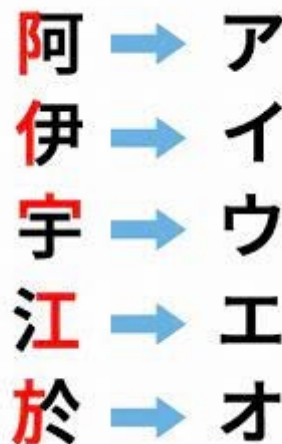
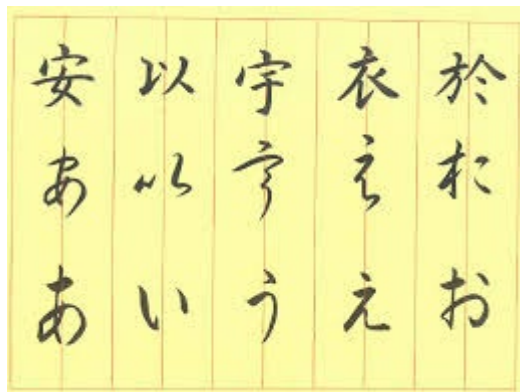


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(Why Japanese letters have 3way?)

I guess maybe foreigner has a question above title.

“ Oh!! it`s very troublesome and complicated “

Surely, it`s learning person`s true voice, I think.

By the way, why our Japanese language has 3-way letters, nevertheless English has only 1 letter “alphabet style”? Other languages have only one style letter, also?

Answer is from tender heart of ancient King.

Ancient era in Japan, the persons who can write and read the letters are high society class members only. At the time, the letters are Kanji (かんじ=漢字) imported from China only.

Also at the time, poor people could speak Japanese language but no could write and read letters consist of Kanji, because it`s very difficult and they no had time to learn.

Then the ancient King thought “can`t we offer more easy letters for them?”

And then finally the King found out new letter`s way.

For example, below

安 (漢字=Kanji) → あ (ひらがな=Hiragana) あ is 安`s broken style letter.

阿 (漢字=Kanji) → ア (カタカナ=Katakana) ア is 阿`s one part of 阿 letter.

以 (漢字=Kanji) → い (ひらがな=Hiragana) い is 以`s broken style letter.

伊 (漢字=Kanji) → イ (カタカナ=Katakana) イ is 伊`s one part of 伊 letter.

う、ウ、え、エ、お、オ and so on the same made.

After above offering, the ancient poor people could get writing and reading.

Therefore, Japanese educational level has been very high because of the King`s very tender heart.

Additional comments:

Hiragana we use for Japanese usual words. Ex) ごはん、かわいい

Katakana we use for foreign words. Ex) ライス、チャーミング

Above in English: rice, charming.