Hiragana ま–ん, plus dakuten and handakuten

Name: _____ Date: _____

1. Character table

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

ま ma · 3 strokes	み mi · 2 strokes	む mu · 3 strokes	め me · 2 strokes	も mo · 3 strokes
や ya · 3 strokes	ゆ yu · 2 strokes	よ yo · 2 strokes	ら ra · 2 strokes	り ri · 2* strokes
る ru · 1 stroke	れ re · 2 strokes	ろ ro · 1 stroke	わ wa · 2 strokes	を o · 3 strokes
ん n · 1 stroke	が ga · 5 strokes	ざ za · 5 strokes	だ da · 6 strokes	ば ba · 5 strokes
ぱ pa · 4 strokes				

* 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.

ma	ま	ま	ま	ま				
mi	み	み	み	み				
mu	む	む	む	む				
me	め	め	め	め				
mo	も	も	も	も				
ya	や	や	や	や				

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yu	ゆ	ゆ	ゆ	ゆ				
yo	よ	よ	よ	よ				
ra	ら	ら	ら	ら				
ri	り	り	り	り				
ru	る	る	る	る				
re	れ	れ	れ	れ				
ro	ろ	ろ	ろ	ろ				
wa	わ	わ	わ	わ				
o	を	を	を	を				
n	ん	ん	ん	ん				
ga	が	が	が	が				
za	ざ	ざ	ざ	ざ				
da	だ	だ	だ	だ				
ba	ば	ば	ば	ば				
pa	ぱ	ぱ	ぱ	ぱ				

3. Matching

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

1. みず	____	A.	friend
2. やま	____	B.	water
3. ほん	____	C.	bag
4. りんご	____	D.	book
5. くるま	____	E.	car
6. でんわ	____	F.	apple
7. ともだち	____	G.	telephone
8. かばん	____	H.	mountain

4. Read and write

Write each word in romaji.

1. ゆき _____
2. よる _____
3. わたし _____
4. がくせい _____
5. さんぽ _____
6. えんぴつ _____

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Answer key

3. Matching

- 1 → B (water)
- 2 → H (mountain)
- 3 → D (book)
- 4 → F (apple)
- 5 → E (car)
- 6 → G (telephone)
- 7 → A (friend)
- 8 → C (bag)

4. Read and write

- 1. ゆき — yuki
- 2. よる — yoru
- 3. わたし — watashi
- 4. がくせい — gakusei
- 5. さんぽ — sanpo
- 6. えんぴつ — enpitsu

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