

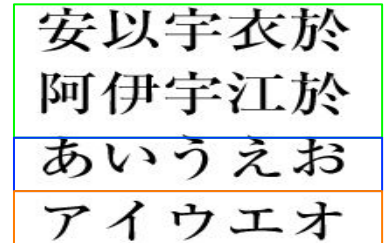


Writing System in Japan

After you watch the video, let's fill out this sheet!



1. Japanese characters (alphabet) is made out of sounds (syllables). How many basic sounds does Japanese have?
2. In Japan, there are three different character writing systems. Hiragana, Katakana and Kanji. Which one is which?



3. Which country did kanji originally come from? _____



4. Japanese characters can be written horizontally and _____. Books are opened from _____ → _____.



5. Hiragana and Katakana are simplified from Kanji. Which characters would you use when you write foreign words and names? _____



6. Stroke order is very important to writing beautiful characters. Usually it starts from
 - 1.[left / right] to 2.[left / right]
 - 3.[bottom / top] to 4.[bottom / top].

*Please choose write combination and circle it.



Fun Fact!

Do you know what the meaning of "emoji" is? Did you know it actually came from a Japanese word? Emoji is made up of two Japanese words. Guess what these two word's meanings are?

Answer.....! [E (絵) = Picture Moji (文字) = Character, letter or text]

In 1990s, pagers/beepers became popular in Japan. Since the words could be fit into the small display, people became creative in sending their messages each other. Using picture characters to express their emotions digitally. Emojis became a universal font, but at the beginning, three big Japanese phone companies each had their own. Sometimes it did not "translate" to different cellular phones. Since mostly it was originally developed in Japan, you might find a lot of culturally related emoji like this!

- Ogre (oni)
- Tengu
- Girl's Festival
- School Satchels
- School Uniform
- Children's Day

Emoji-絵文字(えもじ)

送信元			送信先			
ドコモ			au/ツーカー		ボーダフォン	
絵文字番号	イメージ	タイトル	絵文字番号	イメージ	絵文字番号	イメージ
43		ATM	205		174	
44		ホテル	378		178	
45		コンビニ	206		176	
46		ガソリンスタンド	213		58	
47		駐車場	208		169	
48		番号	99		168	
49		トイレ	207		171	
50		レストラン	146		67	
51		喫茶店	93		69	
52		バー	52		68	
53		ビール	65		71	
54		ファーストフード	245		122	
55		ブティック	124		152	
56		美容院	104		289	
57		カラオケ	289		60	
58		映画	110		61	
59		右斜め上	70		234	
60		遊園地	—	=	—	=
61		音楽	294		280	
62		アート	309		425	
63		演劇	494		426	

Compare the different cellular emojis.