

LESSON NOTES

Kantan Kana S2 #11

Kantan Kana #11: Hiragana まる and てん

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VOCABULARY

Kanji	Kana	Romaji	English
てんてん	てんてん	tenten	type of diacritic marking a voiced sound
まる	まる	maru	circle, type of diacritic marking plosive
かぎ	かぎ	kagi	key
えいご	えいご	eigo	English
だいがく	だいがく	daigaku	university
えんぴつ	えんぴつ	enpitsu	pencil

SAMPLE SENTENCES

窓のかぎも、閉めてください。
Mado no kagi mo, shimete kudasai.

Please also lock the window.

GRAMMAR

Lesson #11 - てんてん、まる

てんてん looks like quotation marks. The "K" sound becomes a "G" sound. We call this voicing. Put your hand on your throat as you make both the "k" and "g" sounds. You'll notice that when you make the "g" sound, you can feel your vocal cords vibrating. That's what voicing is. All consonants that have **てんてん** are made with this vibration.

まる is Japanese for "circle". The "H" sound becomes a "P" sound. These are the only five characters you can add **まる** to. This means you've learned 23 new sounds, and there are a lot of new words you can write.

By adding these marks to hiragana, you can create new sounds. There are 20 characters that you can attach

てんてん to, and only 5 characters that you can attach まる to.