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KATAKANA

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🌿 Finishing the N Row — ネ ノ

Two characters complete the N row: ネ (ne) and ノ (no). One of them is the most complicated shape you've met so far (four strokes) and the other is the simplest (one stroke). Romaji is shown for everything.

🌟 Your Two New Characters — ネ ノ

ネ

ne

like "ne" in *net* ("neh")

4 strokes · [stroke order](#) ▶

Memory hook: a **neck**tie hanging on a rack: a hook on top and a crossed knot below. Hiragana twin: ね.

ノ

no

like "no" in *note*, short ("noh")

1 stroke · [stroke order](#) ▶

Memory hook: the single slash of a **no**-entry sign. One stroke, the simplest katakana. Hiragana twin: の.

KATAKANA	HIRAGANA TWIN	ROMAJI
ネ	ね	ne
ノ	の	no

abc The Complete N Row

NA	NI	NU	NE	NO
ナ	ニ	ヌ	ネ	ノ
な	に	ぬ	ね	の

Top row katakana, bottom row hiragana: say each pair aloud.

ノ Is the Long Stroke of ソ, シ, ツ and シ

ノ (no) is a single slanting stroke, and it is easy to see it hidden inside several look-alikes: ソ, シ and ツ all have one similar stroke plus extra marks. So count the strokes: **one stroke** means ノ (no), **two** means ソ (so), and **three** means シ (shi) or ツ (tsu).

Read It — Real Words

#	WORD	ROMAJI	ENGLISH	NOTE
1	ノート	nōto	notebook	no-o-to; not "note" but a school notebook
2	ネクタイ	nekutai	necktie	ne-ku-ta-i: four beats
3	コーナー	kōnā	corner; section (of a shop)	ko-o-na-a: four beats
4	ノース	nōsu	north	no-o-su
5	トナー	tonā	toner (printer)	to-na-a
6	ノー	nō	no	no-o; as in ノーコメント later
7	ネス	Nesu	Ness (as in Loch Ness)	ne-su

Katakana Meanings

Notice that ノート means a **notebook** (the English *note* plus the ー and ト), not a musical note or a short message. Likewise コーナー is a corner, but in a shop it also means a department or section: "the books corner". Katakana words keep their English roots but pick up their own meanings, so when something doesn't fit, check the context.

Try It Yourself — れんしゅう

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

1. Read aloud: ネ・ノ・ナ・ニ・ヌ

▼ Show answer

ne · no · na · ni · nu

2. Read aloud and translate: ノート・ネクタイ

▼ Show answer

nōto (notebook) · nekutai (necktie)

3. Read aloud and translate: コーナー・ノース・トナー

▼ Show answer

kōnā (corner) · nōsu (north) · tonā (toner)

4. How many strokes do ノ, ソ and シ have?

▼ Show answer

ノ has one; ソ has two; シ has three.

5. How many beats are in ネクタイ?

▼ Show answer

Four: ネ・ク・タ・イ (ne-ku-ta-i).

6. Write in katakana: *nōto* · *nekutai* · *nōsu* (check the stroke order).

▼ Show answer

ノート・ネクタイ・ノース

Coming Up in Chapter 5

The H row begins: ハ ヒ フ (ha, hi, fu). You'll read コーヒー (coffee), ハート (heart), ナイフ (knife) and ヒーター (heater).