Maudric
Everyday Japanese, one walk at a time

Hiragana: the た row

たちつてと



た ta

Tap!

Sounds like tah.

Tap! The cross is the tap and its handle, with the water coming out at the bottom, and the two short strokes are ripples in the sink.





ち chi

Cheetah!

Sounds like the chee in cheetah, but shorter.

Cheetah! A cheetah running: the big curve is its round back and haunch, and the cross at the top is its head held high.





つ tsu

Tsunami!

Sounds like the tsu in tsunami. Don't forget the t: say "ts-oo", not "soo".

Tsunami! A huge wave: the curve is the crest rearing up and crashing over.





て te

Tentacle!

Sounds like the te in ten.

Tentacle! An octopus at the top: the long curve is one of its tentacles curling down.





と to

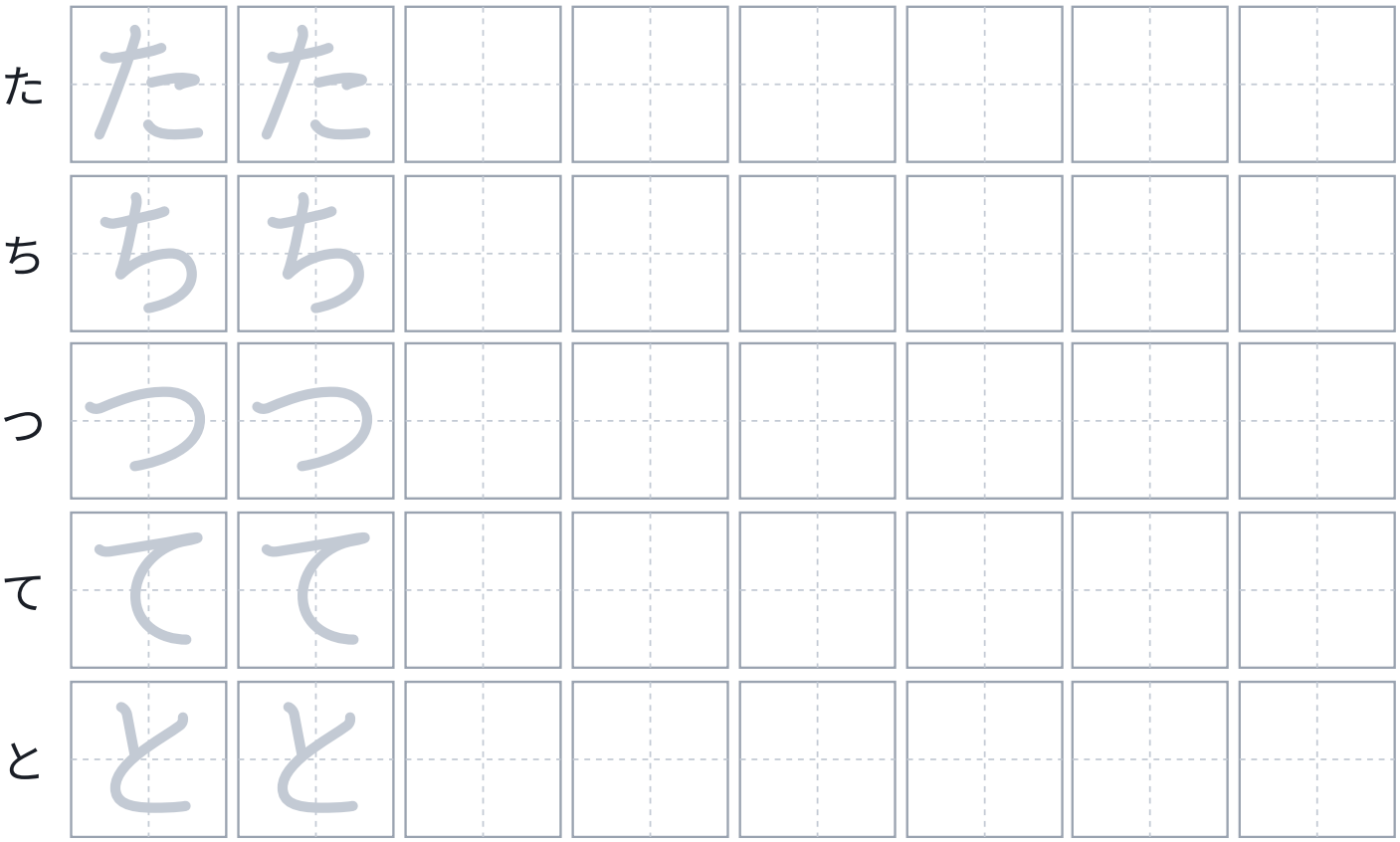
Toast!

Sounds like the to in toast, but shorter.

Toast! The little slanted stroke is a butter knife, and the curve is the line of butter spread across the toast.



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



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