Hiragana is one of the 3 Japanese writing systems and the very first one beginners should learn. There are 46 characters in total. Each one represents a syllable (such as a, e, u, ka, ta, etc.) which may be a vowel or a mix of consonant plus vowel, as you’ll see below. Note that although characters for a, i, u, e and o are written as one letter, the sounds are “ah” “eh” “ooh” “eh” and “oh.” The consonant + vowel syllables are pronounced in the same way (kah, kee, ku, keh, ko, sa, she, soo, seh, so, etc.)

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の は ひ ふ
no  ha  hi  hu (fu)

へ ほ ま み
he  ho  ma  mi
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