



## > Japanese Practice Sheets v03

### Blank Sheet 1

- This sheet has 11 x 12 squares for a total of 132 (A4).  
The squares are large and therefore well suited for when you first learn a new character – be it Hiragana, Katakana or Kanji.
- Write like the Japanese do: Start at the upper right corner (where the web address is) and finish at the lower left (where the logo is).
- The small rectangle space on the right of each square is for writing the pronunciation of a Kanji in Hiragana. You will therefore not need it when you learn either Hiragana or Katakana.
- When learning a new Kanji character, always use the small rectangle next to the square box to write the reading of that character in:

Say you are learning the character 教 which can be used to form the word 教える (おしえる = oshieru = teach). In this case make sure not only to write the Kanji (教) by itself but the whole word (教える).

In other words you should use one large square box each for the characters 教, え and る – and fill in おし next to the Kanji (教) in the small rectangular box.

Why is this important? It can be difficult to remember which part of the reading of a word goes *into* the Kanji character and which part *follows* the Kanji character. In our example おしえる the word could theoretically be written either 教る or 教える or 教しえる if you didn't know better.

Therefore use the opportunity to learn to write the whole word correctly – 教える in our case.



### **Blank Sheet 1b**

- Same as above but with diagonal lines which might help you write in a more beautiful way.

### **Blank Sheet 2**

- Intended for repetition, this sheet is basically the same as sheet 1, just with smaller squares (17x18 in A4).
- You'll develop a more beautiful handwriting when you write large first so don't use this for writing characters you haven't written before.

### **Blank Sheet 3**

- This is a bonus – the last stage if you will – intended for writing long texts or practice sentence patterns and such.
- Use this only after you've developed a handwriting.

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