



3. HISTORY OF THE KATAKANA TABLE



Grouping:

WORKSHEET 1

Now that you studied the katakana table, can you find one, two or three pieces of information in the **Document 3** text?

Here are some questions to help you:

How many signs are there?

How many vowels are there?

How many consonants are there?

How old is the Katakana table?

Who invented the Katakana table?

What is the table used for?

How were you able to guess the answers?

DOCUMENT 3

The katakana table comprises 45 basic signs which are still in use today. There are 5 vowels a i u e o which are combined with 40 consonants with additional modified consonants. The katakana table was devised by Buddhist monks over 1000 years ago. Today the table is used to write nouns that have been borrowed from other languages and to transcribe foreign names.