ kya	きゅ kyu	きょ kyo
s	しゃ sha	しゅ shu	しょ sho
t	ちゃ cha	ちゅ chu	ちょ cho
n	にゃ nya	にゅ nyu	にょ nyo
h	ひゃ hya	ひゅ hyu	ひょ hyo
m	みゃ mya	みゅ myu	みょ myo
r	りゃ rya	りゅ ryu	りょ ryo
g	ぎゃ gya	ぎゅ gyu	ぎょ gyo
j	じゃ ja	じゅ ju	じょ jo
b	びゃ bya	びゅ byu	びょ byo
p	ぴゃ pya	ぴゅ pyu	ぴょ pyo

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Katakana カタカナ

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	A	I	U	E	O
—	ア a	イ i	ウ u	エ e	オ o
k	カ ka	キ ki	ク ku	ケ ke	コ ko
s	サ sa	シ shi	ス su	セ se	ソ so
t	タ ta	チ chi	ツ tsu	テ te	ト to
n	ナ na	ニ ni	ヌ nu	ネ ne	ノ no
h	ハ ha	ヒ hi	フ fu	ヘ he	ホ ho
m	マ ma	ミ mi	ム mu	メ me	モ mo
y	ヤ ya		ユ yu		ヨ yo
r	ラ ra	リ ri	ル ru	レ re	ロ ro
w	ワ wa				ヲ o
n	ン n				

DAKUTEN & HANDAKUTEN

	A	I	U	E	O
g	ガ ga	ギ gi	グ gu	ゲ ge	ゴ go
z	ザ za	ジ ji	ズ zu	ゼ ze	ゾ zo
d	ダ da	ヂ ji	ヅ zu	デ de	ド do
b	バ ba	ビ bi	ブ bu	ベ be	ボ bo
p	パ pa	ピ pi	プ pu	ペ pe	ポ po

READ THIS FIRST

- シ・チ・ツ・フ break the pattern — shi, chi, tsu, fu, not si, ti, tu, hu.
- ヲ is pronounced o and is virtually never used — the particle is written を.
- ン is the only kana that is not a full syllable, and never starts a word.
- ツ (small tsu) doubles the next consonant: ベツド = beddo.
- ー lengthens a vowel in katakana: コーヒー = kōhī.
- Katakana marks loanwords, foreign names, onomatopoeia and emphasis — Japan's italics.

YŌON

	YA	YU	YO
k	キャ kya	キュ kyu	キョ kyo
s	シャ sha	シュ shu	ショ sho
t	チャ cha	チュ chu	チョ cho
n	ニャ nya	ニュ nyu	ニョ nyo
h	ヒャ hya	ヒュ hyu	ヒョ hyo
m	ミャ mya	ミュ myu	ミョ myo
r	リャ rya	リュ ryu	リョ ryo
g	ギャ gya	ギュ gyu	ギョ gyo
j	ジャ ja	ジュ ju	ジョ jo
b	ビャ bya	ビュ byu	ビョ byo
p	ピャ pya	ピュ pyu	ピョ pyo

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