Hiragana あ–そ: the vowels and the K and S rows

Name: _____ Date: _____

1. Character table

Read each character aloud. Cover the romaji and test yourself. The number is the standard handwritten stroke count.

あ a · 3 strokes	い i · 2 strokes	う u · 2 strokes	え e · 2 strokes	お o · 3 strokes
か ka · 3 strokes	き ki · 4* strokes	く ku · 1 stroke	け ke · 3 strokes	こ ko · 2 strokes
さ sa · 3* strokes	し shi · 1 stroke	す su · 2 strokes	せ se · 3 strokes	そ so · 1* stroke

* Standard handwritten count. Some printed fonts show き as 3 strokes, さ as 2, そ as 2 and り as 1, because they join or split strokes.

2. Trace and write

Look at the model, trace the grey characters, then write the character on your own in the empty boxes. Say the sound aloud each time.

a	あ	あ	あ	あ				
i	い	い	い	い				
u	う	う	う	う				
e	え	え	え	え				
o	お	お	お	お				
ka	か	か	か	か				
ki	き	き	き	き				
ku	く	く	く	く				

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ke	け	け	け	け				
ko	こ	こ	こ	こ				
sa	さ	さ	さ	さ				
shi	し	し	し	し				
su	す	す	す	す				
se	せ	せ	せ	せ				
so	そ	そ	そ	そ				

3. Matching

Write the letter of the correct meaning next to each word.

1. かさ	____	A. face
2. えき	____	B. salt
3. いえ	____	C. house
4. すし	____	D. station
5. あき	____	E. chair
6. しお	____	F. sushi
7. かお	____	G. umbrella
8. いす	____	H. autumn

4. Read and write

Write each word in romaji.

1. あさ _____
2. こえ _____
3. うえ _____
4. あおい _____
5. おおきい _____
6. き _____

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Answer key

3. Matching

- 1 → G (umbrella)
- 2 → D (station)
- 3 → C (house)
- 4 → F (sushi)
- 5 → H (autumn)
- 6 → B (salt)
- 7 → A (face)
- 8 → E (chair)

4. Read and write

- 1. あさ — asa
- 2. こえ — koe
- 3. うえ — ue
- 4. あおい — aoi
- 5. おおきい — ōkii
- 6. き — ki

Sections 1 and 2 have no fixed answers: compare your writing with the model and the stroke-order tips in the lesson.