

LESSON NOTES

Kantan Kana S2 #4

Kantan Kana #4: Hiragana た, ち, つ, て, と

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VOCABULARY

Kanji	Kana	Romaji	English
たけ	たけ	take	bamboo
とけい	とけい	tokei	clock
いと	いと	ito	thread
ちかてつ	ちかてつ	chikatetsu	subway
かてい	かてい	katei	household
て	て	te	hand
くつ	くつ	kutsu	shoe
つち	つち	tsuchi	dirt
くち	くち	kuchi	mouth
ちいさい	ちいさい	chīsai	small
さち	さち	sachi	happiness
たこ	たこ	tako	octopus
ローマ字	ローマ字	rōma ji	Roman alphabet

GRAMMAR

Lesson #4 - た、ち、つ、て、と

た number of strokes: 4

Notice that the right side is a small version of こ. This character is easy to remember if you make one small change... "ta"!

ち number of strokes: 2

You probably noticed that this is pretty similar to a previous character, さ. Other than being a mirror image, you never see the last stroke of ち split into two. It may be pretty hard to keep these two kana straight.

つ number of strokes: 1

Just one stroke. And if you were to add one more line, it would become "2". Two, tsu. Does つ sound familiar? Don't confuse the sound with that of す, which we learned in the last lesson.

て **number of strokes: 1**

て means "hand" and it makes it easy to remember because it looks like the lines on your right hand. "て"

と **number of strokes: 2**

One, two . This character kind of looks like a toe.

た	た	た			
ち	ち	ち			
つ	つ	つ			
て	て	て			
と	と	と			