

LESSON NOTES

Kantan Kana S2 #5

Kantan Kana #5: Hiragana な, に, ぬ, ね, の

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VOCABULARY

Kanji	Kana	Romaji	English
なつ	なつ	natsu	summer
いのしし	いのしし	inoshishi	wild boar
おかね	おかね	okane	money
ねこ	ねこ	neko	cat
きぬ	きぬ	kinu	silk
いぬ	いぬ	inu	dog
かに	かに	kani	crab
にく	にく	niku	meat
あなた	あなた	anata	you
おの	おの	ono	axe

SAMPLE SENTENCES

いのししが草を食べている。 <i>Inoshishi ga kusa o tabete iru.</i> "The wild boars are chewing the grass."	黒猫が横切っていく <i>Kuroneko ga yokogitte iku.</i> "The black cat is walking across the screen."
毛足の長い犬がボールを追いかけている。 <i>Keashi no nagai inu ga bōru o oikakete iru.</i> "The shaggy dog is running after a ball."	

GRAMMAR

Lesson #5 - な、に、ぬ、ね、の

な number of strokes: 4

な is one of just three hiragana characters that have four strokes.

に number of strokes: 3

There's a *hane* on the first stroke. The character kind of looks like a knee. The two strokes are the knee cap. Do you see it?

ぬ number of strokes: 2

The first stroke goes at an angle. The second stroke crosses over twice and ends in a loop.

ね number of strokes: 2

The first stroke is straight up and down. Then we cross it once, twice, three times and finish in a loop. Think of this loop as a fish, swimming in a net.

の number of strokes: 1

Just think of this as a sign with a slash through it, like a no smoking sign.

な	な	な			
に	に	に			
ぬ	ぬ	ぬ			
ね	ね	ね			
の	の	の			