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Katakana (カタカナ) Practice Book

For Beginners & Kids



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Welcome to your Katakana Practice Book

Katakana is the Japanese alphabet for words from other languages, like コーヒー (coffee) and カメラ (camera). It has **46 basic letters**, and page by page you will learn to **read, say and write** every one of them.

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THIS BOOK BELONGS TO

Started on _____ Finished on _____

七転び八起き Fall seven times, stand up eight

🎯 How to Master Katakana in 4 Steps

1. **Pronounce Crisp & Steady:** Listen to the clear sound and keep your vowels clear without dragging.
2. **Follow Stroke Directions:** Katakana is angular. Pay special attention to stroke origins (top-down vs bottom-up).
3. **Watch the Tricky Pairs:** Master the critical distinctions: シ (shi) vs ツ (tsu), and ソ (so) vs ン (n)!
4. **Learn with Real Loanwords:** Practice writing words you actually encounter: コーヒー, ケーキ, バス, パン!

💡 Special Katakana Rules

• **Long Vowel Mark (ー / Chōonpu):** Extends the previous vowel (e.g. ケーキ = kēki / cake).
• **Small ッ (Sokuon):** Creates a short pause or double consonant (e.g. ベッド = beddo / bed).
• **Combination Sounds (Yōon):** Small ャ, ュ, ョ combine with i-row kana (キャ, シュ, etc.).

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ア | a

2 STROKES

HOW TO PRONOUNCE

- This is **"a"** in Katakana.
- Pronounced like *'ah'* as in *'father'*.
- Derived from the radical 阝 of the kanji 阿.



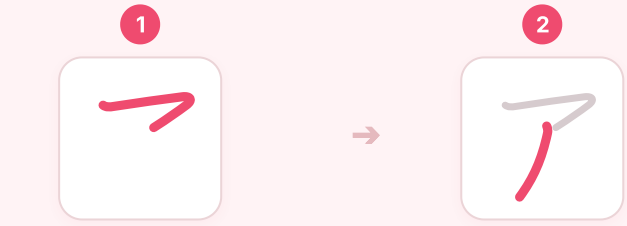
AT THE DOCTOR

Open wide and say



Stroke 1 goes right, then turns sharply down-left. Stroke 2 drops from the middle and sweeps left with a gentle curve.

STROKE ORDER BREAKDOWN

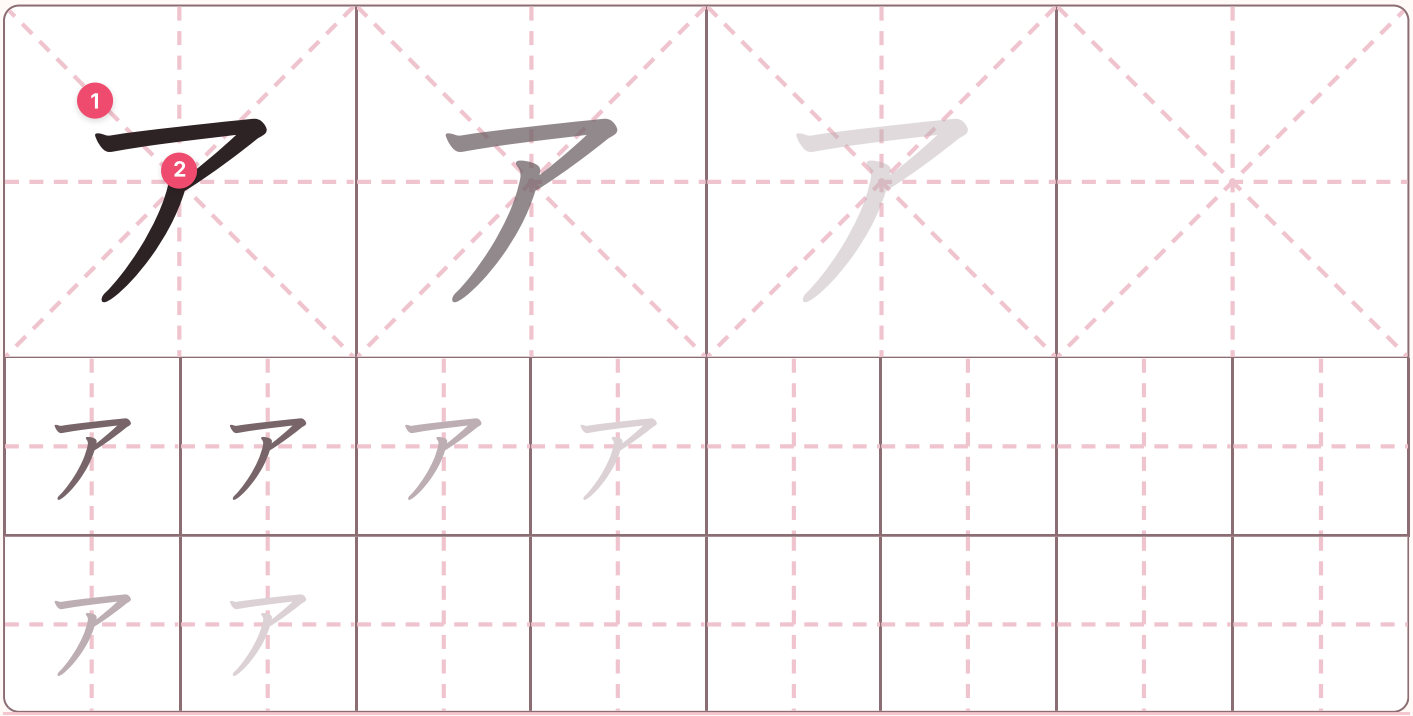


Horizontal right, angle hook

Left curved sweep

WRITING PRACTICE GRID

— Trace fading guides, then practice freehand muscle memory



イ | i

2 STROKES

HOW TO PRONOUNCE

- This is **"i"** in Katakana.
- Pronounced like *'ee'* as in *'see'* or *'feet'*.
- Derived from the kanji 伊 (left person radical 亻).



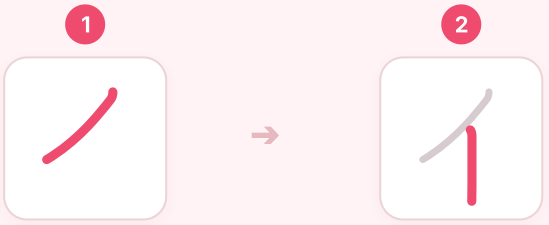
PHOTO TIME

Smile and say cheese...



Stroke 1 is a diagonal downward slant. Stroke 2 drops straight down vertically.

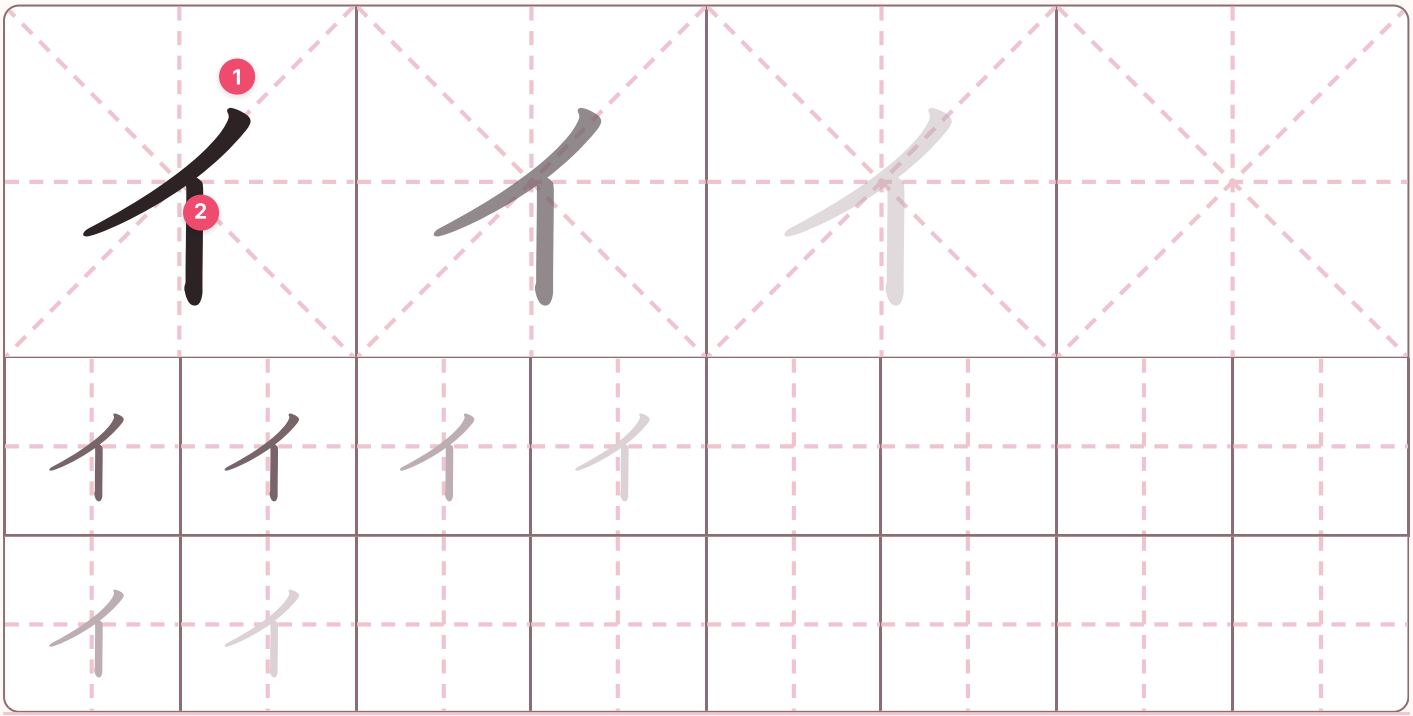
STROKE ORDER BREAKDOWN



Diagonal left slant → Vertical straight down

WRITING PRACTICE GRID

— Trace fading guides, then practice freehand muscle memory



ウ | u

3 STROKES

HOW TO PRONOUNCE

- This is **"u"** in Katakana.
- Pronounced like *'oo'* as in *'flute'* with relaxed lips.
- Derived from the roof radical 宀 of the kanji 宇.



FIREWORKS NIGHT

Look up at the sky



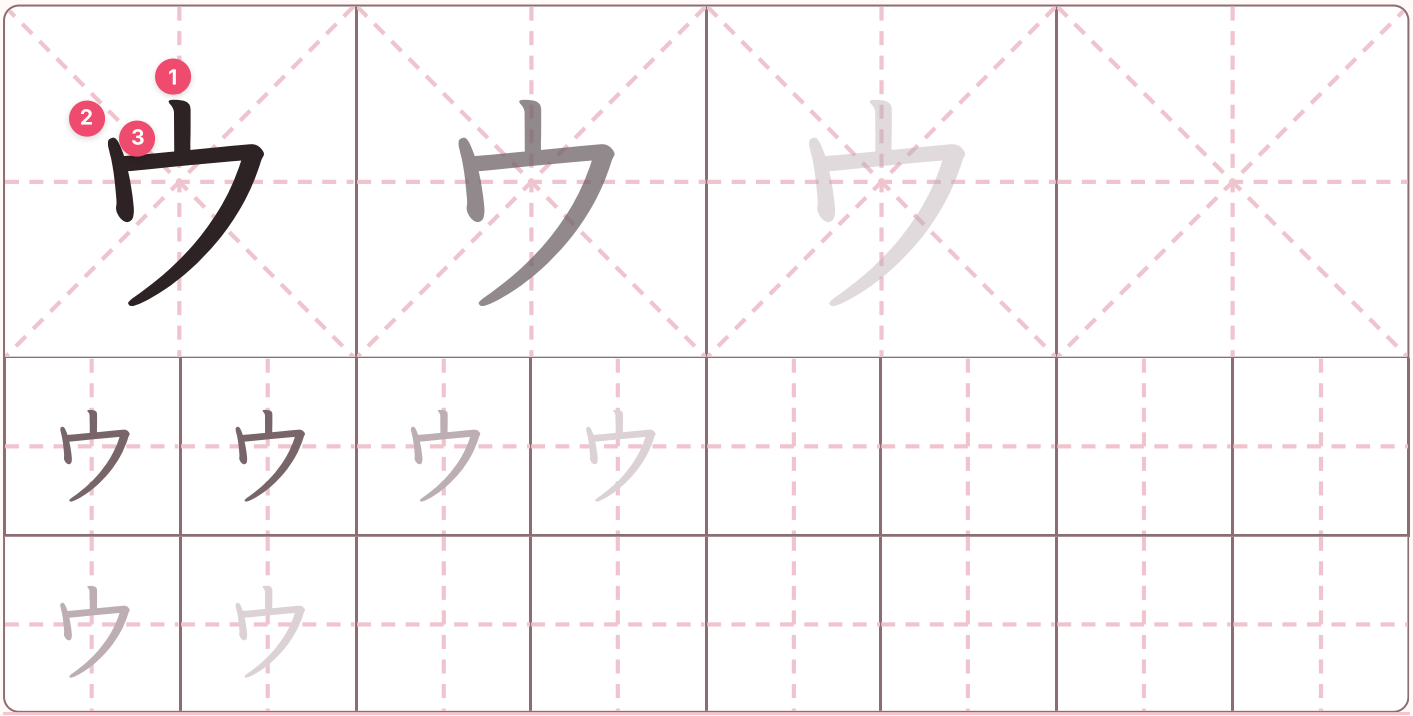
Short top dot first, then left dot, then roof stroke curving down.

STROKE ORDER BREAKDOWN



WRITING PRACTICE GRID

— Trace fading guides, then practice freehand muscle memory



エ | e

3 STROKES

HOW TO PRONOUNCE

- This is **"e"** in Katakana.
- Pronounced like *'eh'* as in *'pet'* or *'bed'*.
- Derived from the kanji 江 (right component 工).



DIDN'T HEAR YOU

Sorry, what was that?



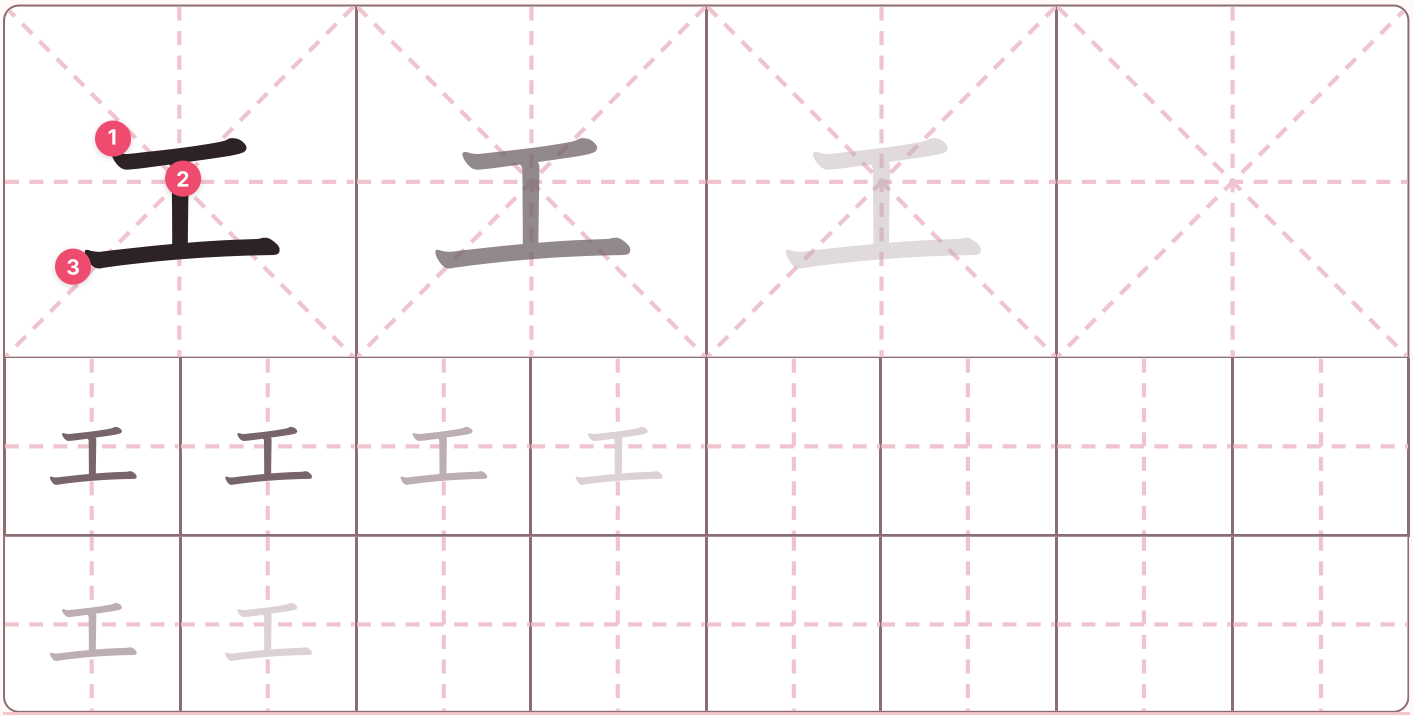
Top horizontal, central vertical down, bottom horizontal base slightly longer.

STROKE ORDER BREAKDOWN



WRITING PRACTICE GRID

— Trace fading guides, then practice freehand muscle memory

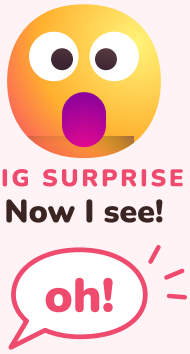


オ | o

3 STROKES

HOW TO PRONOUNCE

- This is **"o"** in Katakana.
- Pronounced like *'oh'* as in *'go'*.
- Derived from the kanji 於 (left part).



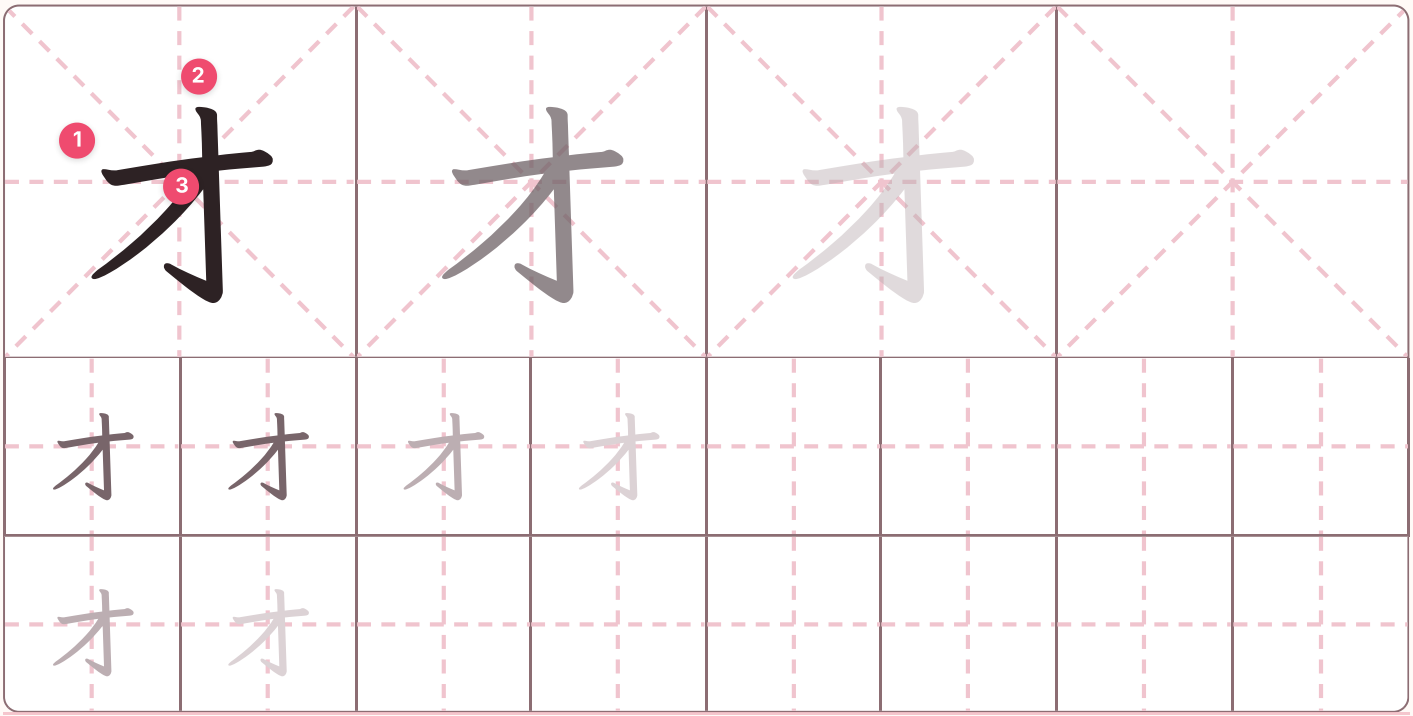
💡 Horizontal stroke first, vertical drop with hook, then diagonal slant.

STROKE ORDER BREAKDOWN



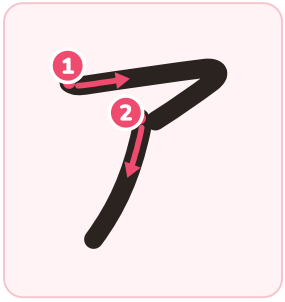
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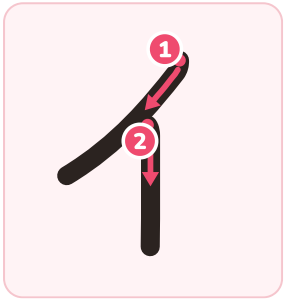


🎯 **A-Row Review: ア〜オ Practice Sheet**

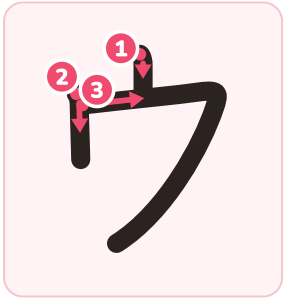
Trace the fading guides, then write the remaining boxes freehand from memory!



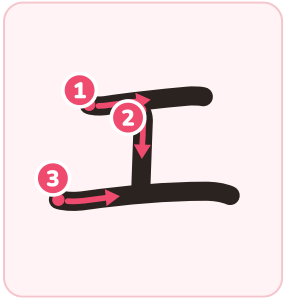
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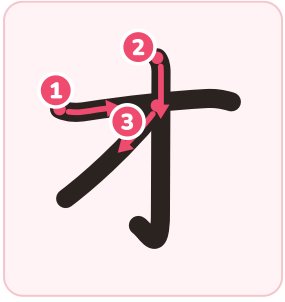
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