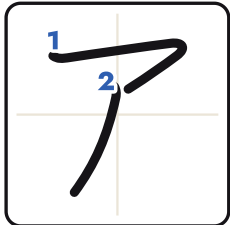




# Katakana practice カタカナ

Stroke order for all 46 basic katakana, with boxes to trace and to write.  
One sheet per row, plus a test-yourself page at the end.

## HOW TO USE THESE SHEETS



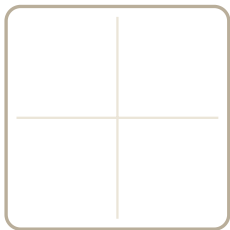
### 1 Learn the order

Each stroke has a number. The strip shows them one by one: the new stroke in color, starting at the dot.



### 2 Trace

Go over the gray katakana slowly, in the right order. The gray gets lighter box by box.



### 3 Write

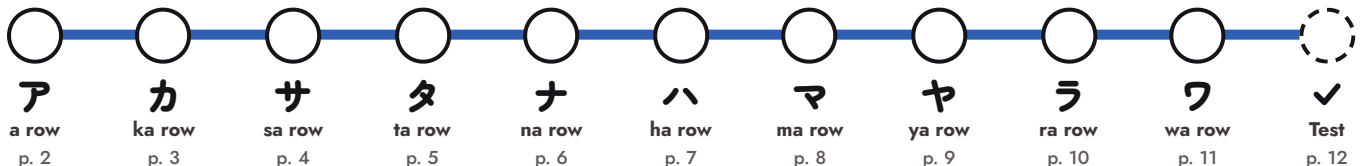
Now on your own, in the empty boxes. Then cover the sheet and write the whole row from memory.

## RULES OF THUMB

- Top to bottom, left to right — most of the time. When a kana breaks the rule, the numbers win.
- Stroke direction tells the twins apart: the last stroke of シ shi goes up, the last stroke of ツ tsu comes down. Same with ン n and ソ so.
- Say the sound out loud every time you write it: your ears learn too.

## YOUR PROGRESS

Color a station when you can write its row from memory

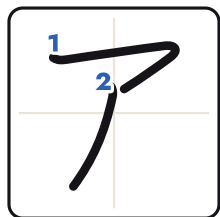


Learn every katakana with a picture story, free: **Level 5** of the Japanese N5 Speedrun, right after hiragana.  
Charts with audio, games and flashcards at [rinandtadashi.com](http://rinandtadashi.com).

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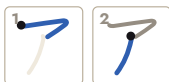
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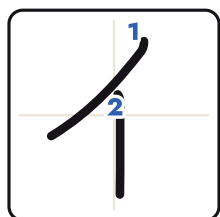


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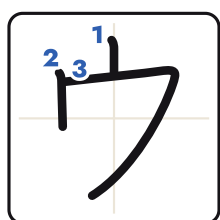
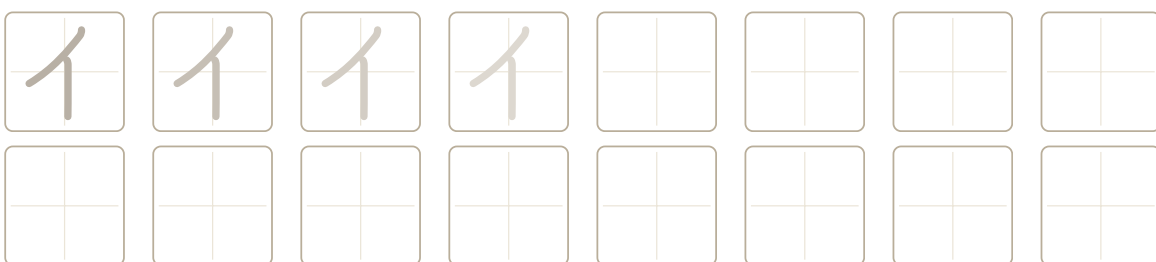


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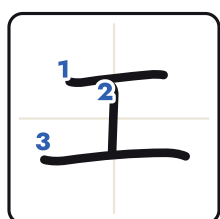
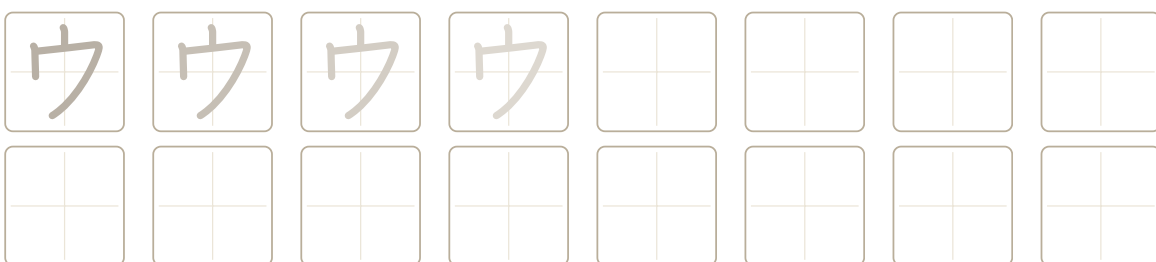


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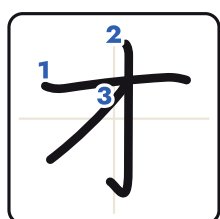
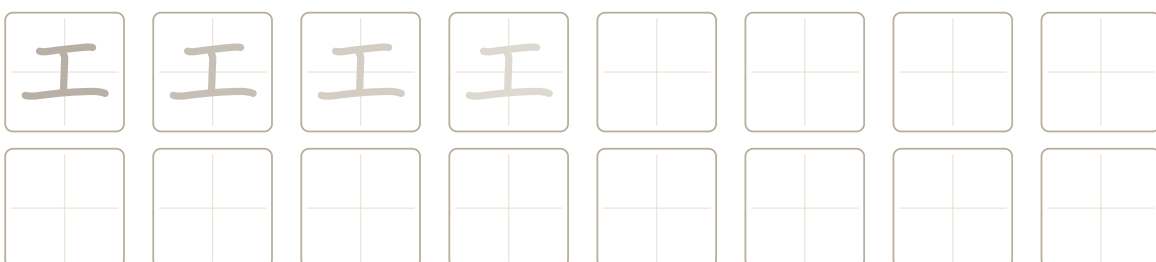


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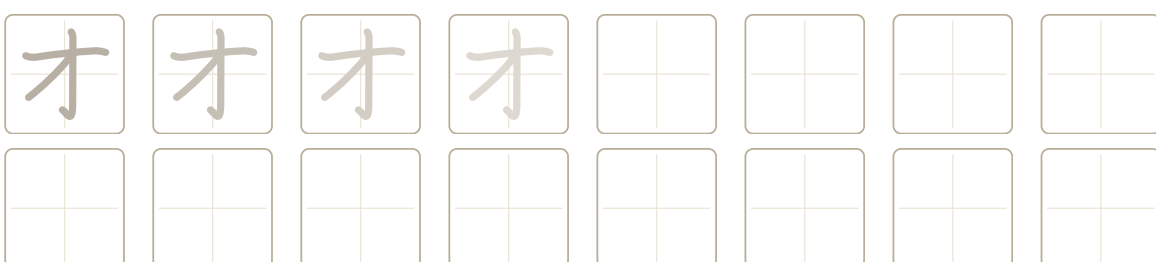


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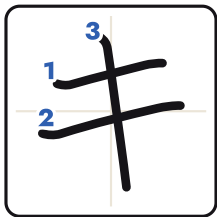


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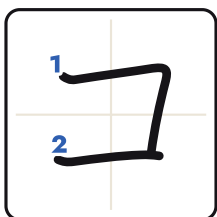


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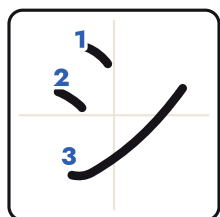


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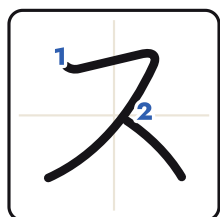


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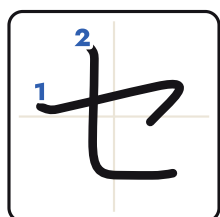


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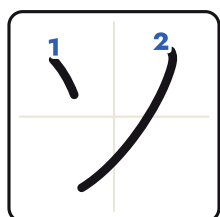


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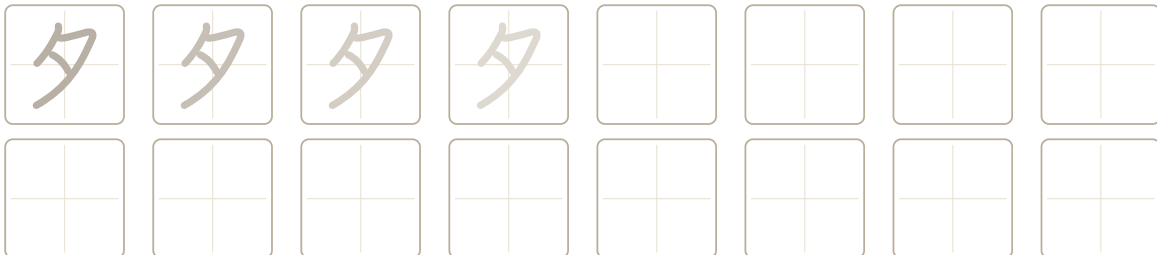


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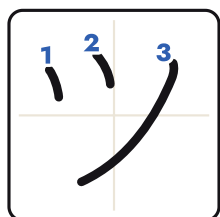


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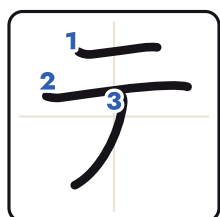


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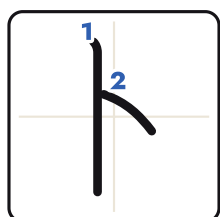
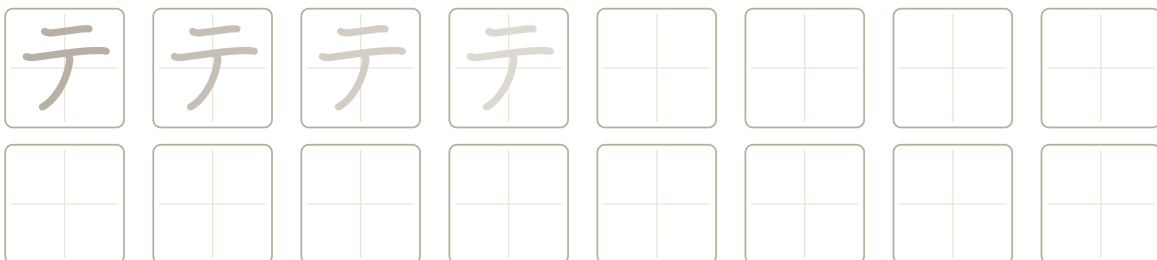


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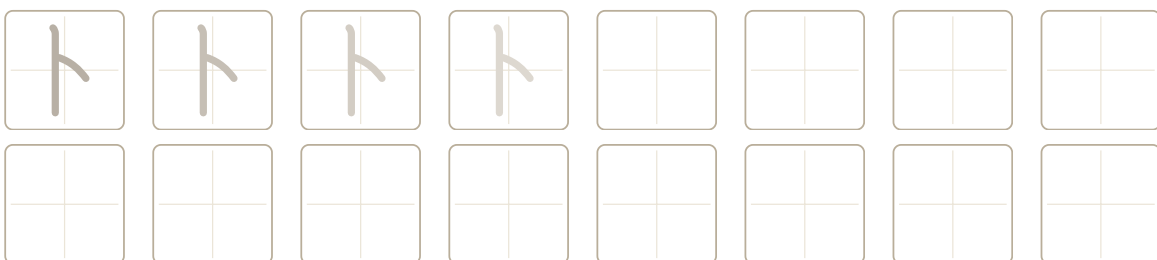


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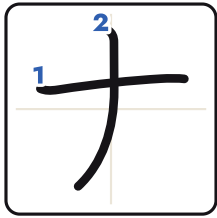


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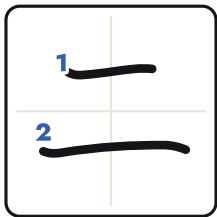
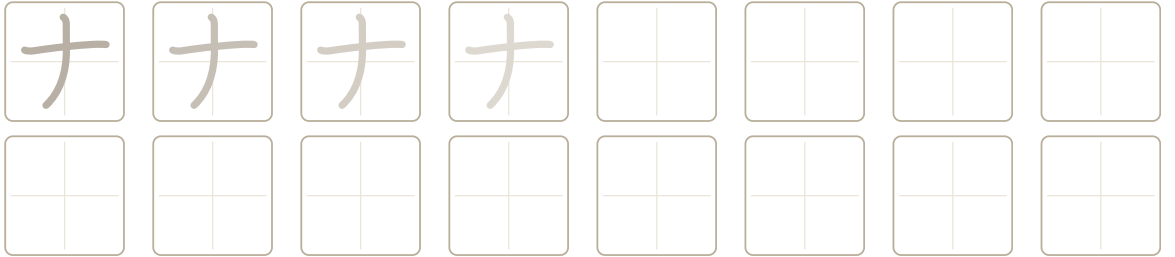
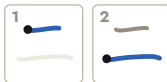


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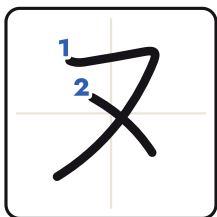
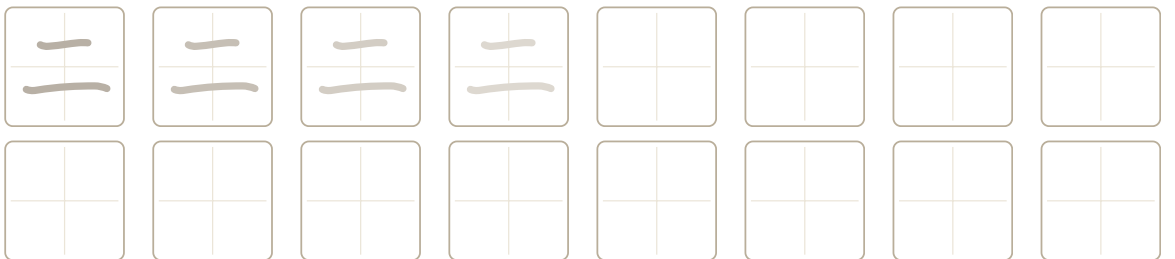
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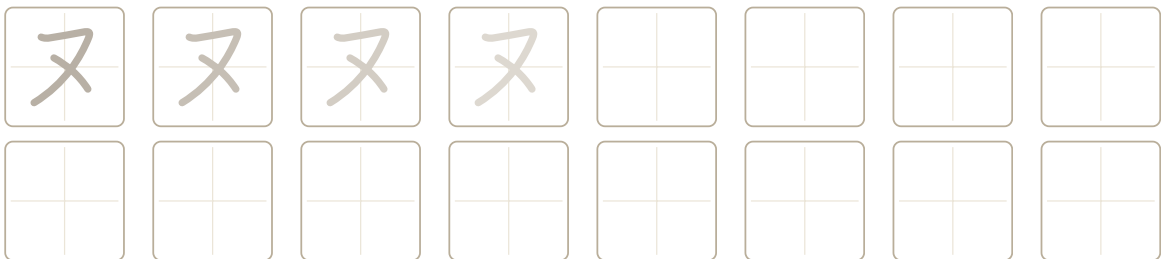
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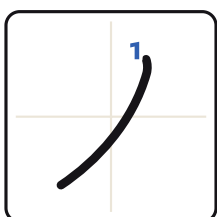
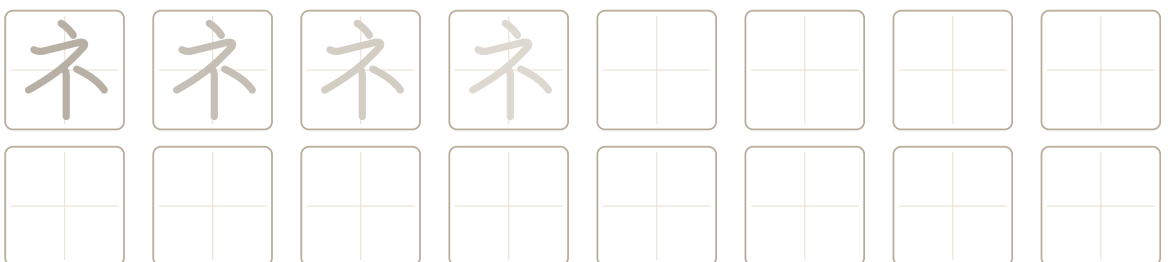
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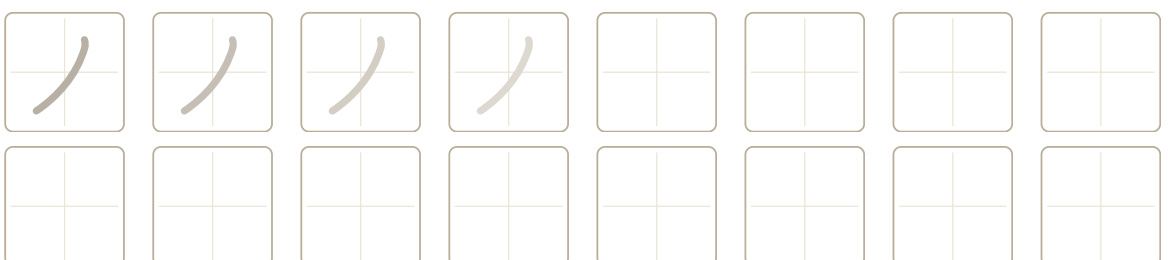
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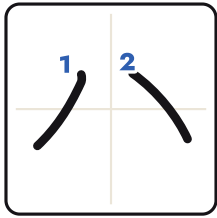
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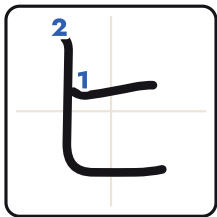
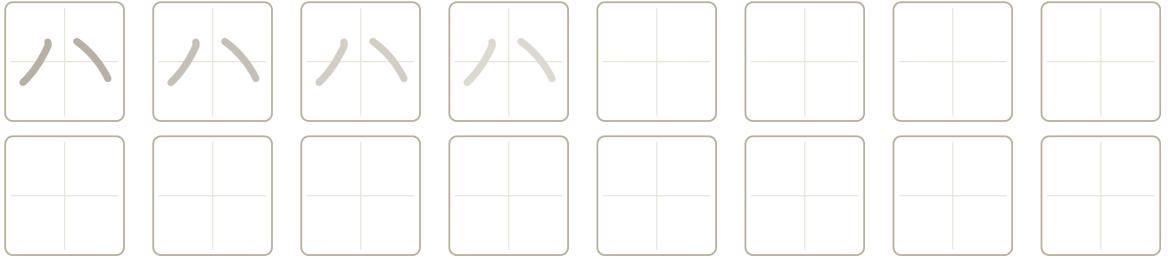
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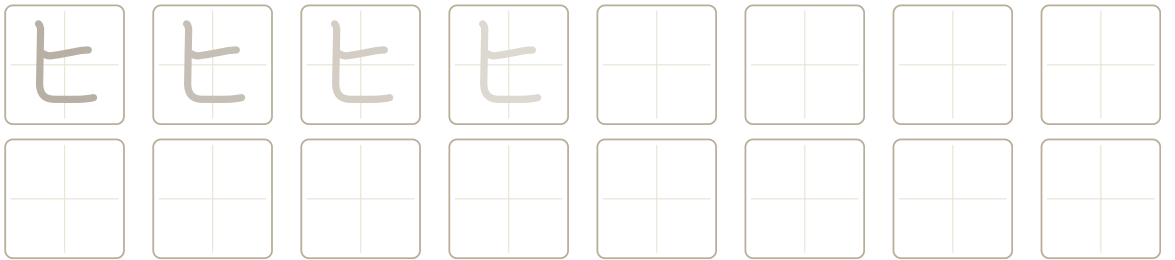
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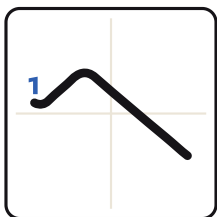
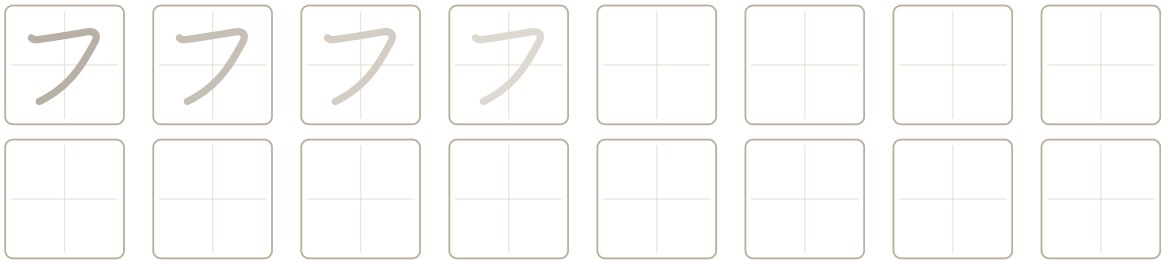
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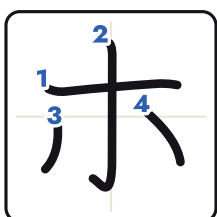
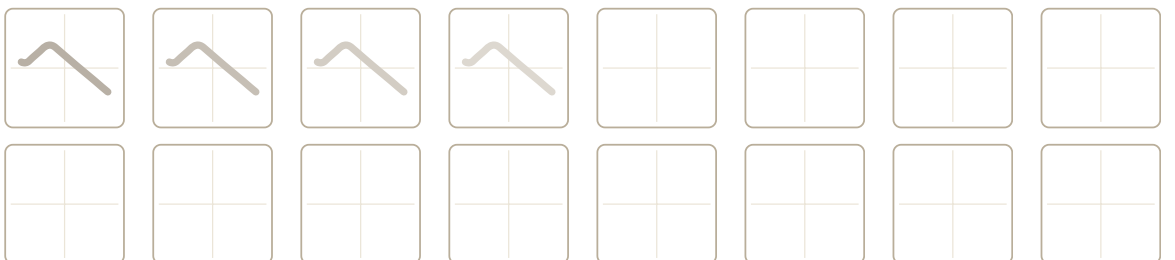
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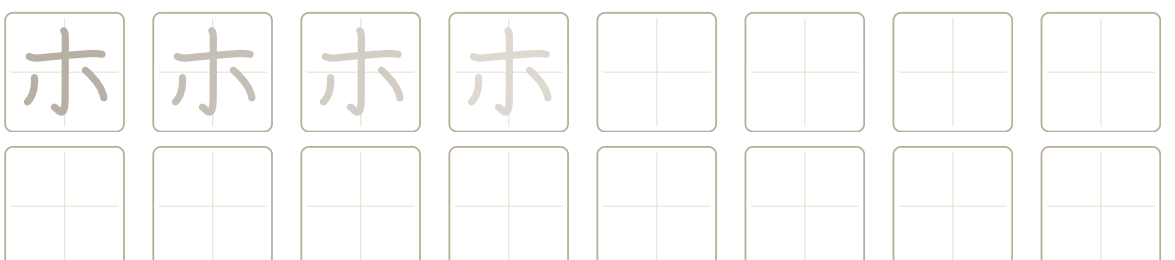
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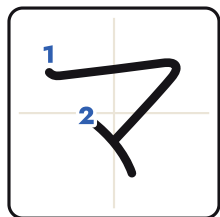


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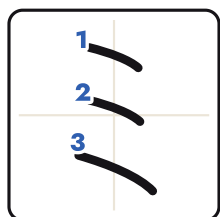
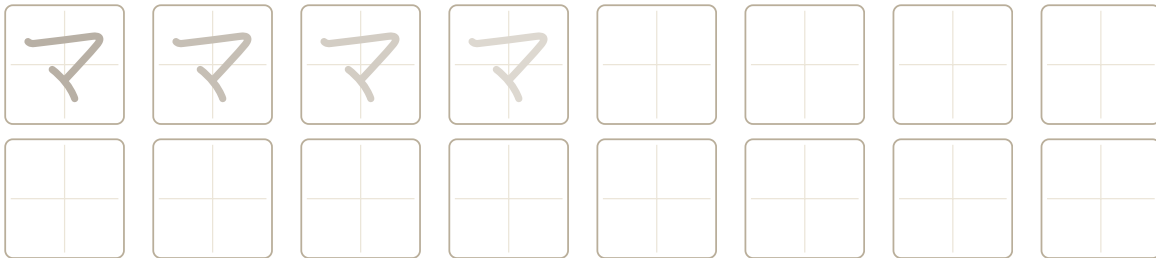
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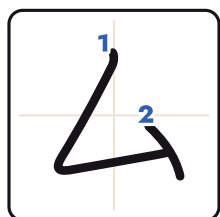
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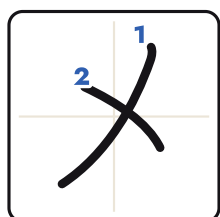
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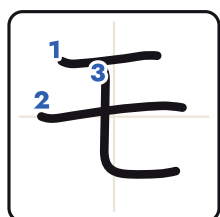
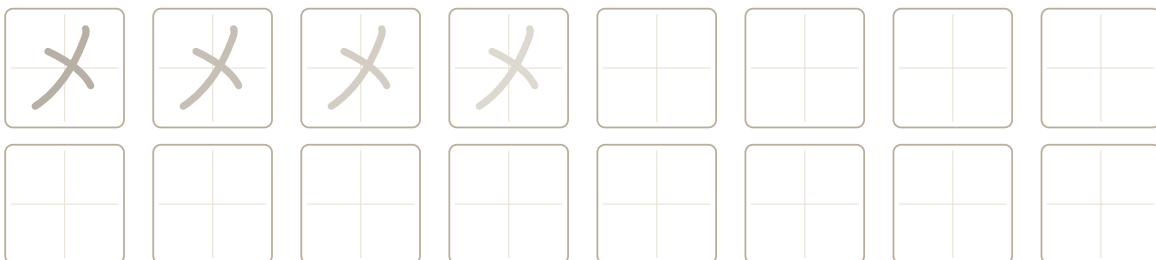
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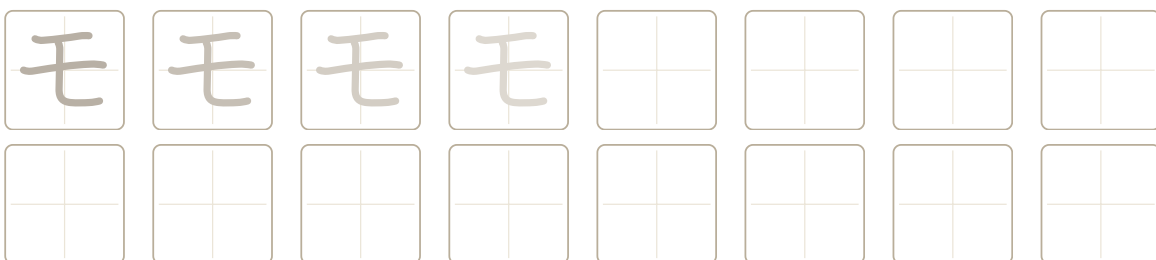
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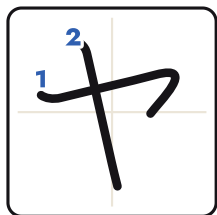


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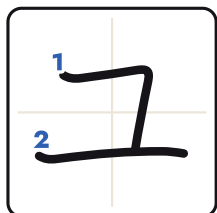


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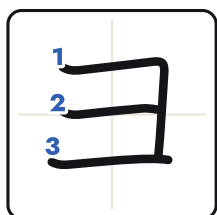


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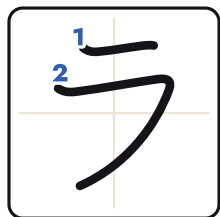


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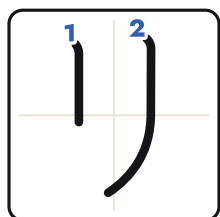
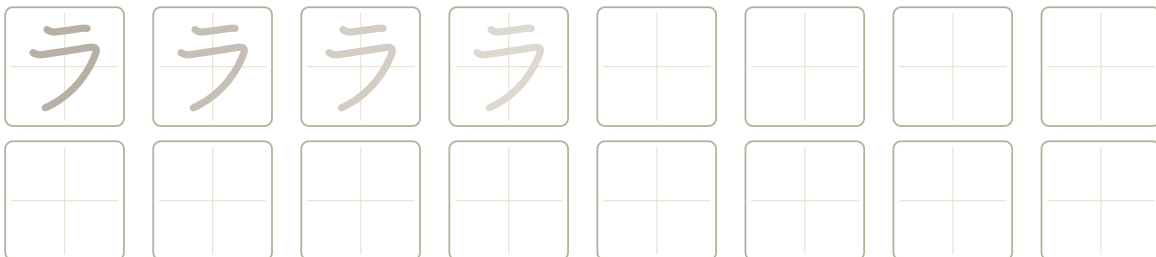
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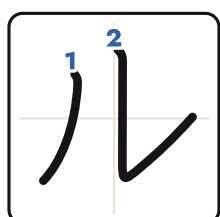
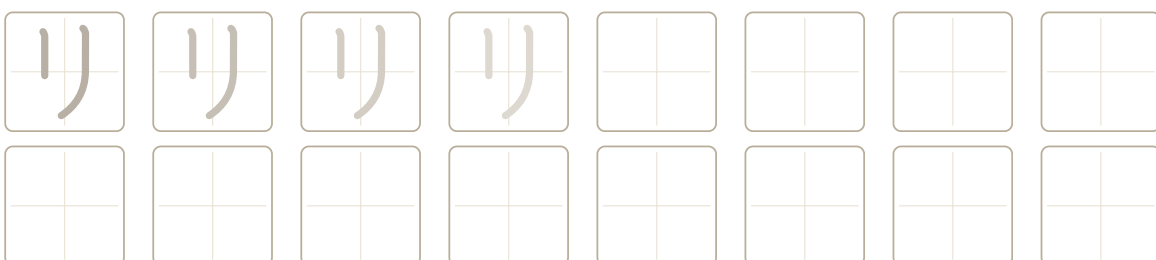
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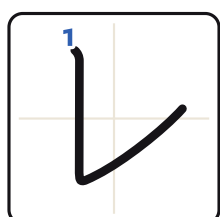
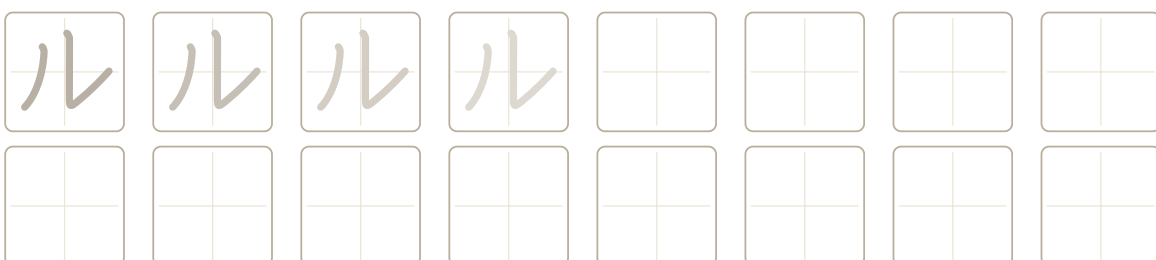
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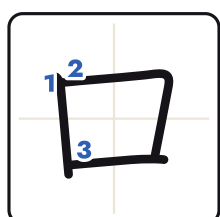
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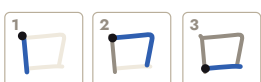
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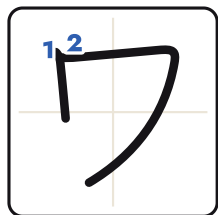


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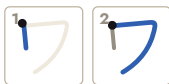


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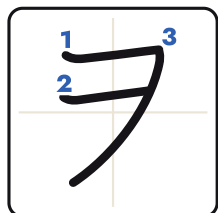


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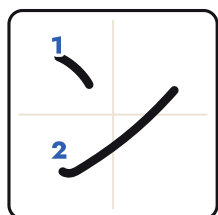


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Test yourself no peeking at the other sheets

WRITE THE WHOLE CHART FROM MEMORY

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EVIL TWINS

These pairs trip everyone up. Write each one, then check them against the chart.

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Missed some? Go back to their row, trace them twice and try again tomorrow.