

## LESSON NOTES

# Kantan Kana S2 #8

## Kantan Kana #8: Hiragana や, ゆ, よ and long vowels

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# VOCABULARY

Kanji	Kana	Romaji	English
やすみ			vacation
ちかい	ちかい	chikai	close, near
あたらしい	あたらしい	atarashī	new
ここ	ここ	koko	here
こうこう	こうこう	kōkō	high school
おおきい	おおきい	ōkī	big
くつう	くつう	kutsū	pain
くつ	くつ	kutsu	shoes
よこはま	よこはま	yokohama	Yokohama
つよい	つよい	tsuyoi	strong
ふゆ	ふゆ	fuyu	winter
ゆき	ゆき	yuki	snow
はやい	はやい	hayai	fast
さようなら。	さようなら。	Sayōnara.	Goodbye.

## SAMPLE SENTENCES

みなさん、さようなら。

*Mina-san, sayōnara*

Good bye, everyone.

## GRAMMAR

### Lesson #8 - や、ゆ、よ

や **number of strokes: 3**

や is very tricky to get right. The third stroke comes in at a slight angle.

**ゆ number of strokes: 2**

Start with a straight line, come all the way around like you're drawing a fish, but don't connect at the end. Then come from straight above the loop, cut it and curve to the left.

**よ number of strokes: 2**

Start with a straight line, then come straight down, do a loop and finish like this.

**Long Vowels:**

Do you know the word くつ? It means "shoes." What about this word? くつう. This means "pain." The difference between くつう and くつ may not sound like much. For くつう, we just hold the "u" sound for twice as long as we do in くつ. This うう sound is one of the long vowels in Japanese.

Japanese has the 5 vowels あ、い、う、え and お, and their lengthened versions are, "ahh," "ee," "ooh", "ehh" and "ohh."

や	や	や			
ゆ	ゆ	ゆ			
よ	よ	よ			