Maudric
Everyday Japanese, one walk at a time

Hiragana: the ま row

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ま ma

Mask!

Sounds like the ma in mask.

Mask! A snorkel mask: the two cross strokes are the top and bottom of the mask, the tall stroke is the snorkel tube, and the loop is its mouthpiece.





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Meteor!

Sounds like the me in meteor, but shorter.

Meteor! A meteor streaking down the sky: the loop is the glowing rock, and the long stroke slanting up to the top is its fiery trail.





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Moose!

Sounds like the moo in moose, but shorter.

Moose! A moose's long head: the loop is its big droopy nose, the curve on the right its jaw, the dot its ear, with wide antlers on top.





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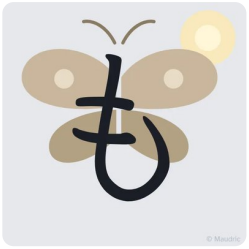
Medal!

Sounds like the me in medal.

Medal! A medal hanging round someone's neck: the loop is the medal and the strokes crossing at the top are its ribbon.





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Moth!

Sounds like the mo in moth.

Moth! The two cross strokes are its wings spread wide, the long stroke is its body, and the hook at the bottom is its tail curling up.



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

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