

A



Ahi I see the letter "A".

A



Ahi I see the letter "A".

KA



Cut the sausage.

KA



Cut the sausage.

I



Hawaii.

I



Eat with chopsticks.

KI



Key.

KI



Key.

U



Uhh!

U



Uhh!

KU



Koo-koo bird.

KU



Cocoon.

E



Exotic bird.

E



Elevator doors.

KE



Keg.

KE



A tilted letter "K".

O



Olive.

O



On and Off Switch.

KO




Coin.

KO




A street corner.

SA

さ 

Sob.

SA

サ 

Sod.

TA

た ta

ta

TA

タ 

Tomahawk.

SHI

し 

She has flowing hair.

SHI

シ シ 

She has a funny smile.

CHI

ち 

AAAACHIOOOOI

CHI

チ 

Cheer.

SU

す 

Soon the sprout will bloom.

SU

ス ス 

Suit hanger.

TSU

つ 

It's a snake.

TSU

ツ 


Balls and bats.

SE

せ 

Say.

SE

セ 

Say.

TE

て Ten

Ten.

TE

テ 

Telephone pole.

SO

そ 

Sew a zigzag stitch.

SO

ソ 

Sew a stitch.

TO

と 


A thorn in my toe.

TO

ト toe


The "r" in toe.

NA

な 


Knot.

NA

ナ 

Knot.

HA

は 


Ha, ha, ha.

HA

ハ 


Break it in **half**.

NI

に 


Knee.

NI

ニ 

Two **needles**.

HI

ひ 


Hee, hee, hee.

HI

ヒ 

He's sitting down.

NU

ぬ 


Noodle held by chopsticks.

NU

ヌ 

Violence is in the **news**.

FU

ふ 


Who?

FU

フ 


Who?

NE

ね 


Net a big fish.

NE

ネ 


I **never** go to church.

HE

へ 

This way to **heaven**.

HE

ヘ 

This way to **heaven**.

NO

の 


NO Smoking.

NO

ノ 


NO Smoking.

HO

ほ 

Half a **whole** note.

HO

ホ 

Holy cross.

MA

ま



A baby cries, "Mama."

MA

マ



Mama's breast.

YA

や



Yak.

YA

ヤ



Yak.

MI

み



Me, I'm 21.

MI

ミ



Do, re, mi.

YU

ゆ



Trying to make a U-turn.

YU

ユ



You are number one.

MU

む



A cow says, "Moo."

MU

ム



A cow says, "Moo."

YO

よ



Yo-yo.

YO

ヨ



Yodel.

ME

め



Me is Japanese for "eye."

ME

メ



Mexico.

ya

や

Yak.

yu

ゆ

U-turn.

yo

よ

Yo-yo.

These kana written small turn *ki, shi, chi, ni, hi, mi, ri*, into *kya, sha, cha, nya, hya, mya, rya*; *kyu, shu, chu, nyu, hyu, myu, ryu*; and *kyo, sho, cho, nyo, hyo, myo, ryo*.

MO

も



Catch **mo'** fish with this.

MO

モ



Catch **mo'** fish with this.

DOUBLERS

The kana **U** is used to double the **O** and **U** vowel sounds of other kana: *ko* → *kō*, *ku* → *kū*, etc.

う

DOUBLERS

Certain consonants are doubled when preceded by a smaller, silent **tsu**, as in: *ざっし* *zasshi*

っ

RA



Roger the rabbit.

RA



Rocket.

WA



Wasp.

WA



Wow, his head's knocked off!

RI



Reeds.

RI



Reeds.

(W)O



The cowboy said, "Whoa."

(W)O



An arrow head.

RU



Three rubies.

RU



Leg and tail of kangaroo.

N



The sound of "n".

N



Nicks and cuts.

RE



Rain and lightning.

RE



Rain shoe.

NONVOICED SOUNDS



(Soda) pop sound.

This mark changes the pronunciations of **ha**, **hi**, **fu**, **he**, and **ho** to popping sounds: **pa**, **pi**, **pu**, **pe**, and **po**.

RO



Three rubies rolled away.

RO



Rotate a nut.

VOICED SOUNDS



Vocal cord vibrations.

This mark changes the pronunciations of all the kana in the series beginning **ka**, **sa**, **ta**, and **ha** to vibrating sounds: **ga**, **za**, **da**, and **ba**.