**Japanese sounds**

***Japanese vowels are easy to pronounce!***

あa as in father

Compared to English, Japanese has a relative absence of stress and intonation.

い i as in meet (but clipped shorter)

うu as in boot

えe as in bet

お o as in cot

***Fill in the blanks with the Japanese vowel sound then try to pronounce the words.***

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| a 　あ | Y\_\_ m\_\_ h\_\_  K\_\_ w\_\_ s \_\_ k i  H o n d \_\_  Ō s \_\_ k \_\_ |
| i　　い | H \_\_ r o s h \_\_ ma  S a s h \_\_ m \_\_  T e r \_\_ y a k \_\_ |
| u　　う | S \_\_ s h i  F \_\_ j i S a n  S \_\_ k i y a k i  S \_\_ z \_\_ k i |
| e　　え | S a k \_\_  T \_\_ m p u r a  K a r a t \_\_ |
| o　　お | K i m \_\_ n \_\_  T \_\_ y \_\_ t a  S a p p \_\_ r \_\_  \_\_ r i g a m i |

Remember to pronounce every syllable the same length. Try to ditch that Western accent!

**Ka -ra -o-ke** rather than Carryoky!