

A day-by-day plan to master katakana in one month. Best started once you know hiragana.

Day	Focus	What to do
Day 1	Learn a new row	アイウエオ — write each 10×, read 5 words
Day 2	Learn a new row	カキクケコ — write each 10×, read 5 words
Day 3	Learn a new row	サシスセソ — write each 10×, read 5 words
Day 4	Learn a new row	タチツテト — write each 10×, read 5 words
Day 5	Learn a new row	ナニヌネノ — write each 10×, read 5 words
Day 6	Learn a new row	ハヒフヘホ — write each 10×, read 5 words
Day 7	Learn a new row	マミムメモ — write each 10×, read 5 words
Day 8	Learn a new row	ヤユヨ・ワヲン — write each 10×, read 5 words
Day 9	Learn a new row	ラリルレロ — write each 10×, read 5 words
Day 10	Learn a new row	Review 46 base kana — write each 10×, read 5 words
Day 11	Dakuten	ガギグゲゴ/ザヅズゼゾ
Day 12	Dakuten	ダヂヅデド/バビブベボ
Day 13	Handakuten	パピ プペポ — plus review dakuten
Day 14	Rest & review	Re-test every row you have learned so far
Day 15	Combinations	キャキュキョ/シャシュシヨ
Day 16	Combinations	チャチュチョ/ニヤニユニョ
Day 17	Combinations	ひゃ みゃ りゃ series
Day 18	Combinations	ぎゃ じゃ びゃ ぴゃ series
Day 19	Small tsu & long	サッカー, コーヒー — the small ッ pause and long — mark
Day 20	Review milestone	Read a full page of kana-only text aloud
Day 21	Reading fluency	Read 10 real words + 3 short sentences; time yourself
Day 22	Reading fluency	Read 10 real words + 3 short sentences; time yourself
Day 23	Reading fluency	Read 10 real words + 3 short sentences; time yourself
Day 24	Reading fluency	Read 10 real words + 3 short sentences; time yourself
Day 25	Reading fluency	Read 10 real words + 3 short sentences; time yourself
Day 26	Reading fluency	Read 10 real words + 3 short sentences; time yourself
Day 27	Reading fluency	Read 10 real words + 3 short sentences; time yourself
Day 28	Reading fluency	Read 10 real words + 3 short sentences; time yourself
Day 29	Reading fluency	Read 10 real words + 3 short sentences; time yourself
Day 30	Final test	Take the online Katakana Test — aim for 90%+ at speed