

LESSON NOTES

Kantan Kana S2 #1

Kantan Kana #1: Hiragana vowels あ,

い, う, え, お

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VOCABULARY

Kanji	Kana	Romaji	English
あい	あい	ai	love
いう	いう	iu	to speak
あう	あう	au	to meet
いえ	いえ	ie	house
うえ	うえ	ue	up
おい	おい	oi	nephew
あお	あお	ao	blue

GRAMMAR

Lesson #1- あ、え、い、お、う

Every hiragana character represents a certain sound, but doesn't have meaning by itself. Using these hiragana characters, you can write almost any Japanese word. There are 46 hiragana characters.

あ [number of strokes: 3]

Keep your lines slightly curved like this.

い [number of strokes: 2]

Imagine there is an oval that you're tracing around. This will help you write the lines correctly. Also, don't forget the *hane* or flick, this is left from when characters were written with a brush and ink. Try to make this *hane* with your pen.

う [number of strokes: 2]

Make the top stroke angled, not flat.

え [number of strokes: 2]

The first stroke of え is the same as う, and the rest is all one stroke. Don't lift up that pen!

お [number of strokes: 3]

The first stroke is like あ, but it swings around and makes a loop. There's also one final stroke.

あ	あ	あ			
い	い	い			
う	う	う			
え	え	え			
お	お	お			