

Module 1-3 Contracted Sounds (きや, しゅ, りよ, etc.)

In this module:

- You will learn and practice pronouncing contracted sounds such as ‘きや,’ ‘しゅ,’ ‘りよ.’
- You will listen to and practice pronouncing words with the contracted sounds.

Contracted sounds are combinations of /consonant + i/ (ex. き, ぎ, し, じ, ち, に, ひ, び, ぴ, み, and り) and [ya], [yu], or [yo].

Practice I: Click the icon () below to listen to each sound, and repeat it.

 1-3-7	 1-3-6	 1-3-5			 1-3-4	 1-3-3	 1-3-2		 1-3-1	
r	m	p	b	h	n	t	z	s	g	k
りや	みや	ぴや	びや	ひや	にや	ちや	じゃ	しや	ぎや	きや
りゅ	みゅ	ぴゅ	びゅ	ひゅ	にゅ	ちゅ	じゅ	しゅ	ぎゅ	きゅ
りよ	みよ	ぴよ	びよ	ひよ	によ	ちよ	じよ	しよ	ぎよ	きよ

It is difficult to pronounce りや, りゅ, and りよ sounds correctly, especially if your first language does not have the consonant cluster “ry” (ex. English).

Watch the video below to learn how to pronounce the two sounds:

<http://enunciate.arts.ubc.ca/japanese/lets-practice/tsu-and-su/>.

Practice II: Listen to the audio file and practice pronouncing the words below.  1-3-8

1. ひゃく
(100)

2. さんびやく
(300)

3. かのじよ
(girlfriend)

4. しゃしん



5. しゅくだい
(homework)

6. おちゃ



Practice III: Practice with a Sound Recognition Device (ex. Siri, Google)

1. If you have access to a sound recognition/search device, say words (1) through (6) below to the device. Were the words recognized correctly? (Before speaking to the device, you may need to change the input mode into Japanese.)

If the words have been recognized correctly, the device will display the following words.

	Say these words	The device will display these		Say these words	The device will display these
1	ひゃく	100 or 百	4	しゃしん	写真
2	さんびゃく	300 or 三百	5	しゅくだい	宿題
3	かのじょ	彼女	6	おちゃ	お茶

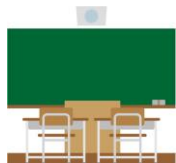
2. If the words are not recognized correctly, keep trying until they are. Did you figure out any tips for pronouncing the sounds correctly?

Practice IV: Here are some more challenging words. Listen to the audio file and practice pronouncing the words below. If you have difficulty pronouncing long vowels and double consonants, you can go to Module 2-2 and Module 2-3 to practice.



1. しゅうまつ
(weekend')

2. きょうしつ



3. りゅうがくせい



4. ちゅうごく



5. きゅうじゅう
(90)

6. りょうり



7. ちよっと
(a little)

Practice V: Practice with a Sound Recognition Device (ex. Siri, Google)

1. If you have access to a sound recognition/search device, say words (1) through (7) below to the device. Were the words recognized correctly? (Before speaking to the device, you may need to change the input mode into Japanese.)

If the words have been recognized correctly, the device will display the following words.

	Say these words	The device will display these		Say these words	The device will display these
1	しゅうまつ	週末	5	きゅうじゅう	90 or 九十
2	きょうしつ	教室	6	りょうり	料理
3	りゅうがくせい	留学生	7	ちよつと	ちよつと
4	ちゅうごく	中国			

2. If the words are not recognized correctly, keep trying until they are. Did you figure out any tips for pronouncing the sounds correctly?