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Original version 1.1 for the HP48 and grobs (c) Marc Moline
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BEGIN_DOC Kana49.lib version 1.1 for HP49G

This is a system-rpl re-write/adaptation of Marc Moline's original "Japanese" program, which is an aid to learning the Japanese Hira-gana and Katakana alphabets (NOT Kanji! See my Kanji49 for that). I say an aid to learning Japanese reading because, in order to learn kana properly, you must learn the proper stroke order of writing, which this program can't teach you. Also, you should take a class (or get a Japanese speaking friend) to learn the pronunciations. For a more detailed description of the various Japanese writing systems, please see Marc's original documentation.

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The program has been written in sys-rpl, and has been tested on a revision 1.17 rom (HP49G). It should run on future revs, because only supported entry points are used.

The program is distributed as an auto-config library, ID # 1762. Install the library as you would any library, warm start (ON-C), press LIBS, press KANA to run. Select HIRAkana or KATAkana from the main menu, then ENTER to see flashcards of 2 words (kana symbols) per screen. After you guess the sounds, press any key to see the answer(s). To change the number of words displayed, press #WRD from the main menu. The first prompt is for the number of words (1-10) to flash. The next prompt is "Up to what number?" In other words, if you've only learned the first 20 and want to be tested on them, type 20 here. To see the entire alphabet, press ALL. To see it in romaji (English characters), press ROMA. Finally, press EXIT to quit, after you passed the test.

I left out the inflected sounds, to make the programming easier. Sorry. Having used this to learn them myself, I feel that they are not really Necessary - once you learn the basis, you can add the inflections easily. This program is "freeware" - please send any comments, etc. to me:
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Change History:

Version 1.1 fixed stupid bug in routine to select number of words and number of Kanji.

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