

7 simple steps guide to write in Japanese Hiragana

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Do you want a simple to implement step by step guide learning how to write in Japanese Hiragana?

Learning to write in Japanese Hiragana can be an overwhelming feeling when you first start out and you don't know where to start. This guide is a result of that, as I once was in the same situation. I believe if you can dedicate some study time every day or so to learn Hiragana using the following simple steps provided, you too will be able to learn Hiragana in a short period of time.

This learning guide is best used with my learning resource [Introduction to Hiragana series](#), so check that out after you finish reading this guide.

For the best use of this guide you will require the following:

- pen and paper for writing
- reference the [Introduction to Hiragana series](#)
- coffee for a brain boost



1. Pen to paper

1. Begin first thing in the morning of day 1 by viewing each Hiragana character, memorize its mnemonics then write each character 10 times down on paper.
2. Around the middle of the day, it's time for Hiragana practice where you go through and write each Hiragana character once without looking at the reference sheet - if you get any incorrect, write the ones you get incorrect out 10 times.
3. At night time, write each Hiragana character 10 times down on paper.
4. First thing in the morning on day 2, write each Hiragana character once without referencing the sheet - if you get any incorrect, write the ones you get incorrect out 10 times.
5. Write the Hiragana character 10 times down on paper during the middle of the day.
6. At night time, write each Hiragana character once on paper and if any is incorrect then write it out again 10 times.
7. Repeat the steps 1 to 6 for at least a week.

2. Practice, rest and then repeat

This step by step process of writing the characters out on paper repetitively will help you learn the characters quicker. Sleeping and resting will allow your brain to retain the muscle memory for writing and visual memory for reading. Practicing in between resting sessions will test your memory and further help your understanding.



3. Hiragana journey transformation

After 2 - 3 days you'll be able to remember between 60-80% of the characters. Each session should take you about 10-15 minutes so in total about half hour to 45 minutes per day.

Slowly with each session, you will start taking less time to write as the Hiragana characters will come to you more naturally. If you're short on time, you can learn a group of characters instead of trying to learn them all in one session.

I was amazed at the results after just 5 days of following this routine. I managed to get 90% of the characters correct during practice. If you take less time to remember all the Hiragana characters, then just ensure you keep up the routine for at least a week to help solidify your knowledge.



4. The next step in your journey

After 7 days you should feel comfortable with writing the Hiragana characters. You will also be able to recognize the characters from just a glance as compared to when you first started.

Remember continually practice from reading, watching or listening to Japanese content will help you develop your reading and writing further.

I hope this has been useful for you in learning how to write in Japanese Hiragana. Let me know how you went by leaving a comment down below. Here is a list of the next steps to take.

- Check out and read the manga [Yosubato!](#). It is a relatively Hiragana friendly manga and is definitely a good place to start for beginners. You can also switch to English translation, which is pretty neat.
- Next time at your local Japanese restaurant, check the menu or signage for any Hiragana characters and see if you can recognize them.
- Subscribe to [WIJ community newsletter](#) where I'll keep you up to date with the latest posts, and contents with learning material.
- Join our [Facebook group community](#), where you will be able to share your learning tips or ask for help with specific issues.