

# How to Set Up Japanese Keyboard Input on Your Computer

## For Mac Users:

**Step 1.** Click on the Apple icon in the top-left corner of your screen and select ‘**System Preferences**’.

**Step 2.** Find and click on ‘**Keyboard**’.

**Step 3.** Click on the ‘**Input Sources**’ tab.

**Step 4.** Click the ‘+’ button, scroll to find ‘**Japanese**’, and select it. There are typically two options: ‘Hiragana’ for writing in Japanese characters and ‘Katakana’ for foreign words.

The Japanese keyboard will now be added to your list of input sources. You can switch between languages using the ‘Input menu’ in the menu bar.

To type in Japanese, switch to the Japanese keyboard, start typing in Romaji (English letters), and the text will automatically convert to Hiragana. You can press the spacebar after typing a word to select Kanji or Katakana options.

## For PC Users (Windows 10/11):

**Step 1.** Click on the gear icon for ‘**Settings**’.

**Step 2.** Select ‘**Time & Language**’.

**Step 3.** Click on ‘**Language & region**’ on the left side.

**Step 4.** Click on ‘**Add a language**’.

**Step 5.** Search for ‘**Japanese**’ in the search bar, select it, and click ‘**Next**’, then ‘**Install**’.

Once installed, you’ll see a language bar on your taskbar where you can switch between English and Japanese input.

To type in Japanese, switch to the Japanese input method. Start typing in Romaji, and it will convert to Hiragana. Use the spacebar to select Kanji or Katakana.

## Typing in Japanese Chart

あ	い	う	え	お
a	i	u	e	o
か	き	く	け	こ
ka	ki	ku	ke	ko
さ	し	す	せ	そ
sa	si/shi	su	se	so
た	ち	つ	て	と
ta	ti/chi	tu/tsu	te	to
な	に	ぬ	ね	の
na	ni	nu	ne	no
は	ひ	ふ	へ	ほ
ha	hi	fu/hu	he	ho
ま	み	む	め	も
ma	mi	mu	me	mo
や		ゆ		よ
ya		yu		yo
ら	り	る	れ	ろ
ra	ri	ru	re	ro
わ	を	ん		
wa	wo	nn		

が	ぎ	ぐ	げ	ご
ga	gi	gu	ge	go
ざ	じ	ず	ぜ	ぞ
za	zi/ji	zu	ze	zo
だ	ぢ	づ	で	ど
da	di	du	de	do
ば	び	ぶ	べ	ぼ
ba	bi	bu	be	bo
ぱ	ぴ	ぷ	ぺ	ぽ
pa	pi	pu	pe	po

きゃ	きゅ	きよ	ぎゃ	ぎゅ	ぎよ
kya	kyu	kyo	gya	gyu	gyo
しゃ	しゅ	しよ	じゃ	じゅ	じよ
sha/sya	shu/syu	sho/syo	ja	ju	jo
ちゃ	ちゅ	ちよ			
cha/tya	chu/tyu	cho/tyo			
にゃ	にゅ	によ			
nya	nyu	nyo			
ひゃ	ひゅ	ひよ	びゃ	びゅ	びよ
hya	hyu	hyo	bya	byu	byo
みゃ	みゅ	みよ			
mya	myu	myo			
りゃ	りゅ	りよ			
rya	ryu	ryo			

small っ
Double consonant + vowel (e.g. tt(a) or xt(x)tsu