

# Hiragana Eggs - Games



## Constructing these games

I bought packs of assorted hollow plastic eggs in the run up to Easter – the dollar shop and e-bay were best suppliers. I have 6 sets and would like to build it up to 10 so that a class of 30 can work in groups of 3.

So that students weren't able to look for matching colours, I purposely set up eggs so that top and bottom didn't match, and then I wrote on them whilst they were still joined.

I wrote the hiragana and romaji onto the eggs using a permanent marker – hiragana always on "top" half and romaji on the bottom half. Although I didn't manage it with

all of them, having the writing so that it faces the right way up when the half is sitting on the table is a good idea.

Games we play:

- In teams, work together to match up the halves and aim to be the fastest team.
- In teams, line up as for a relay, first person runs to the eggs at the front, makes one match, drops it into their box and tags the next player.
- In teams or individually, match up the romaji to a kana chart.
- Build words.
- Use them as a station in a hiragana learning centres lesson eg could have one station where students are building words from hiragana blocks, one where they are playing karuta in pairs, one where they are reading a simple story book, one with a set of these, students rotate around the activities.