

LESSON NOTES

Kantan Kana S2 #3

Kantan Kana #3: Hiragana さ, し, す, せ, そ

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VOCABULARY

Kanji	Kana	Romaji	English
かさ	かさ	kasa	umbrella
そこ	そこ	soko	over there
うそ	うそ	uso	lie
せき	せき	seki	cough
あせ	あせ	ase	sweat
いす	いす	isu	chair
すし	すし	sushi	sushi
しお	しお	shio	salt
うし	うし	ushi	cow
さけ	さけ	sake	alcohol
ごじゅうおん	ごじゅうおん	gojūon	the order of kana

GRAMMAR

Lesson #3 - さ、し、す、せ、そ

さ number of strokes: 3

さ is the same as き, except it only has one line instead of two. Like き, when さ is printed, the last two strokes are often made into one single stroke. But when you're writing it, keep them separate like this.

し number of strokes: 1

Notice that it's pronounced as "shi" and not "si".

す number of strokes: 2

This first line is straight, but the second line loops once and curves slightly to the left.

せ number of strokes: 3

Pay attention to the stroke order. First this straight line. Then the second stroke. The last stroke goes just past the second stroke.

そ number of strokes: 1

There are two ways to write this character, so pick your favorite! The first way is one long stroke. It's like a Z in English with a curve at the end. The second way is like this. The only difference is this part at the beginning. You can write it however you like it, but be prepared to see it both ways when it's written.

さ	さ	さ			
し	し	し			
す	す	す			
せ	せ	せ			
そ	そ	そ			