

# Hiragana Reading Practice (Parent's Copy)

Please read the instructions first!

46 <b>ne</b> <u>neck</u>	41 <b>he</b> <u>hen</u>	36 <b>yo</b>	31 <b>u</b> <u>sushi</u>	26 <b>tsu</b> <u>tsunami</u>	21 <b>ku</b>	16 <b>hu</b>	11 <b>ta</b> <u>tar</u>	6 <b>se</b> <u>set</u>	1 <b>ki</b>
	42 <b>ni</b> <u>nickel</u>	37 <b>mu</b>	32 <b>shi</b>	27 <b>te</b> <u>telephone</u>	22 <b>a</b> <u>aware</u>	17 <b>o</b> <u>kimono</u>	12 <b>ya</b>	7 <b>to</b> <u>tomato</u>	2 <b>sa</b>
	43 <b>me</b> <u>memo</u>	38 <b>ka</b>	33 <b>hi</b> <u>hill</u>	28 <b>lu</b>	23 <b>ma</b>	18 <b>lo</b> <u>lock</u>	13 <b>no</b>	8 <b>ko</b>	3 <b>ho</b>
	44 <b>ha</b> <u>Hawaii</u>	39 <b>i</b> <u>if</u>	34 <b>le</b> <u>lend</u>	29 <b>na</b>	24 <b>o/wo</b>	19 <b>nu</b>	14 <b>e</b> <u>egg</u>	9 <b>mi</b> <u>middle</u>	4 <b>chi</b>
	45 <b>yu</b>	40 <b>so</b>	35 <b>mo</b>	30 <b>wa</b>	25 <b>ke</b> <u>kettle</u>	20 <b>la</b>	15 <b>li</b> <u>lily</u>	10 <b>su</b>	5 <b>n</b> <u>not</u>

## How to help your child remembering Hiragana:

- 1: Ask your child to read aloud the Hiragana that has the number you choose.
- 2: Check the sound of Hiragana.
- 3: When your child pronounces a correct sound, please tick the number of the Hiragana.
- 4: When your child pronounces an incorrect sound, you could tell he/ she the correct sound and them to repeat it.
- 5: Count a number of correct answers.
- 6: Please help and encourage your child to remember all Hiragana.

## About Hiragana:

Hiragana is one of the three characters (alphabets) that Japanese people use. There are 46 different Hiragana letters and each Hiragana has just one sound. In other words, Hiragana is a phonetic alphabet and once you remember Hiragana and its sounds, you do not have to remember the combinations of them. For instance, in English, 'to read' and 'I read a book yesterday', both 'ea' sounds are different. However, in Japanese when you recognise the sound of each Hiragana, you will not have any difficulties for reading and pronouncing them.

!!! Sounds in alphabets are different from English ones. Please note the sounds with \_\_\_\_ part written below the sounds as shown.

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