**Japanese sounds**

***Japanese vowels are easy to pronounce!***

あa as in father

Compared to English, Japanese has a relative absence of stress and intonation.

い i as in meet (but clipped shorter)

うu as in boot

えe as in bet

お o as in cot

***Fill in the blanks with the Japanese vowel sound then try to pronounce the words.***

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| a 　あ | Y\_\_ m\_\_ h\_\_K\_\_ w\_\_ s \_\_ k iH o n d \_\_Ō s \_\_ k \_\_ |
| i　　い | H \_\_ r o s h \_\_ maS a s h \_\_ m \_\_T e r \_\_ y a k \_\_ |
| u　　う | S \_\_ s h iF \_\_ j i S a nS \_\_ k i y a k i S \_\_ z \_\_ k i |
| e　　え | S a k \_\_T \_\_ m p u r a K a r a t \_\_ |
| o　　お | K i m \_\_ n \_\_T \_\_ y \_\_ t aS a p p \_\_ r \_\_\_\_ r i g a m i |

Remember to pronounce every syllable the same length. Try to ditch that Western accent!

**Ka -ra -o-ke** rather than Carryoky!