

Hiragana Practice: “A through SO” あ～そ

Transcribe the following Roma-ji (Romanized words) into Hiragana.

1. iie (no) or ie (short form)

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2. aka (red) □□

3. kasa (umbrella) □□

4. koko (here) □□

5. ai (love) □□

6. aki (autumn, fall) □□

7. eki (station) □□

8. osake (alcohol, Japanese rice wine) □□□

9. sushi □□

10. kokeshi (a wooden doll) □□□

11. ue (above, up, top) □□

12. aoi (blue in adjective form) □□□

Transcribe the following words into Roma-ji and be able to read smoothly with natural speed.

1. いえ house →

2. おかし snack →

3. おいしい delicious →

4. いか squid →

5. おう to chase →

6. あかい red in adjective form →

7. あお blue →

8. あさ morning →

9. あそこ over there →

10. すき to like →

11. あう to meet people →

12. こい carp fish →

Hiragana Practice: “TA through HO” た～ほ

Transcribe the following Roma-ji (Romanized words) into Hiragana.

1. inu (dog)

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2. ashita (tomorrow)

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3. takai (expensive)

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4. tako (octopus)

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5. uchi (home)

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6. fune (boat)

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7. itsu (when?)

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8. maneki neko (inviting cat)

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9. atatakai (warm)

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10. okane (money)

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11. atsui (“hot” in weather)

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12. hoka (other)

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Transcribe the following words into Roma-ji and be able to read smoothly with natural speed.

1. さかな fish →

2. ひと person/people →

3. なつ summer →

4. いくつ how many? →

5. かいて Write please (casual) →

6. にく meat →

7. ちかい near/close →

8. いたい painful, ouch →

9. たすけて！ Help! →

10. たぬき raccoon →

11. きいて Listen, please (casual) →

12. ほしい to want something →

Hiragana Practice: “MA through YO” ま～よ

Transcribe the following Roma-ji (Romanized words) into Hiragana.

1. yasai (vegetable)

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2. ame (rain, or candy)

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3. okonomiyaki (pancake-shaped food with vegetable, meat, and wheat flour)

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4. takoyaki (octopus ball)

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5. yakitori (grilled chicken)

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6. Sashimi (raw fish)

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7. moshimoshi (“Hello” on the phone)

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8. oyasuminasai (good night)

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9. samui (cold weather)

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10. miso (soy bean paste)

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Transcribe the following words into Roma-ji and be able to read smoothly with natural speed.

1. みて Look, please (casual) →

2. のみもの beverages →

3. まいあさ every morning →

4. むし bugs, insects →

5. ふゆ winter →

6. あまい sweet →

7. むしあつい hot & humid →

8. むかし old days →

9. なまえ name →

10. いいます to say, to speak →

11. おすすめ recommendation →

12. よなか midnight →

13. やま mountain →

14. うみ sea, ocean, beach →

15. ゆき snow →

16. いやな (nasty, creepy, no good)

Hiragana Practice: “RA through N” ら～ん

Transcribe the following Roma-ji (Romanized words) into Hiragana.

1. sumimasen (sorry to trouble you.)

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2. hon (book)

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3. karai (spicy)

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4. kuroi (black in the adjective form)

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5. shiroi (white in the adjective form)

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6. rekishi (history)

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7. wakarimasu (understand)

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8. otousan (father)

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9. kawaii (cute)

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10. wasuremashita (I forgot.)

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Transcribe the following words into Roma-ji and be able to read smoothly with natural speed.

1. しまん questions →

2. あります to exist, to have →

3. わかりません not to understand →

4. ひる daytime, afternoon →

5. おかあさん mother →

6. いろ color →

7. こわい scary →

8. おんせん hot spring →

9. よる night →

10. ふるさと hometown →

11. みそしる miso soup →

12. しろ white →

13. しんかんせん Bullet train →

14. しけん test, exam →

15. ほんや bookstore →

16. わし washi paper →

Hiragana Practice: Voiced consonants

Transcribe the following Roma-ji (Romanized words) into Hiragana.

1. kazoku (family)

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2. onigiri (rice balls)

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3. tabemono (food)

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4. kudamono (fruit)

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5. ongaku (music)

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6. nihongo (Japanese language)

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7. hajimemashite (How do you do?)

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8. gaka (painter)

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9. tsugi (next)

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10. kabuki (Kabuki theater)

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11. miyagemono (souvenir)

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12. nanji (what time)

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13. tempura (Tempura fried food)

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14. itadakimasu (it is said to the host/hostess before starting a meal)

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Transcribe the following words into Roma-ji and be able to read smoothly with natural speed.

1. ゆうがた evening →

2. くだものや fruits shop →

3. ばんごはん supper →

4. だいがく college, university →

5. みどり green →

6. でんわ telephone →

7. じかん time →

8. おねがいします Please (requesting) →

9. だめ no good, broken →

10. みず water →

11. そばや buckwheat noodle shop →

12. あさごはん breakfast →

13. いただきます (I) receive →

14. さんぽ walking →

15. もういちど one more time →

16. だるま Daruma →

17. ください Give me, please →

18. ひどい terrible →

Hiragana Practice: Small や、ゆ、よ

Transcribe the following Roma-ji (Romanized words) into Hiragana.

1. renshuu (practice)

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2. dokusho (reading books)

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3. toshokan (library) □□□□□

4. ocha (green tea) □□□

5. shumi (hobby) □□□

6. yakyuu □□□□

7. shukudai (homework)

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8. shashin (photograph)

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9. washoku (Japanese food)

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10. jitensha (bicycle)

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11. manjuu (steamed bun with filling)

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12. Shuushoku (getting a full time employment)

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Hiragana Practice: Small つ

Transcribe the following Roma-ji (Romanized words) into Hiragana.

In the case of double consonants, the first consonant is pronounced as a pause or silent, it is written with small “tsu.” For example, “chotto” is written as 「ちょと」.

1. gakkou (school)

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2. kitte (postage stamp)

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3. itte kudasai

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4. mou ikkai (one more time in casual tone)

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5. aki gakki (fall semester)

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6. shushinchi (hometown)

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7. isshoni (together)

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8. itte kimasu (I am leaving home now/good-bye).

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Hiragana Practices: Unique Hiragana writing rules

Transcribe the following Roma-ji (Romanized words) into Hiragana.

1. kirei (pretty, clean)

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2. .youshoku (Western food)

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3. hontou (really)

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4. doumo (thanks informal)

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5. meishi (name card)

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6. daijoubu (fine, ok)

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7.sensei (teacher)

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8. benkyou (study)

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9. souji (clearning (a place))

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10.kaigai ryokou (travel) (oversea travel)

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11.seikai (correct)

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12. ohayou gozaimasu (good morning in formal tone)

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13.koucha (English tea)

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14. yuumei (famous)

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15. arigatou (thank you)

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16. sumou (sumoo wrestling)

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17.tanjoubi (birthday)

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18.gakusei (student)

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19.Sou desu. That is correct.

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20. youji (things to do)

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21. Seikatsu (daily) life

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22. Chuuka ryouri (Chinese food)

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Transcribe the following words into Roma-ji and be able to read smoothly.

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| 1. えいご English → | 12. ばんごう number → |
| 2. うんどう exercise → | 13. えいが movie → |
| 3. せんせい teacher → | 14. しょうゆ soy sauce → |
| 4. ようが American/European movie → | 15. ようがく American/European music → |
| 5. きょう today → | 16. ごちそうさま Thanking for the food → |
| 6. しつれい rude → | 17. さようなら Good bye → |
| 7. おべんとう bento box → | 18. なっとう fermented soy beans → |
| 8. きょうかしょ textbook → | 19. しつれいします good-bye, apology (formal) → |
| 9. どうも thanks → | 20. だいがくせい college student → |
| 10. まんじゅう steamed bun with filling → | 21. りょうり cuisine, cooking → |
| 11. りょこう travel → | 22. にんぎょう doll → |