
























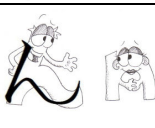


Japanese Hiragana Mnemonics Index

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あ		A: "Open your mouth and say 'Ahh,'" says the dentist.	さ		SA He <u>sa</u> w something that made him smile.
い		I: The two "I's" in <u>Hawaii</u>	し		SHI <u>She</u> has a ponytail.
う		U <u>Ew!</u> There's a bug on your ear!	す		SU It's another perfect dive by <u>Super</u> Diver.
え		E An <u>elf</u> hanging ornaments on a Christmas tree.	せ		SE Mother <u>se</u> ts Baby on her lap.
お		O <u>Oh!</u> A hole in one!	そ		SO Fix the rip by <u>sew</u> ing a zigzag stitch.
か		KA " <u>Kah</u> " a crow cries as it flies to a tree on the top of a cliff.	た		TA "i" and "a" spell " <u>ta</u> "
き		KI A <u>key</u> .	ち		CHI A <u>cheer</u> leader.
く		KU A <u>cuckoo</u> 's beak.	つ		TSU <u>Tsunami</u> waves can be very destructive.
け		KE <u>Kendo</u> is a traditional Japanese sport using wooden swords.	て		TE The shape of "TE" is in the palm of your right hand, and the word for "hand" in Japanese is "TE."
こ		KO A <u>koala</u> climbing a tree.	と		TO Ouch! There's a thorn in my <u>toe</u> !

な		NA A beaver <u>gn</u> awing on a tree	め		ME This bicycle needs a <u>me</u> chanic.
に		NI A <u>kn</u> ee	も		MO You can catch <u>mo</u> re fish with <u>mo</u> re bait.
ぬ		NU A <u>ne</u> w bicycle	や		YA 100% wool <u>ya</u> rn (and two knitting needles)
ね		NE A <u>ne</u> st in a tree	ゆ		YU <u>Yu</u> stabbed the fish!
の		NO “ <u>No</u> Parking”	よ		YO A <u>yo-yo</u>
は		HA A <u>ha</u> ckey player	ら		RA The fan cheered: <u>Rah! Rah! Rah!</u>
ひ		HI <u>He</u> has a big smile on his face.	り		RI A <u>ri</u> ng on your finger.
ふ		FU* Mount <u>Fu</u> ji is a dormant volcano.	る		RU Three (3) <u>ru</u> bies
へ		HE An arrow pointing to <u>he</u> aven	れ		RE The <u>ra</u> dio tower was struck by lightning.
ほ		HO <u>Ho</u> lding the hockey stick with two hands he is ready to play!	る		RO The three (3) rubies <u>ro</u> lled away!
ま		MA He will <u>ma</u> p the floor.	わ		WA A <u>wa</u> terfall rushing past a tree
み		MI Who is number 21? <u>Me!</u>	を		O* (sometimes WO “ <u>Whoa!</u> ” calls the cowboy to his horse.
む		MU <u>Moo!</u>	ん		N It sounds a bit like the letter “ <u>n</u> .”

*Pronounce “FU” without your teeth and lips touching.