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🌸 Combined Sounds V — ぴゃ ぴゅ ぴょ and みゃ みゅ みょ

Two rare rows, and a practical payoff: the **hundreds** are completed with **600** and **800**. The characters are っ and む plus a small や, ゆ or ょ. Romaji is shown for everything.

🌸 The Rule Again — 拗音

Two more rows, and a bonus: っ (the semi-voiced partner of っ) and む plus a small や, ゆ or ょ. The rule is the same: one beat. These sounds are the rarest so far, so this chapter also finishes the hundreds.

	ゃ (YA)	ゅ (YU)	ょ (YO)
っ (pi)	ぴゃ pya	ぴゅ pyu	ぴょ pyo
み (mi)	みゃ mya	みゅ myu	みょ myo

ぴゃ

pya

"pya" in one beat, a p plus
"ya"

[stroke order ▶](#)

Memory hook: *roppyaku*, six hundred. っ + small や.

ぴゅ

pyu

"pyu" in one beat, like *pew*

[stroke order ▶](#)

Memory hook: *pyū-pyū*, wind whistling. っ + small ゆ.

ぴょ

pyo

"pyo" in one beat

[stroke order ▶](#)

Memory hook: *pyon-pyon*, a rabbit hopping. っ + small ょ.

みや

mya

"mya" in one beat, like the start of *Myanmar*

[stroke order ▶](#)

Memory hook: *myaku*, a pulse. み + small や.

みゆ

myu

"myu" in one beat, like *mew*

[stroke order ▶](#)

Memory hook: *myu*, a soft cat-like sound. み + small ゆ.

みよ

myo

"myo" in one beat

[stroke order ▶](#)

Memory hook: *myōji*, a family name. み + small よ.

Rare Sounds, Rare Words

ぴゃ ぴゅ ぴょ and みゃ みゅ みょ mostly appear in **numbers** (ろっぴゃく), **mimetic words** (ぴょんぴょん) and a few **word-parts of Chinese origin** (みょう in みょうじ). Don't worry about learning lots of words with them: learn to read them, and the rest will follow.

100 The Hundreds, Complete

Now you can read all nine hundreds. The sound of ひゃく changes after some numbers: ひゃく after 3, and ひゃく (with a small つ) after 6 and 8.

NUMBER	HIRAGANA	SAY IT	WHICH SOUND?
100	ひゃく	hyaku	ひゃ
200	にひゃく	nihyaku	ひゃ
300	さんびゃく	sanbyaku	びゃ
400	よんひゃく	yonhyaku	ひゃ
500	ごひゃく	gohyaku	ひゃ

NUMBER	HIRAGANA	SAY IT	WHICH SOUND?
600	ろっぴゃく	roppyaku	ぴゃ, with small っ
700	ななひゃく	nanahyaku	ひゃ
800	はっぴゃく	happyaku	ぴゃ, with small っ
900	きゅうひゃく	kyūhyaku	ひゃ

Remember: 3, 6, 8

The hundreds that change are **300** (さんびゃく), **600** (ろっぴゃく) and **800** (はっぴゃく).

Everything else, 100, 200, 400, 500, 700 and 900, keeps the plain ひゃく. The same 3-6-8 pattern turns up again with other counters, so it is worth memorising now.

Read It — New Words

Read the Japanese first, then check the romaji.

#	WORD	ROMAJI	ENGLISH	NOTE
1	ろっぴゃく	roppyaku	six hundred	ro-p-pya-ku: small っ and ぴゃ
2	はっぴゃく	happyaku	eight hundred	ha-p-pya-ku
3	ろっぴゃくえん	roppyaku-en	600 yen	ro-p-pya-ku-e-n
4	はっぴゃくえん	happyaku-en	800 yen	ha-p-pya-ku-e-n
5	ぴよんぴよん	pyonpyon	hopping (mimetic)	pyo-n-pyo-n: a rabbit
6	ぴゅうぴゅう	pyūpyū	whistling (wind)	pyū-pyū

#	WORD	ROMAJI	ENGLISH	NOTE
7	ぴよこぴよこ	pyokopyoko	bobbing up and down	<i>pyo-ko-pyo-ko</i>
8	みょうじ	myōji	family name; surname	<i>myō-ji: you'll see it on forms</i>
9	みょうにち	myōnichi	tomorrow (formal)	<i>myō-ni-chi</i>
10	みゃく	myaku	pulse	<i>mya-ku</i>

Real Japanese Tip — みょうじ and なまえ

On a Japanese form you'll see two boxes: みょうじ (family name) and なまえ (given name), in that order. Japanese names are written **family name first**, so やまだ たろう is Mr Yamada, Taro. You can read both words now.

Review: Words from the Last Chapter

ひゃく (100) · さんびゃく (300) · びょういん (hospital) · びょうき (illness) · ひょう (chart) · ひゃくえん (100 yen).

Try It Yourself — れんしゅう

Say each answer out loud first, then click to check.

1. How are ひゃ and みゃ romanised?

▼ Show answer

pya and mya.

2. Which hundreds change their sound, and how?

▼ Show answer

300 (さんびゃく), 600 (ろっぴゃく) and 800 (はっぴゃく).

3. Read aloud and translate: ろっぴゃく・はっぴゃく

▼ Show answer

roppyaku (600) · happyaku (800)

4. Read aloud and translate: ろっぴゃくえん・はっぴゃくえん

▼ Show answer

roppyaku-en (600 yen) · happyaku-en (800 yen)

5. Read aloud and translate: みょうじ・みょうにち・ぴょんぴょん

▼ Show answer

myōji (family name) · myōnichi (tomorrow, formal) · pyonpyon (hopping)

6. Write in hiragana: *roppyaku* · *myōji* · *pyonpyon* (check the small characters).

▼ Show answer

ろっぴゃく・みょうじ・ぴょんぴょん

Coming Up in Chapter 8

The last combined row: りゃ りゅ りょ, plus a full review of the whole combined-sound chart. You'll be able to read りょこう (travel), りょうり (cooking) and りゅうがく (studying abroad).