Maudric
Everyday Japanese, one walk at a time

Hiragana: the ら row

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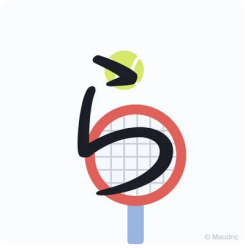


ら ra

Racket!

Sounds like the ra in racket, but with a light flick of the tongue (between r and l).

Racket! The curve sits inside the racket's round head, the line on the left is the swing, and the dash at the top is the ball flying off.





り ri

Ribbon!

Sounds like the ri in ribbon, but with a light flick of the tongue (between r and l).

Ribbon! A long ribbon fluttering down: it flows down the short stroke, loops across, and streams down the long stroke.





る ru

Ruby!

Sounds like the ru in ruby, but with a light flick of the tongue (between r and l).

Ruby! A ruby ring: the zigzag at the top sits on the red ruby, and the round part is the gold ring.





れ re

Record!

Sounds like the re in record, but with a light flick of the tongue (between r and l).

Record! A record player: the tall stroke is the arm, and the curly part on the right is the record spinning round.





ろ ro

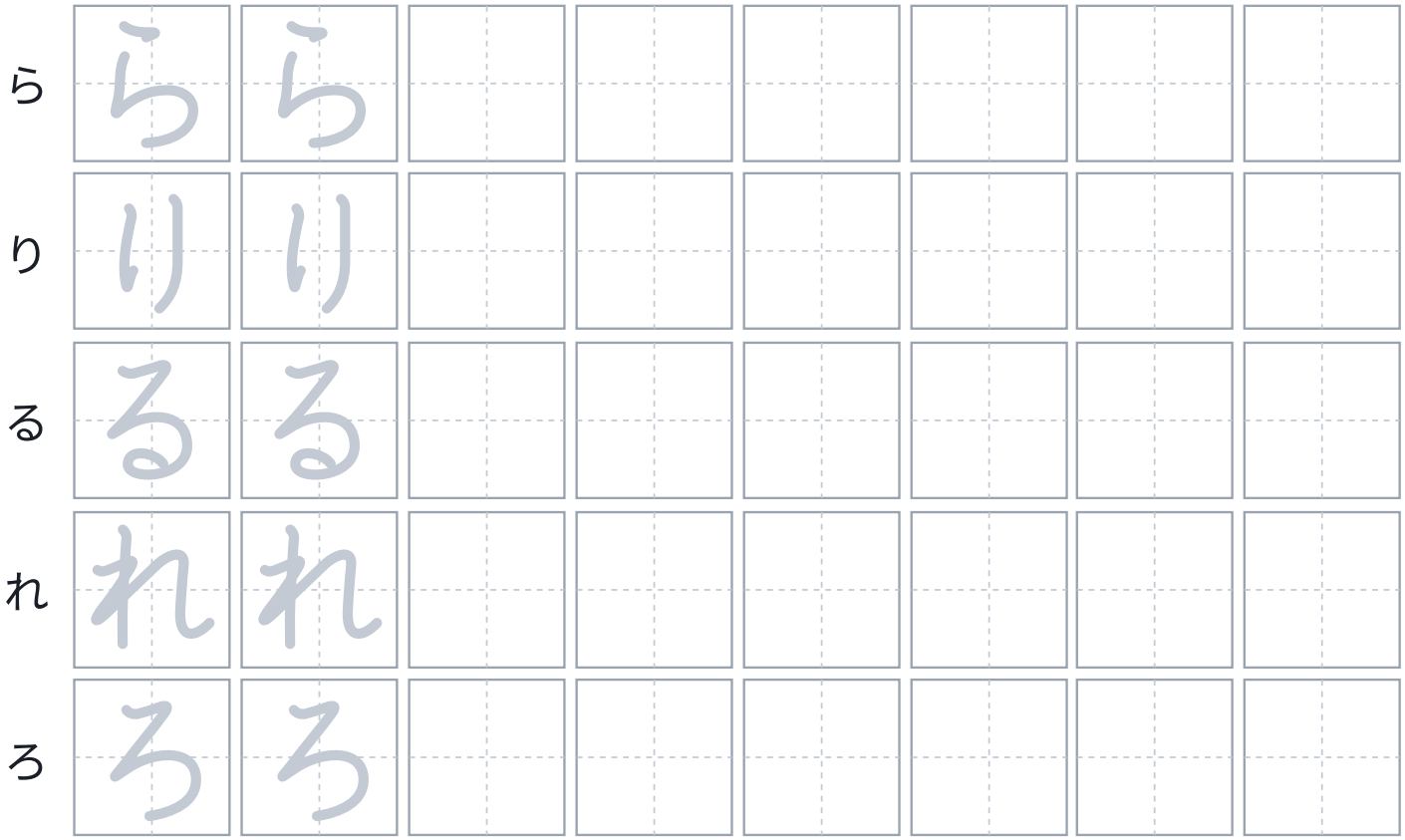
Rocket!

Sounds like the ro in rocket, but with a light flick of the tongue (between r and l).

Rocket! A rocket blasting off upwards: it flies off along the zigzag's slope, leaving a trail of smoke, and the round part is the big cloud of smoke billowing underneath.



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



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