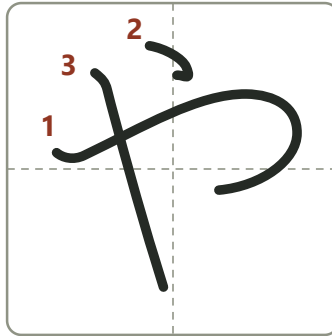
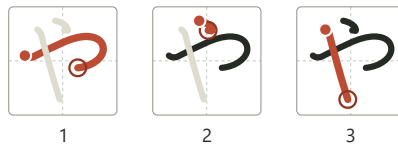


や · ya

Ya in hiragana is や: a short mark on top, and a long line that leans down to the right.



Writing model



Write it, stroke by stroke.

1. Starts far left, just above the middle; rises right, curves round, sweeps. — sweep (はらい)
2. Starts near the top, just left of center; a short mark down to the right.
3. Starts high on the left; a long line down to the right, through stroke 1. — stop (とめ)

Sources differ on how stroke 2 ends, so no ending is marked: copy the model.

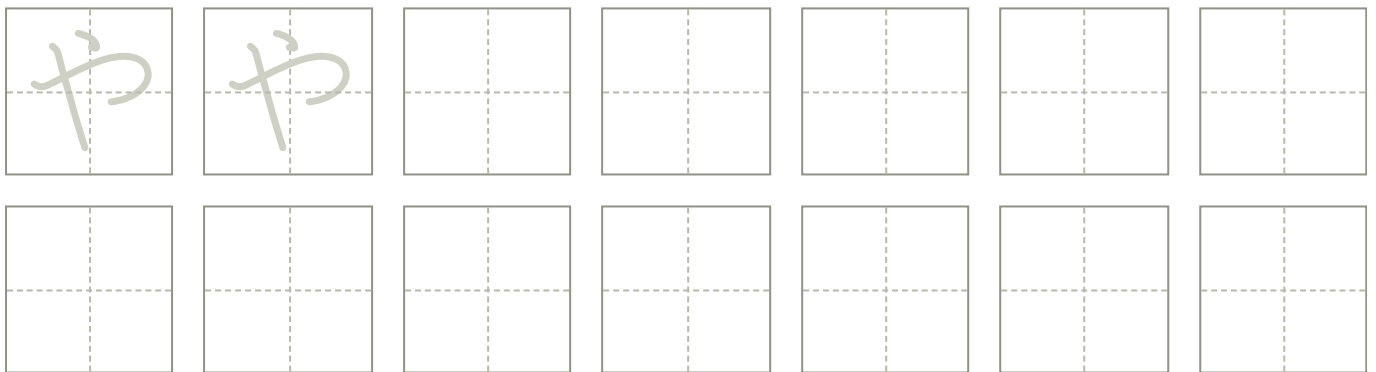
Watch for: Stroke 1 turns with a sharp corner on the right, so it looks angular, like the katakana ヤ. **Fix:** Curve round smoothly on the right, like a fishhook, then come back toward the center, as in the model.

やま · yama · mountain

やすい · yasui · cheap; inexpensive

はやい · hayai · early; fast

Trace, copy, then cover the model and write from memory.



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