

LESSON NOTES

Kantan Kana S2 #2

Kantan Kana #2: Hiragana か, き, く, け, こ

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VOCABULARY

Kanji	Kana	Romaji	English
はね	はね	hane	slight flick of the pen
かお	かお	kao	face
いか	いか	ika	squid
えき	えき	eki	station
柿	かき	kaki	persimmon
かく	かく	kaku	write
あく	あく	aku	evil
いけ	いけ	ike	pond
かけ	かけ	kake	bet

SAMPLE SENTENCES

渋柿は、干柿にすると甘くなります。

Shibugaki wa, hoshigaki ni suru to amaku narimasu.

Bitter Japanese persimmons become very sweet when they're dried.

GRAMMAR

Lesson #2 - か、き、く、け、こ

か [number of strokes: 3]

Notice the *hane* on the end of the first stroke. Try to make the two lines parallel.

き [number of strokes: 4]

き is tricky, because when it is printed, the third and fourth stroke are connected. When you write it, make sure that they are separate. I have a trick for remembering き. If you close up the circle and draw some more detail at the top... it kind of looks like a key! If you can think of a picture or a story that links the sound with the kana, it'll be a lot easier to remember.

< [number of strokes: 1]

This is just one stroke.

け [number of strokes: 3]

Don't forget the *hane* on the first stroke. The bottom of the third stroke should curve inwards, not straight up and down.

こ [number of strokes: 2]

か	か	か			
き	き	き			
く	く	く			
け	け	け			
こ	こ	こ			