Maudric
Everyday Japanese, one walk at a time

Hiragana: the は row

はひふへほ



は ha

Ha-ha!

Sounds like the ha in "ha-ha!"

Ha-ha! A feather tickling a bare foot: the tall left stroke is the feather, the right-hand part is the leg and foot, and the loop is the toes curling up as it giggles.





ひ hi

Heel!

Sounds like the hee in heel, but shorter.

Heel! A high-heeled shoe from the side, toe on the left: the right side of the curve is the back of the shoe, the bottom is the sole, the left side is the strap over the foot, and the last little stroke is the high heel.





ふ fu

Food!

Sounds like the foo in food, but softer: halfway to "hoo".

Food! A roast chicken, steaming hot: the middle curve is the chicken, the two side strokes are its drumsticks, and the top stroke is the steam rising.





へ he

Help!

Sounds like the he in help.

Help! A climber stuck on the top of a steep mountain peak, waving for help. The へ is the mountain.





ほ ho

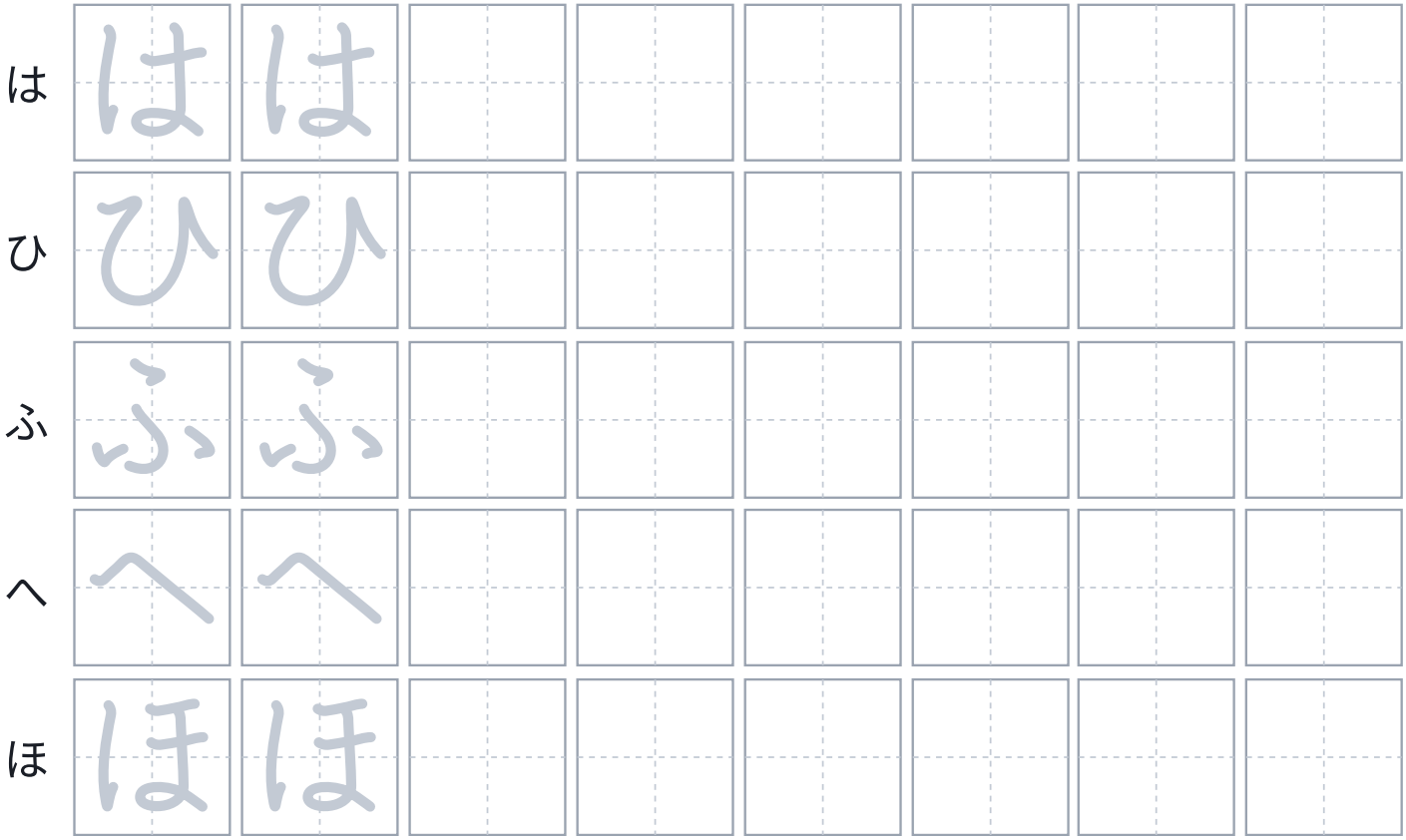
Hose!

Sounds like the ho in hose, but shorter.

Hose! A garden hose reel: the tall left stroke is the pipe from the tap, the two cross strokes are the reel's frame, and the loop is the coil of hose.



Writing practice: trace the grey letters, then write your own



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