

## LESSON NOTES

# Kantan Kana S2 #9

## Kantan Kana #9: Hiragana ら, り, る, れ, ろ

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# VOCABULARY

Kanji	Kana	Romaji	English
ほら	ほら	hora	hey, look!, you know (interjection)
ろく	ろく	roku	six
ゆうれい	ゆうれい	yūrē	ghost
たれ	たれ	tare	thick sauce
する	する	suru	to do
あかるい	あかるい	akarui	bright
もり	もり	mori	forest
りす	りす	risu	squirrel
さくら	さくら	sakura	cherry blossom
ひろい	ひろい	hiroii	wide

## SAMPLE SENTENCES

ほら、見て！ <i>Hora, mite!</i> Hey, look!	アカリスが木の上で、木の実を食べている。 <i>Akarisu ga ki no ue de suwatte, konomi o tabete iru.</i> "The red squirrel is sitting in a tree eating a nut."
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## GRAMMAR

### Lesson #9 - ら、り、る、れ、ろ

#### ら number of strokes: 2

For starters, pay attention to the pronunciation. Your tongue slightly touches the roof of your mouth when you say it. The top piece when written is bent at an angle, but sometimes you see it as a straight line. The bottom part should curve and get close to a circle, but not touch.

**り number of strokes: 2**

When printed, り is sometimes just one stroke, not two. But when you write it, usually it becomes two separate lines with a *hane* pointing to the second line, but some people connect the lines when they write it, too.

**る number of strokes: 1**

All one stroke with three parts. One, two, around and loop.

**れ number of strokes: 2**

First we do one short stroke almost straight down, then like this, then up, and a curve. This looks a lot like ん, but there is no loop on the end and the part here curves in a little, not out. Remember how we said ん looked like a fish in a NET? Well, in れ, the fish got away.

**ろ number of strokes: 1**

All one stroke, and almost the same as る but without the last loop. An easy way to remember the difference between る and ろ is in ろ the loop at the end ROLled away.

ら	ら	ら			
り	り	り			
る	る	る			
れ	れ	れ			
ろ	ろ	ろ			