**Japanese Hiragana Katakana practice booklet**

**The Japanese writing system**

Unlike English, Japanese consists of three writing system, which are namely Hiragana, Katakana and Kanji. Hiragana and Katakana each consist of little less than 50 characters and they both represent the same set of sounds. There are five vowels (a,i,u,e,o) in Japanese and most of Hiragana and Katakana characters are represented as combinations of a consonant and a vowel. Hiragana and Katakana charts are on the page 29.

Kanji is characters that were originally imported from China, and were developed in Japan. Each Kanji character represents one meaning and has at least two readings. Most of the words (nouns, adjectives, adverbs and verbs) in the written language in Japanese can be written in Kanji. When appropriate Kanji was unknown by the writer, Hiragana is used as a substitute. There are over 40,000 Kanji characters and about 2000 characters represent about 90% of the Kanji characters actually used in written text.

While Katakana represents the same sounds as Hiragana does, Katakana is mainly used for loan words from Western countries. Like English, Japanese has been influenced by various other languages such as Chinese, English, German or Portuguese. Words, ideas and devices that were imported by these countries are normally written in Katakana, except these words that came from China, which are normally written in Kanji. In the process of changing to Katakana, the sounds of many loan words are japanised, as a result these words often no longer sound like original words. Examples may include タクシー (takushii : taxi), ギリシャ (girisha : Greece) or デジカメ (dejikame : digital camera).

Hiragana is used for extremely difficult or rare Kanji, colloquial expression and onomatopoeia. It’s also used by beginning Japanese learners and children in place of Kanji they don’t know.

**Remembering Hiragana with story hints**

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| あ | A | **A** rope **a**round **a** cross |
| い | I | There are two ‘I’s in the word ‘Hawa**ii**’ |
| う | U | Smashing an old woman and she goes ‘**Ugh**!’ |
| え | E | **E**lvis with **e**nergy |
| お | O | Golf ball **o**n the green |

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| か | KA | **Cu**tting bread with a knife |
| き | KI | **Ke**y |
| く | KU | The beak of a **coo** coo bird |
| け | KE | A **ke**g of beer |
| こ | KO | **Co**ughing mouth |

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**Activity 1**

Circle the correct Hiragana words for the Romaji.

1. AKAI (Red) A)おけい B)おかい C)あかい D)あかう
2. EKI (Station) A)あく B)いこ C)えく D)えき
3. IKA (Squid) A)いき B)いか C)うけ D)いこ
4. KAO (Face) A)こお B)けあ C)かあ D)かお
5. OOKII (Big) A)ああけい B)おあきい C)おおきい D)おおけい

**Activity 2**

Write the following words in Hiragana.

1. AKI (Autumn) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
2. AOI (Blue) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
3. KOE (Voice) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
4. KUUKI (Air) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
5. KIKAI (Machine) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Activity 3**

Complete the following table using the words from previous activities.

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| **English** | **Hiragana** |
| Big |  |
|  | かお |
| Air |  |
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|  | きかい |
| Station |  |
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| さ | SA | **Sa**murai sword |
| し | SHI | **She** has beautiful hair |
| す | SU | **Soo**n it’ll sprout |
| せ | SE | **Se**tting the table |
| そ | SO | Zigzag **sew**ing |

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| た | TA | Looks like ‘**ta**’ |
| ち | CHI | **Chee**se ball on the stick |
| つ | TSU | **Tsu**nami |
| て | TE | The **tai**l of a pig |
| と | TO | **Toe** |

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**Activity 1**

Circle the correct Hiragana words for the Romaji words

1. TSUKUE (Desk) A)くつえ B)つこい C)つうえ D)つくえ
2. KASA (Umbrella) A)こし B)かき C)かさ D)さか
3. ITAI (Painful) A)あたい B)いたい C)えてい D)いこい
4. ATSUI (Hot) A)あかい B)つあい C)あつい D)いあす
5. SATOU (Sugar) A)きこう B)さとう C)さつう D)きとい

**Activity 2**

Write the appropriate Hiragana words for the Romaji

1. SAKE (Sake) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
2. SUSHI (Sushi) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
3. SUIKA (Watermelon) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
4. SEITO (Student) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
5. TOKEI (Clock, watch) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Activity 3**

Complete the following table using the words from previous activities.

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| **English** | **Hiragana** |
| Umbrella |  |
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| な | NA | A **nun** kneeling at a cross |
| に | NI | **Kne**e cap |
| ぬ | NU | **Noo**dle bowl |
| ね | NE | A **ne**t with a hole |
| の | NO | **No** through sign |

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| は | HA | A man with a **ha**t and a stick |
| ひ | HI | **He**e hee |
| ふ | FU | Mt **Fu**ji |
| へ | HE | Arrow pointing at **he**aven |
| ほ | HO | Too **ho**t you need two hats |

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**Activity 1**

Circle the correct Hiragana words for the Romaji words.

1. NEKO (Cat) A)れこ B)ねこ C)ぬこ D)めこ
2. INU (Dog) A)いね B)いぬ C)いめ D)いれ
3. HA (Tooth) A)ま B)ほ C)よ D)は
4. HITO (Person) A)ひし B)てと C)ひと D)てこ
5. TOUFU (Tofu) A)とうふ A)しいひ C)とうひ D)うとふ

**Activity 2**

Write the appropriate Hiragana words for the Romaji

1. HANA (Flower) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
2. NOUKA (Farmer) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
3. NANI (What) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
4. HESO (Bellybutton) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
5. HOSHI (Star) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Activity 3**

Complete the following table using the words from previous activities.

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| Farmer |  |
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| Tooth |  |
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| Star |  |
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| ま | MA | Calling **ma** on the phone |
| み | MI | **Me** becomes 21 |
| む | MU | **Moo** |
| め | ME | Dropping noodle and **ma**de a **me**ss |
| も | MO | A barbed hook to catch **mo**re fish |

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| や | YA | Two knitting needles with **ya**rn |
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| よ | YO | Playing **yo**-yo |

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**Activity 1**

Circle the correct Hiragana words for the Romaji words

1. NAMAE (Name) A)なめえ B)なまえ C)なほえ D)なみい
2. YASUMI (Holiday) A)やすみ B)やすうみ C)かすみ D)やしみ
3. MUSHI (Insect) A)むり B)すり C)すし D)むし
4. KOUYOU (Colored leaves) A)こうゆう B)こうよう C)こうやう D)こうこう
5. AME (Rain) A)おぬ B)あぬ C)おめ D)あめ

**Activity 2**

Write the appropriate Hiragana words for the Romaji

1. KAMI (Paper) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
2. YUME (Dream) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
3. FUYU (Winter) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
4. YUKI (Snow) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
5. KUMO (Spider) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Activity 3**

Complete the following table using the words from previous activities.

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| **English** | **Hiragana** |
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| Winter |  |
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| Spider |  |
| Colored leaves |  |

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| ら | RA | A half of a **ra**bbit face |
| り | RI | **Ri**ver |
| る | RU | A **ru**by in a sack |
| れ | RE | A man **re**sting against a wall |
| ろ | RO | A **ro**bber stole the ruby |

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| わ | WA | Waving a magic **wa**nd |
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| を | WO | **O**lympic discus thrower |
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| ん | N | Looks like ‘**n**’ |

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\*The / r / or / l / sound in Japanese is quite different from any sound in English. It involves more of a roll and a clip by hitting the roof of your mouth with your tongue. Pay careful attention to this whole column.

**Activity 1**

Circle the correct Hiragana words for the Romaji words.

1. SORA (sky) A)てら B)てち C)そら D)そち
2. SAKURA (Cherry blossom) A)きくち B)きくら C)さくち D)さくら
3. Rei (Bowing) A)れい B)ねい C)ぬい D)わい
4. KONRO (Stove) A)こんつ B)こんろ C)こんる D)こんち
5. SHINKANSEN (Bullet train) A)しんやんせん B)しんやんさん C)しんかんさん D)しんかんせん

**Activity 2**

Write the appropriate Hiragana words for the Romaji

1. WATASHI (I/me/myself) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
2. SAYOUNARA (Good bye) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
3. KURUMA (Car) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
4. HARAKIRI (Harakiri) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
5. WO (\*Object marker) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Activity 3**

Complete the following table using the words from previous activities.

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| **English** | **Hiragana** |
| I/me/myself |  |
| \*Object marker |  |
|  | さくら |
| Bullet train |  |
| Good bye |  |
|  | こんろ |
| Bowing |  |
| Car |  |
|  | そら |
|  | はらきり |

**Activity 4** Similar characters – Write the following characters in Hiragana

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| A/O | TA/NA | CHI/RA | KI/SA |
| ME/NU | I/RI | RU/RO | MA/MO |
| WA/NE/RE | | KE/HO/HE | |

**てんてん and まる**

てんてん(ten-ten) and まる (maru) are small symbols that are attached on the top right of Hiragana characters from certain consonant lines. When てんてん and まる are added to Hiragana characters, the sounds of these characters change. てんてん can be attached to Hiragana characters from the K, S, T and H consonant lines. まる can only be attached to characters from the H consonant line.

When てんてん is attached to a Hiragana character, the sounds are modified as following…

K → G

S → Z (and J)

T → D

H → B

For example, when てんてん is attached to the character 「か」, then it becomes 「が」and is pronounced as ‘GA’.

When まる is attached to a character from the H consonant line,,,

H →　P

For example, when まる is attached to the character 「は」, then it becomes 「ぱ」and is pronounced as ‘PA’.　てんてん and まる are also called as だくてん (dakuten) and はんだくてん (handakuten).

**Activity**

Remember the following sentence to help memorizing the consonant changes.

The King told Herb to seize the jester’s harp.

Complete the following chart

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**Combination sounds**

Some syllables are created by combining an ‘i’ sounding character and a small-sized 「や」,「ゆ」or 「よ」. For example, when 「き」, the ‘i’ sounding character from the K line, is combined with a half-sized　「や」, then it is written as 「きゃ」and is pronounced “kya”.

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| **P** | **B** | **J** | **G** | **R** | **M** | **H** | **N** | **C** | **S** | **K** |  |
| ぴゃ | びゃ | じゃ | ぎゃ | りゃ | みゃ | ひゃ | にゃ | ちゃ | しゃ | きゃ | **Ya** |
| ぴゅ | びゅ | じゅ | ぎゅ | りゅ | みゅ | ひゅ | にゅ | ちゅ | しゅ | きゅ | **Yu** |
| ぴょ | びょ | じょ | ぎょ | りょ | みょ | ひょ | にょ | ちょ | しょ | きょ | **Yo** |

**Activity**

Circle the appropriate letter for the following words written in Romaji.

1. DENSHA (Train) A)てんしゅ B)でんしょ C)てんしゃ D)でんしゃ
2. SHASHIN (Photograph) A)しょせん B)しょしん C)しゃしん D)しぇすん
3. KYOU (Today) A)きよう B)きぇう C)きゅう D)きょう
4. KISHA (Steam train) A)かしゃ B)きしゃ C)きしゅ D)けしゃ
5. RYOURI (Cooking) A)りゃうり B)りょえり C)りゅうり D)りょうり

Write appropriate Hiragana characters

1. TANJOUBI (Birthday) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
2. KYOURYUU (Dinosaur) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
3. JINJA (Temple) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
4. SHOUJI (Japanese sliding paper door) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
5. CHOUCHIN (Japanese paper lantern) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Complete the table

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| Birthday |  |
| Photograph |  |
|  | りょうり |
| Today |  |
|  | じんじゃ |
| Steam train |  |
| Japanese sliding paper door |  |
|  | ちょうちん |
|  | きょうりゅう |
| Train |  |

**Small 「つ」**

When 「つ」is written in a half size, it’s no longer pronounced as ‘tsu’, and plays a special role in words. It doubles the consonant of the following Hiragana character.

For example,

さか (SAKA) → さっか (SAKKA)

さか means ‘slope’, whereas さっか means ‘author’. Whether or not 「っ」is there can change the whole meaning of the word so one may need to practise pronouncing and listening to words containing 「っ」.

**Activity**

Write appropriate Hiragana character

1. KAPPA (Rain coat) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
2. MACCHA (Japanese powdered green tea) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
3. NATTOU (Japanese fermented soybeans) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
4. JUPPUN (10 minutes/ 10th minute) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
5. SIPPAI (Failure) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Lean the following classroom phrases

1. たって　ください。(Please stand up)
2. すわって　ください。(Please sit down)
3. はいっても　いいですか。(May I enter?)
4. これ　は　あってますか。(Is this correct?)
5. ちょっと　まって　ください。(Please wait a minute.)

Complete the table below.

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|  | はいっても　いいですか。 |
| Japanese powdered green tea |  |
| Japanese fermented soybeans |  |
|  | たって　ください。 |
|  | これ　は　あってますか。 |
| 10 minutes/ 10th minute |  |
| Failure |  |
| Please wait a minute |  |
|  | すわって　ください。 |

**Katakana**

As mentioned earlier, Katakana is a set of 46 characters that represent the same sounds as Hiragana characters do, and was developed to incorporate foreign ideas and names for things into the Japanese language. Ideas or products that were introduced from foreign languages such as French, German, Dutch or English draw from original pronunciation.

While some Katakana characters are not very different from their Hiragana counterparts, Katakana characters basically have sharper, straighter lines in them. Moreover, the dash is used to make the long vowel sounds that often exist in European languages but not so much in Japanese. For example, if an English word has er, ar or y at the end, or a double vowel in the middle of the word, it will often substitute with a dash then the word is written in Katakana.

Example:

Guitar → ー

Coffee → ーー

Furthermore, the vowels あ、い、う、え and お are written as ア、イ、ウ、エ and オ in Katakana.in addition to just little や、ゆ and よ, these vowels can be also written in half sized to make combination sounds.

Example:

Fork → ー

Chess →

Party → ーー

**Remembering Hiragana with story hints**

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| ア | A | **A** new satellite dish **a**ntenna |
| イ | I | **E**agle perch |
| ウ | U | Old woman goes “**Ugh**” when stabbed |
| エ | E | **E**ngineering with a steel girder |
| オ | O | **O**range tree with a broken branch |

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| カ | KA | **Cu**tting bread without a knife |
| キ | KI | Still looks like a **key** |
| ク | KU | **Coo**k’s hat |
| ケ | KE | Tilted letter ‘**K**’ |
| コ | KO | **Co**ffin has tipped over |

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**Activity**

1. Guess the meaning of these Katakana words and practice writing them. The first one has been done as an example.
2. アメリカ (AMERIKA / America) \_\_\_アメリカ\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_アメリカ\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
3. イギリス (IGIRISU / ) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
4. オーストラリア (OOSUTORARIA / ) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
5. トゥーンバ (TWUUNBA / ) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
6. エッセー (ESSEE / ) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
7. カナダ (KANADA / ) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
8. ギター (GITAA / ) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
9. クッキー (KUKKII / ) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
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| サ | SA | **Sa**murai sword stand |
| シ | SHI | **She** is looking to the right |
| ス | SU | **Sou**p **s**pills from the mouth |
| セ | SE | Looks like **se**ven in Kanji (七) |
| ソ | SO | **Se**w on a button with a needle |

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| タ | TA | **Tou**chy tooth |
| チ | CHI | **Che**erleader |
| ツ | TSU | **Tsu** (2) buttons and a needle |
| テ | TE | **Te**levision aerial |
| ト | TO | **To**tem pole |

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3. チーズ(CHIIZU/ ) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
4. スポーツ(SUPOOTSU/ ) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_　\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
5. テレビ(TEREBI/ ) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_　\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
6. ソーセージ(SOOSEEJI/ ) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
7. トースト(TOOSUTO/ ) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
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10. シドニー(SHIDONII/ ) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
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|  | テレビ |
| Soccer |  |
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| ナ | NA | **Nu**tcracker |
| ニ | NI | Looks like Kanji for 2(**ni**) (二) |
| ヌ | NU | **No**odle in and out of the mouth |
| ネ | NE | **Ne**cktie |
| ノ | NO | **No** buttons, just a needle |

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| ハ | HA | Looks like Kanji for 8 (**ha**chi) (八) |
| ヒ | HI | **He** is doing sit-ups |
| フ | FU | A **fo**ol’s mouth is always open |
| ヘ | HE | Pointing at **he**aven |
| ホ | HO | Two people praying at a **ho**ly cross |

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3. ニンテンドー(NINTENDOO/ ) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
4. ヌーサ(NUUSA/ ) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_　\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
5. ネクタイ(NEKUTAI/ ) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_　\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
6. ノート(NOOTO/ ) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
7. パンツ(PANTSU/ ) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
8. ビール(BIIRU/ ) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
9. フランス(FURANSU/ ) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
10. ペット(PETTO/ ) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
11. ズボン(ZUBON/ ) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
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| Trousers |  |
|  | ペット |
| Beer |  |
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| マ | MA | Grand**ma** is bent over |
| ミ | MI | The cat scratched **me** |
| ム | MU | Grandma has **mo**ved on |
| メ | ME | **Me**tal sabre |
| モ | MO | Even **mo**re fish with a new hook |

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| ヤ | YA | **Ya**k’s face |
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| ユ | YU | Who’s No1? It’s **You** |
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| ヨ | YO | **Yo**ghurt tub |

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3. モデル(MODERU / ) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
4. ハム(HAMU / ) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_　\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
5. ミルク(MIRUKU / ) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_　\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
6. マーマレード(MAAMAREEDO / ) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
7. シャーペン(SHAAPEN / ) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
8. ヤクザ(YAKUZA / ) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
9. ニュース(NYUUSU / ) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
10. ヨーグルト(YOOGURUTO / ) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
11. ニューヨーク(NYUUYOOKU / ) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
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| New York |  |
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| ラ | RA | **La**ughing mouth with a moustache |
| リ | RI | **Re**eds in the river |
| ル | RU | Kanga**roo**’s legs |
| レ | RE | **Le**mon wedge |
| ロ | RO | **Ro**ck |

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| ワ | WA | The baby goes “**Wa** wa wa” |
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| ン | N | She in bli**n**d in one eye |

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**Activity**

1. Guess the meaning of these Katakana words and practice writing them. The first one has been done as an example.
2. ワイン(WAIN / ) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_　\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
3. リモコン(RIMOKON / ) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
4. ワープロ(WAAPURO / ) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
5. レース(REESU / ) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_　\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
6. レモン(REMON / ) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
7. ロンドン(RONDON / ) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
8. ズボン(ZUBON / ) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
9. ルール(RUURU / ) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
10. ペン(PEN / ) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
11. ラグビー(RAGUBII / ) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
12. Complete the table by filling up the empty boxes.

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|  | ワイン |
| Rugby |  |
|  | レモン |
| Rule |  |
|  | ロンドン |
| Remote controller |  |
|  | ズボン |
| Word processor |  |
|  | ペン |
| Race |  |

**Gairaigo and Wasei-Eigo**

Gairaigo is a Japanese word for ‘loan word’ or ‘borrowed word’, and Wasei-Eigo is a Japanese word for ‘Japanese made English’ or ‘English words coined in Japanese’. Gairaigo and Wasei-Eigo were originally from foreign languages, but they have so embedded in the Japanese language that sometimes they are re-fashioned to create different meanings from its original intended meaning.

**Research task**

Using the internet, find out the meanings and the original words of the following Gairaigo.

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| レンジ | Original word\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  Meaning: |
| カラオケ | Original word\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  Meaning: |
| カステラ | Original word\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  Meaning: |
| コンビニ | Original word\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  Meaning: |
| リストラ | Original word\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  Meaning: |
| ホチキス | Original word\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  Meaning: |
| ピエロ | Original word\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  Meaning: |
| シャボンだま | Original word\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  Meaning: |
| スーパー | Original word\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  Meaning: |
| バイキング | Original word\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  Meaning: |

**Creating a word bank**

Using Hiragana and Katakana, and words we have learnt so far or words you already know, let’s create a word bank!

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| **Countries** | | **Cities** | |
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| **Activities** | | **Animals** | |
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| **Food I like** | | **Food I don’t like** | |
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| **Household objects** | | **Japanese cultural items** | |
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**ひらがな chart**

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**てんてん and まる**

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**カタカナ chart**

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**てんてん and まる (カタカナ)**

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