

HIRAGANA

VOICED AND HALF-VOICED SOUNDS													
<i>ga</i> as "ga" in "garden" but shorter													
が													
<i>gi</i> as "gee" in "geese" but shorter													
ぎ													
<i>gu</i> as "goo" in "goose" but shorter													
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<i>ge</i> as "ge" in "get"													
げ													
<i>go</i> as "go" in "gore" but shorter													
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<i>za</i> as "za" in "bizarre" but shorter													
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<i>ji</i> as "jee" in "jeep" but shorter													
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<i>zu</i> as "zoo" but shorter													
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<i>ze</i> as "ze" in "zest"													
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<i>zo</i> as "zo" in "Azores" but shorter													
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da as "da" in "dark" but shorter

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ji as "jee" in "jeep" but shorter

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zu as "zoo" but shorter

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de as "de" in "desk"

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do as "doo" in "door" but shorter

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ba as "ba" in "bark" but shorter *pa* as "pa" in "park" but shorter

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bi as "bea" in "beak" but shorter *pi* as "pea" in "peak" but shorter

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bu as "boo" in "boot" but shorter *pu* as "poo" in "pool" but shorter

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be as "be" in "beg"

pe as "pe" in "peg"

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bo as "bo" in "bore" but shorter *po* as "po" in "pork" but shorter

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HIRAGANA

zōri

sandals

ぞうり

sūji

numeral

すうじ

yūgen

tranquil beauty

ゆうげん

gakkō

school

がっこう

kōyō

red leaves

こうよう

ōki

big

おおきい

kendō

kendo

けんどう

jingū

shrine

じんぐう

fūrin

wind chime

ふうりん

shintō

Shinto

しんとう

kūkō

airport

くうこう

REVIEW OF COMBINED SOUNDS

kyaku

guest, visitor

きやく

shōji

sliding screen

しょうじ

byōbu

folding screen

びょうぶ

jinja

shrine

じんじや

chanoyu

tea ceremony

ちやのゆ

geisha

geisha

げいしや

shodō

calligraphy

しょうどう

yakyū

baseball

やきゅう

enryo

reserve, restraint

えんりよ

myōji

family name

みょうじ

kingyo

goldfish

きんぎょ

HIRAGANA

nyūshi entrance examination

にゅうし

Jukyō Confucianism

じゅきょう

chōchin paper lantern

ちょうちん

hyōzan iceberg

ひょうざん

ryūgaku overseas study

りゅうがく

kōjō factory

こうじょう

jūdō judo

じゅうどう

Bukkyō Buddhism

ぶっきょう

shōgun shogun

しょうぐん

nyōbō wife

にょうぼう

happyō announcement

はっぴょう

HIRAGANA

		<i>kotatsu</i>			brazier, footwarmer
こ	た	つ			
		<i>amae</i>			childlike dependence
あ	ま	え			
		<i>Ebisu</i>			name of god of wealth
え	び	す			
		<i>miai</i>			interview for marriage
み	あ	い			
		<i>tōfu</i>			tofu
と	う	ふ			
		<i>seibo</i>			year-end gift
せ	い	ぼ			
		<i>shibumi</i>			astringency
し	ぶ	み			
		<i>aware</i>			pathos
あ	わ	れ			
		<i>gohan</i>			meal, cooked rice
ご	は	ん			
		<i>gagaku</i>			ancient court music
が	が	く			
		<i>noren</i>			shop curtain
の	れ	ん			

haori

short coat

はおり

meishi

name card

めいし

odori

dance

おどり

kaisha

company

かいしゃ

menboku

reputation, "face"

めんぼく

shinju

pearl

しんじゅ

mugicha

barley tea

むぎちや

tennō

emperor

てんのう

shōgi

Japanese chess

しょうぎ

onsen

hot spring

おんせん

misoshiru

miso soup

みそしる

HIRAGANA

ninja ninja

にんじや

tokonoma decorative alcove

とこのま

soroban abacus

そろばん

bunraku puppet theater

ぶんらく

bentō box lunch

べんとう

dantai group

だんたい

shamisen samisen

しゃみせん

Shōgatsu New Year

しょうがつ

shakuhachi flute

しゃくはち

koinobori carp streamer

こいのぼり

janken "scissors-paper-stone" game

じゃんけん