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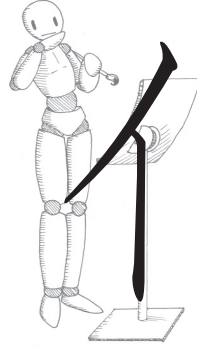
"u" as in you



"Oooo!" The water balloon was cold as it splashed on his back!

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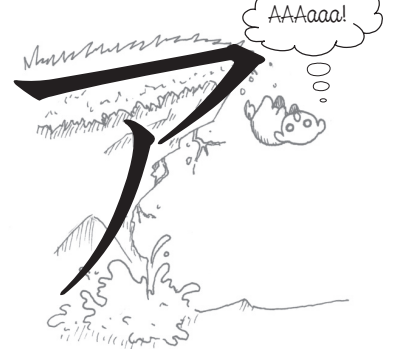
"i" as in easy



An easel holds your picture while you work on it or display it.

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"a" as in father



"AAAAA!" cried the critter as he fell off the edge of the cliff.

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"ka" as in car



Katakana "ka" カ and hiragana "ka" か look a bit alike.

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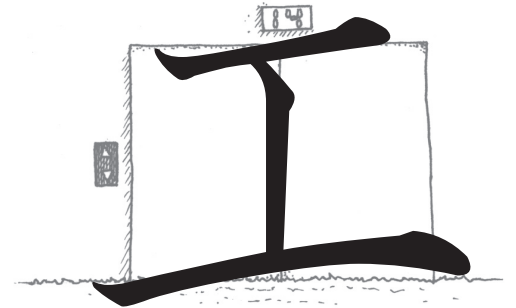
"o" as in oak



an Olympic figure skater

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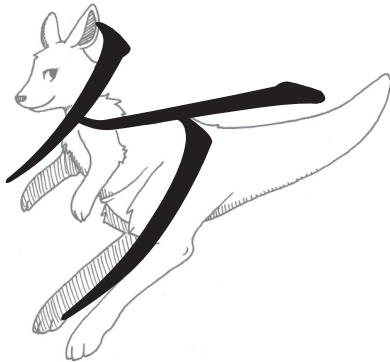
"e" as in red



elevator doors

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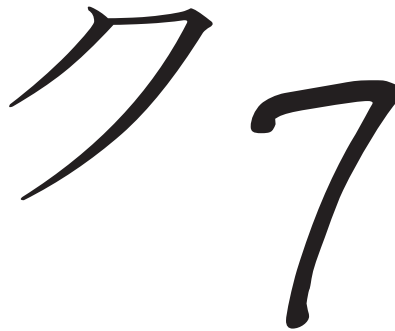
"ke" as in Kevin



a kangaroo

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"ku" as in cuckoo



a cool way to write seven (7)

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"ki" as in key



Katakana "ki" キ and hiragana "ki" き look a bit alike.

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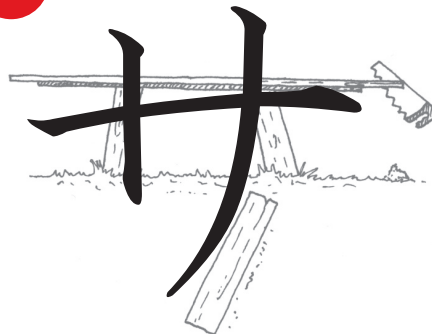
"shi" as in she



She tilted her head and smiled.

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"sa" as in saw



A sawhorse holds wood while you cut it.

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"ko" as in cocoa



a cup of hot cococoa

15

“so” as in so



When other kids said,
“You only have one eye,”
he said, “So!”

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“se” as in set



Katakana “se” and hiragana “se”
look a little alike.

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“su” as in super



It’s Superman... er, super-critter.

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“tsu” as in tsats



Two children are
sliding down a slide.
 (“ts” like tsats and “u” like you)

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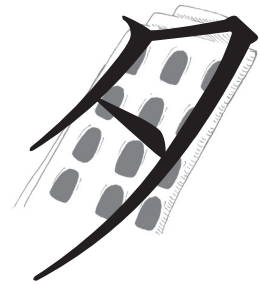
“chi” as in cheer



a cheerleader

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“ta” as in tall



the leaning tower of Pisa
(In Japanese “tower” is pronounced
with a “ta” as in tall).

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“na” as in not



a no

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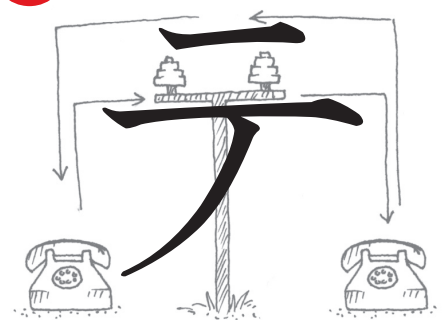
“to” as in totem



a totem pole

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“te” as in telephone



a telephone pole and wires

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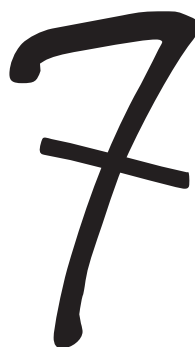
“ne” as in nest



a nest on top of a tree

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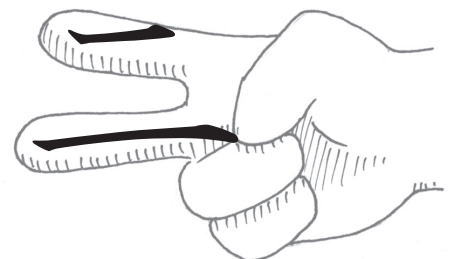
“nu” as in new



a new way to write seven (7)

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“ni” as in need



The Japanese word for “two” is ni.

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"hi" as in he



He drives the car.

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"ha" as in hawk



the two wings of a fearsome hawk (or a slightly dazed-looking hawk)

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"no" as in nose



a nose

30

"ho" as in Ho! Ho!



Mr. "Ho Ho" laughs even when stuck in a chimney!

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"he" as in help



No significant differences between katakana "he" and hiragana "he."

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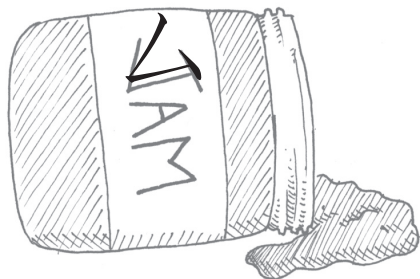
"fu" as in Hoot!



The owl cries, "Hoot! Hoot!" (Pronounce "fu" without touching the upper teeth and lower lip.)

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"mu" as in mo



I love jamu (jam)!

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"mi" as in meow



A cat's three whiskers, "Meow!"

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"ma" as in mom



Mom holds Baby while she attends to some work.

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"ya" as in yarn



Hiragana "ya" and katakana "ya" look a bit alike.

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"mo" as in more



Hiragana "mo" and katakana "mo" look a bit alike.

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"me" as in Mexico

Mexico

the "X" in Mexico

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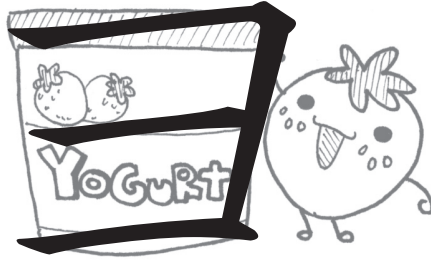
“ra” as in robber



a robber

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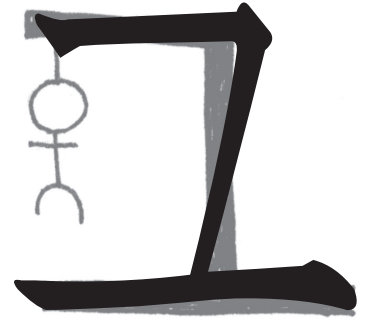
“yo” as in yogurt



yogurt

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“yu” as in you



You won the “hangman” game!

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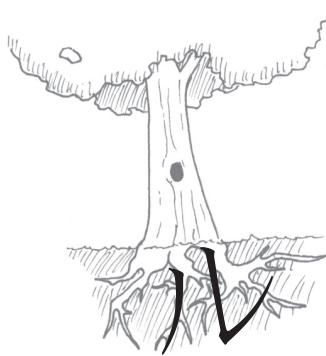
“re” as in rain



splashing raindrops

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“ru” as in roots



tree roots

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“ri” as in ring



Hiragana “ri” and katakana “ri” look a bit alike.

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“o” as in oak
(same pronunciation as 才)



“Oh, this cookie is oishii (delicious!)”
(the “w” is dropped in modern Japanese)

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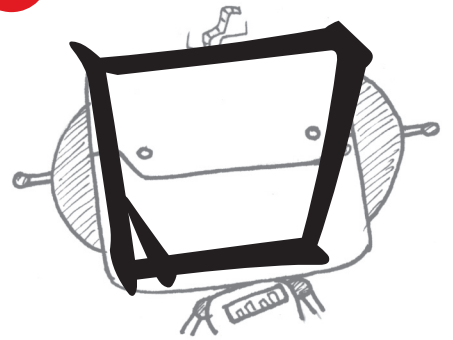
“wa” as in water



“I want a cookie!”

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“ro” as in robot



a robot

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“n” as in ink
(back of the tongue
touches the roof of the mouth)



An inky black iguana
is getting a sunan.