

## Reading and Writing Practice: /ma/ and /ra/

Cover the two columns on the right, and practice reading the Japanese words. Then, cover the hiragana words on the left. Using the downloadable gridded paper from this site, see if you can write the words correctly.

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| 1. めがね          | megane            | eye glasses                                   |
| 2. たたみ          | tatami            | tatami mat                                    |
| 3. あめ           | ame               | rain; candy                                   |
| 4. うめ           | ume               | plum  |
| 5. まつ           | matsu             | pine  |
| 6. ひま           | hima              | free time; not busy                           |
| 7. ただいま         | tadaima           | I'm home                                      |
| 8. ございます        | gozaimasu         | there is (polite)                             |
| 9. ごちそうさま       | gochisōsama       | thanks for food (after eating)                |
| 10. また          | mata              | again   |
| 11. まだ          | mada              | not yet; still                                |
| 12. もう          | mō                | already; no longer                            |
| 13. もし          | moshi             | if  |
| 14. ～も          | X mo              | particle marking additional item              |
| 15. ～ます         | X masu            | formal ending of verb                         |
| 16. ～かも         | X kamo            | maybe X (from <i>kamo shirenai</i> ) (casual) |
| 1. るす           | rusu              | away from home; no one is home                |
| 2. いくら          | ikura             | how much (money)                              |
| 3. どのぐらい        | dono gurai        | how much; how long                            |
| 4. どちら          | dochira           | which one of the two                          |
| 5. おれ           | ore               | I (male, casual)                              |
| 6. おつり          | otsuri            | change (balance money)                        |
| 7. おもちかえり       | omochi-kaeri      | take out                                      |
| 8. ひろしま         | Hiroshima         | Hiroshima                                     |
| 9. めずらしい        | mezurashī         | rare; unusual                                 |
| 10. つまらない       | tsumaranai        | boring; trivial                               |
| 11. うらやましい      | urayamashī        | jealous; enviable                             |
| 12. よろしい        | yoroshī           | good (polite)                                 |
| 13. どうぞよろしく     | dōzo yoroshiku    | nice to meet you                              |
| 14. おつかれさま      | otsukare sama     | thanks for your hard work                     |
| 15. おかえりなさい     | okaerinasai       | welcome back                                  |
| 16. かります (かりる)  | karimasu (kariru) | to borrow                                     |
| 17. います (いる)    | irimasu (iru)     | to need                                       |
| 18. いません (いらない) | irimasen (iranai) | do not need                                   |
| 19. しろうと        | shirōto           | amateur                                       |
| 20. ろうか         | rōka              | hallway                                       |
| 21. のり          | nori              | seaweed                                       |
| 22. あまり         | amari             | (not) very much                               |
| 23. いろいろ        | iroiro            | various                                       |
| 24. とりあえず       | toriaezu          | for now; to begin                             |
| 25. さらに         | sara ni           | furthermore                                   |