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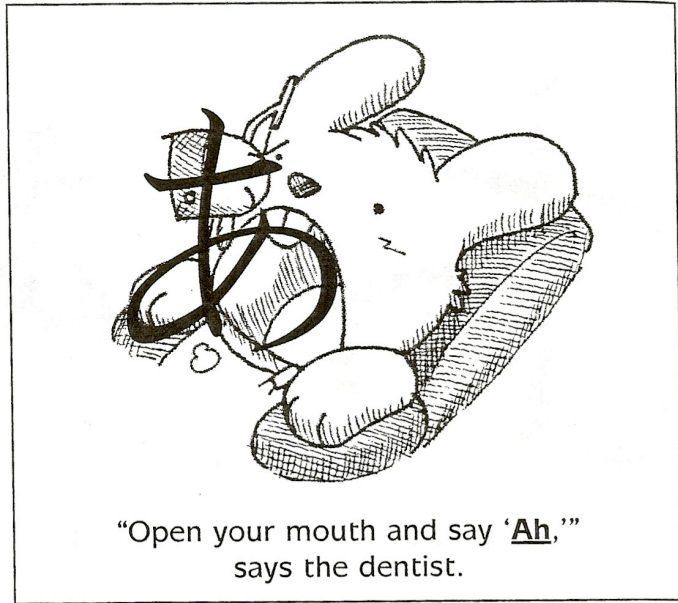"a" as in f**a**ther

"Open your mouth and say '<u>Ah</u>,'" says the dentist.

Writing Tip "a" has three strokes: 1) a stop, 2) stop and 3) brush.

Trace these characters.

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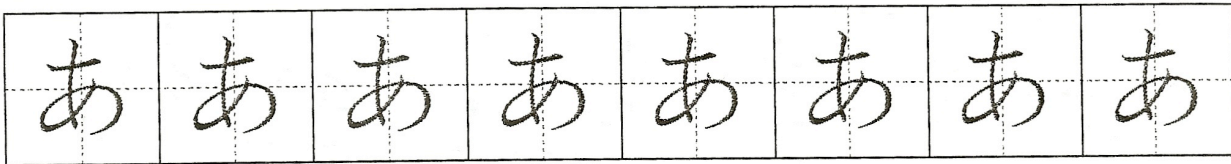
Write the character in the boxes below, and then circle the one you think is best.

1. **a ka** (red)   2. **a ri** (ant)   3. **a sa** (morning)

4. **a ki** (autumn)   5. **a me** (rain; hard candy)   6. **a o** (blue)
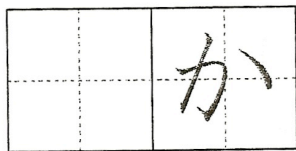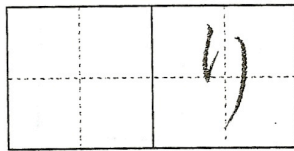
"i" as in **ea**sy

the two "i's" in Hawa**ii**

Writing Tip "i" has two strokes: 1) a jump and 2) stop.

Trace these characters.

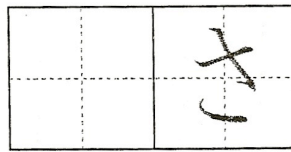Write the character in the boxes below, and then circle the one you think is best.

1. **i i** (good)

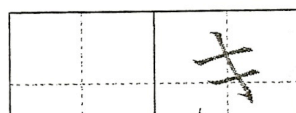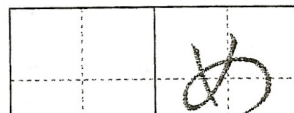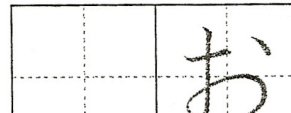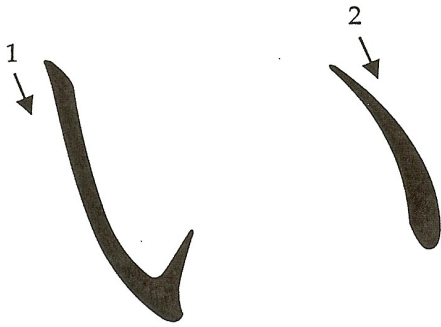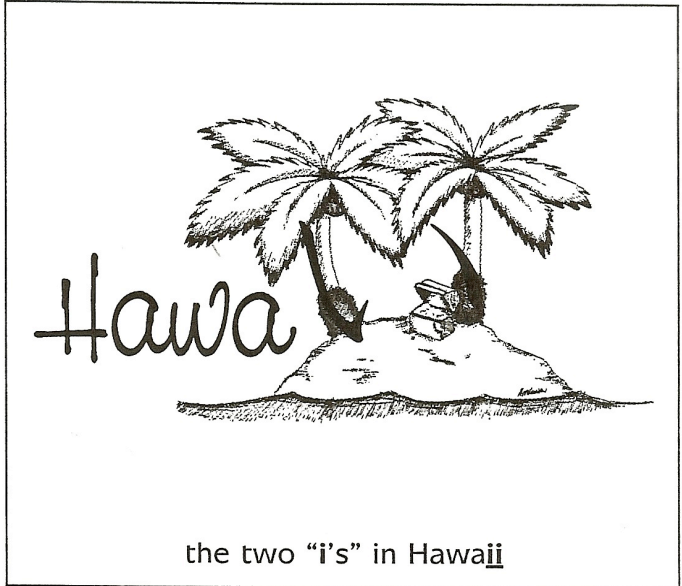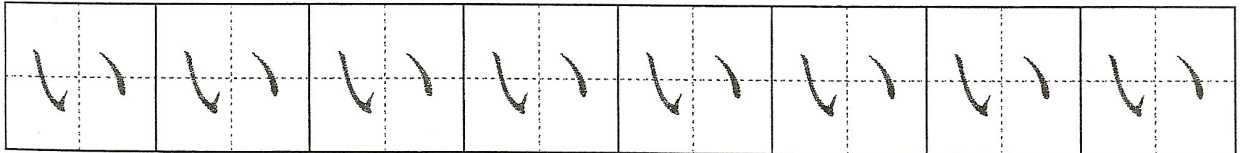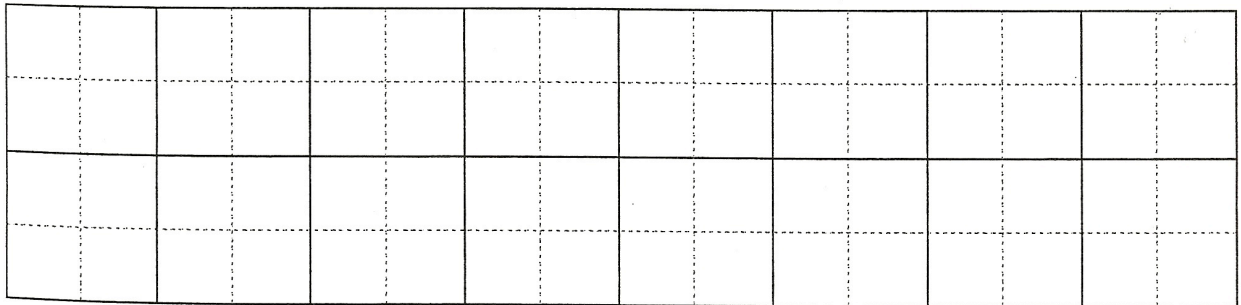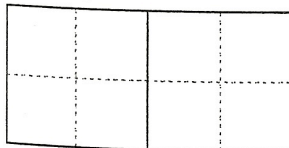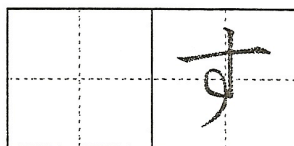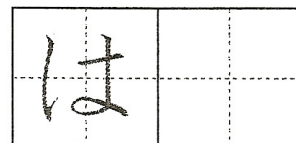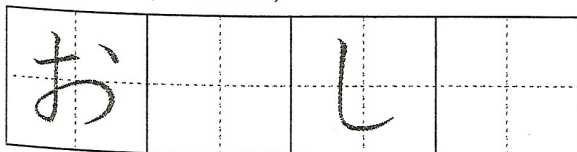2. **i su** (chair)
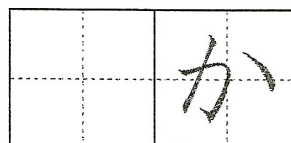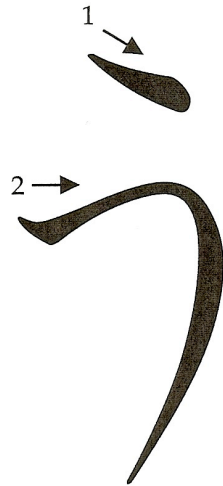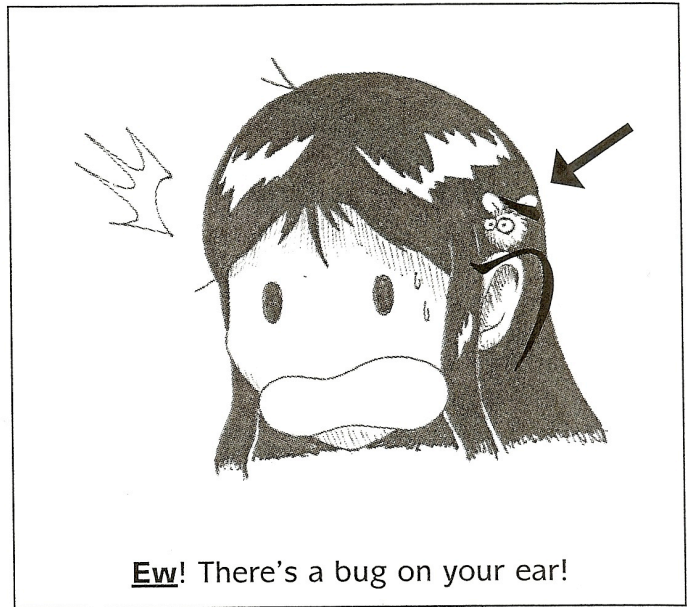
3. **ha i** (Yes!)

4. **o i shi i** (delicious)

5. **i ka** (squid)

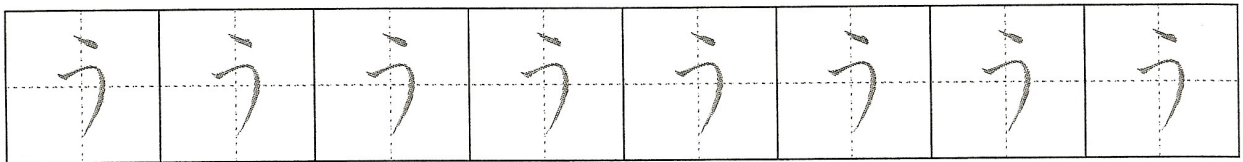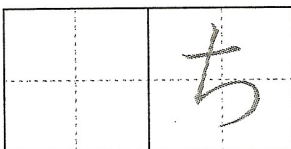1 →

2 →

う

"u" as in y<u>ou</u>th

Ew! There's a bug on your ear!

Writing Tip "u" has two strokes: 1) a stop and 2) brush.

Trace these characters.

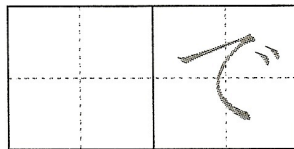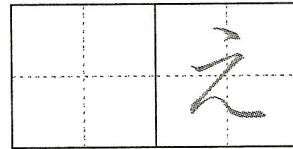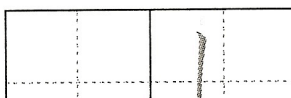| う	う	う	う	う	う	う	う

Write the character in the boxes below, and then circle the one you think is best.

1. **u chi** (home)

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2. **u de** (arm)

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3. **u e** (up)

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4. **u shi** (cow)

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5. **u ma** (horse)

	ま

6. **u me** (plum)

	め
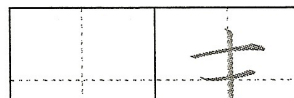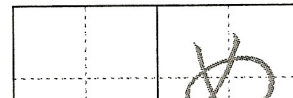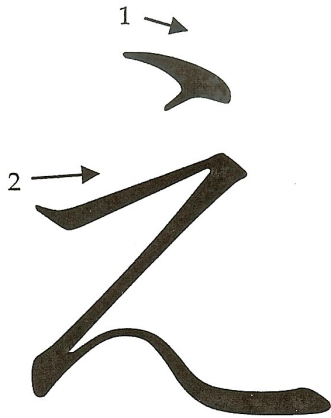
"e" as in r<u>e</u>d

An <u>e</u>lf is hanging ornaments
on a Christmas tree.

Writing Tip "e" has two strokes: 1) a jump and 2) zigzag stop.

Trace these characters.

え　え　え　え　え　え　え　え

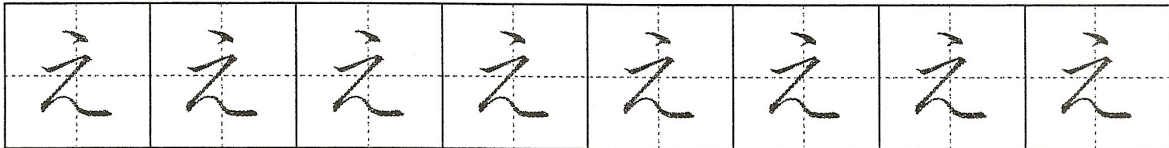Write the character in the boxes below, and then circle the one you think is best.

1. **e ki** (train station)

き

2. **ma e** (in front of)
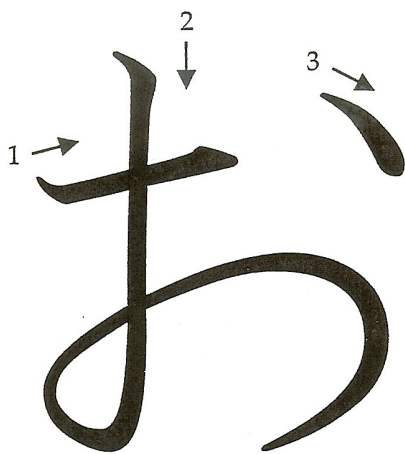
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3. **e e** (yes – colloquial)
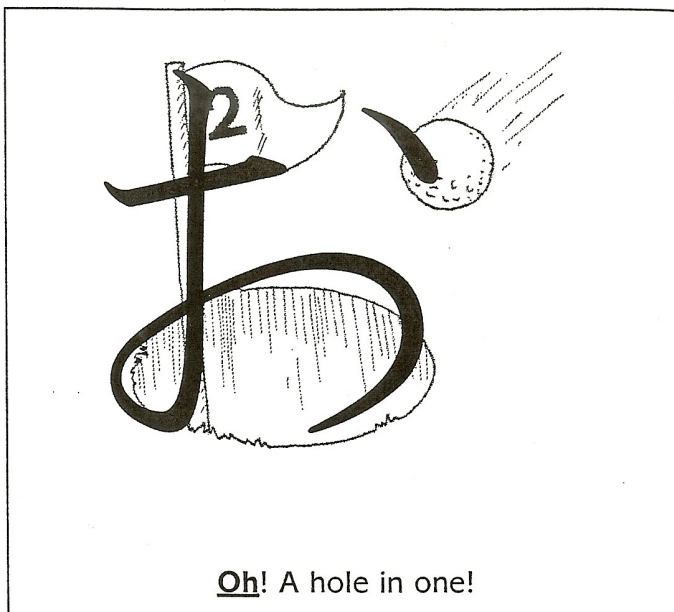
4. **e n** (yen)

ん

5. **ha e** (fly)

は

6. **e bi** (shrimp)
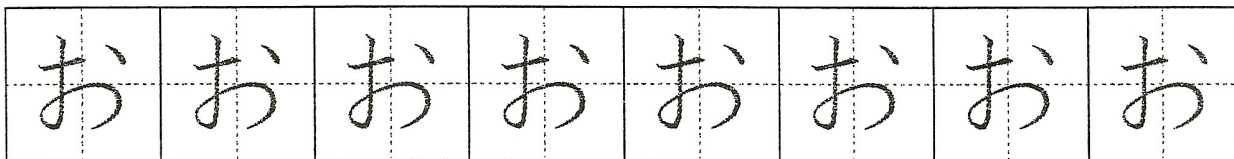
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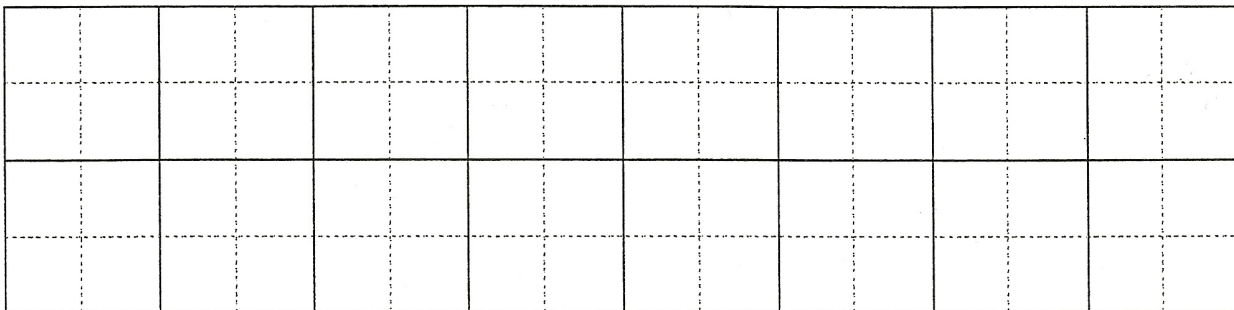
おゝ

"o" as in <u>oa</u>k

<u>Oh</u>! A hole in one!

Writing Tip "o" has three strokes: 1) a stop, 2) brush and 3) stop.

Trace these characters.

お　お　お　お　お　お　お　お
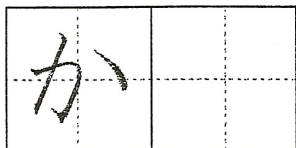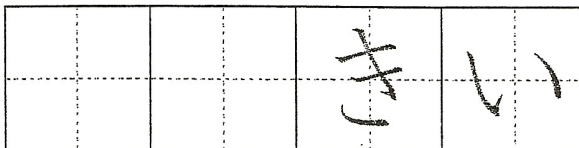
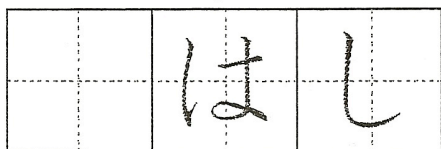Write the character in the boxes below, and then circle the one you think is best.

1. ka o (face)

か

2. o o ki i (big)

きい

3. **o ha shi** (chopsticks)

はし

4. **o ka shi** (snacks)

かし