

## YOUON (CONTRACTED SOUND)

R	M	H	N	T	S	K	
り り ri	み ミ mi	ひ ヒ hi	に ニ ni	ち チ chi	し シ shi	き キ ki	I (Base)
りゃ りゃ rya	みゃ みゃ mya	ひゃ ひゃ hya	にゃ にゃ nya	ちゃ ちゃ cha	しゃ しゃ sha	きゃ きゃ kya	A
りゅ りゅ ryu	みゅ みゅ myu	ひゅ ひゅ hyu	にゅ にゅ nyu	ちゅ ちゅ chu	しゅ しゅ shu	きゅ きゅ kyu	U
りょ りょ ryo	みょ みょ myo	ひょ ひょ hyo	にょ にょ nyo	ちょ ちょ cho	しょ しょ sho	きょ きょ kyo	O

**YOUON** is a combination of an “i-sound” kana with a smaller version of “y-sound” kana (ya や, yu ゆ, yo よ), written slightly to the right and below the first kana.

Examples:

- き (ki) + や (small ya) = きゃ (kya)
- し (shi) + ゆ (small yu) = しゅ (shu)
- ち (chi) + よ (small yo) = ちょ (cho)

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