

Activity One

Try to exercise your drawing skills in the *anime* and *manga* styles using these sketches as references.



(from the book "The art of Miyazaki's Spirited away", Viz Communications, Inc., 2002)

Activity Two

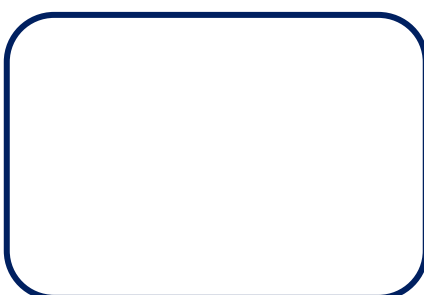
Using the sample model below as a framework, try to create your own storyboard. You can either create an original story, or imagine a final sequence for the clips of *anime* we just watched.

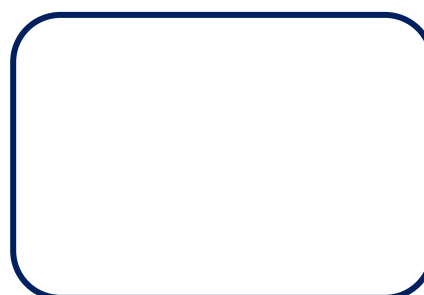












Task One

Try to copy the characters (*kanji*) and the *hiragana* reading of the two main characters' names, Chihiro and Haku, using the spaces below.

chi	千								
hiro	尋								
chi	ち								
hi	ひ								
ro	ろ								
ちひろ									
Haku/shiro	白								
ha	は								
ku	く								
はく									

Task Two

Looking at the *katakana* table provided, try to write the following words:

Milk (<i>miruku</i>)	
Banana (<i>banana</i>)	
Coffee (<i>kohii</i>)	
Your name	

Task Three

Try to link each word listed on the left with the correct *katakana* writings listed on the right:

Ice cream		ペン
Bar		アニメ
Pen		アイス クリーム
America		バー
Anime		アメリカ

1 What does the word *anime* mean?

Tick the correct answer

- a. It is the Japanese word for “animal.”
- b. It is shortened from the English word “animation” and indicates Japanese cartoons
- c. It is a Japanese comic strip

2 What is the difference between *anime* and *manga*?

Cross out the incorrect answers from the list below

- a. *Anime* means a cartoon TV series and *manga* are Japanese video games
- b. They mean the same thing
- c. *Manga* are Japanese comic strips and *anime* are very often based on their *manga* version

3 List the main differences between Japanese *anime* and American cartoons using the grid below

	<i>Anime</i>	US cartoons
Drawing style		
Plot/storyline		
Characters		

4 Choose one of the two *anime* below and write a brief summary of the plot (max 5 lines), picking up from the initial suggestion. Alternatively, write a brief summary of one *anime* you know about.

- a. In *Dragon Ball*, Goku is a boy who ...
- b. Ash Ketchum wants to become a *pokemon* master ...

1 Below are a few Japanese *kanji* (ideograms). Which one do you remember seeing more often in the clips we watched?

Circle only one character.

食 油 目 千 耳 道

2 What is the business run by the old sorceress Yūbaba and who are her customers?

Circle the correct answer

- a. Yūbaba runs a restaurant for lost children.
- b. Her business is a bathhouse for spirits.
- c. She is the owner of a theme park for families.

3 Try to guess the relationship between Haku and Sen

Circle the correct answer

- a. They are brother and sister.
- b. Haku is her guardian spirit.
- c. They are master and apprentice.

4 Why does Yūbaba takes the girl's name from the contract?

5 What is the little girl's name before and after she meets Yūbaba?

Before:

After:

6 Do you remember how her name changes in Japanese?

Circle one option from the possibilities given below:

荻野千尋 → 千

千尋 → 荻野