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Once a month language-focused newsletter designed for both new and seasoned Japanese learners to use as a resource for study.



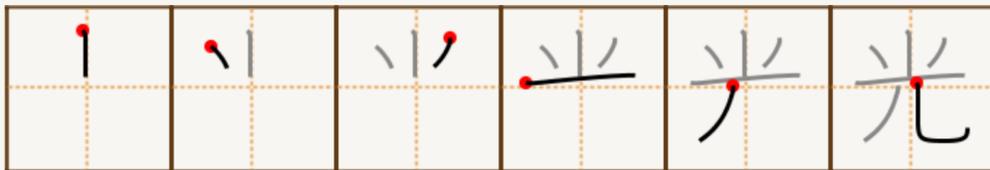
Let's study! 勉強(べんきょう)しましょう!

今月の漢字

light

光

訓読み: ひか(る), ひかり
 音読み: コウ



6 strokes

Associated Common Words

月の光(つきのひかり) - moonlight
 日光(にっこう) - sunlight
 栄光(えいこう) - glory

History of Kanji 光



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四字熟語 -よじじゅくご- (4 Character Idiom)

ふうこうめいび

風光明媚

Scenic, picturesque

Example

都会から離れて、風光明媚な
場所で休日を過ごしたい。

Tokai kara hanarete, **fuukoumeibi** na basho de kyuujitsu wo sugoshitai.

I want to spend my holiday in a scenic place away from the city.

ことわざ (proverb)

こういんや ごと

光陰矢の如し

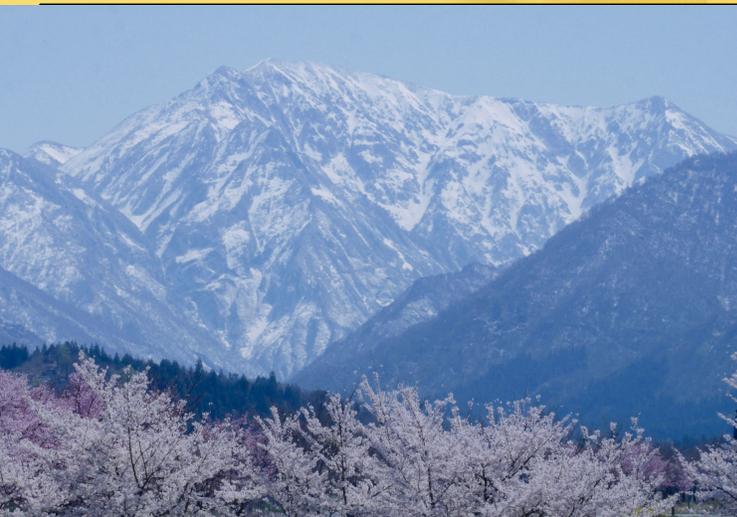
Time flies like an arrow; life is short

Example

留学してから、もう5年も経つなんて、
「光陰矢の如し」だ。

Ryuugaku shite kara, mou go nen mo tatsu nante, "**kouinnya no gotoshi**" da.

Wow, five years have already passed since I studied abroad; time flies like an arrow.



日本を旅しよう! -Exploring Japan-
新潟県 (にいがたけん) - Niigata Prefecture

Fast facts!

-Niigata prefecture is located along the coast of the Sea of Japan
 -It is known for high quality rice, famous sake, beautiful scenery, skiing, hot springs, and huge fireworks displays
 -Some of its most famous tourist sites are the Hoshitoge Rice Terraces, Sado Island, and the Toki Forest Park, a sanctuary that protects Toki birds
 -The regional culinary specialties include red snow crab and *hegi* soba, which is soba made with *funori* seaweed and served in a square dish called a *hegi*





弥彦神社 (Yahiko Shrine)

One of the most popular shrines of Niigata Prefecture, it enshrines Ame no Kagoyama no Mikoto, the great grandson of Amaterasu Omikami. The origins of this shrine are said to date back 2,400 years!

Dialect Discovery 新潟県 - にいがたけん

- あっちえ (acche; hot [adjective]) あつい
- のめしこき (nomeshikoki; lazy person) なまけもの
- そーいが (sōiga; oh really/is that so) そうなのだ
- しゃぐ/しゃぎつける (shagu/shagitsukeru; to strike) なぐる/たたく

To read about JET Alum Liz's experience living and teaching in Joetsu & Myoko Kogen [click here!](#)



JSB Meets JET Alumnus Liz Brailsford

クイズタイム!

1. あした風邪 (^{かぜ})、^{じゅぎょう} 授業を休みます。
I will be absent from class due to a cold tomorrow.

- a. から b. で c. より

2. 秋の涼しい夜に団子を食べ (^{あき} ^{すず} ^{よる} ^{だんご} ^た)、^{つきみ} お月見をします。
We will watch the moon while eating dango on a cool autumn night.

- a. れば b. ながら c. なら

3. 太陽の光を浴びると、体にビタミンDが (^{たいよう} ^{ひかり} ^あ ^{からだ}) 。

- a. 作ってくれます b. 作ります c. 作られます



☆お月見

Otsukimi is the name given to the Japanese festival dedicated to viewing the autumn moon, or Harvest Moon, that typically falls on the 15th day of the eighth month of the traditional Japanese calendar. It is widely believed that the Otsukimi Festival was brought over from China during the Heian Period, or *Heian Jidai* (平安時代).

Fall Foods! - 秋の食べ物!

Chestnuts- 栗 (くり)

Persimmons - 柿 (かき)

Figs - 無花果 (いちじく)

Asian Pear - 梨 (なし)

First Harvest Rice - 新米 (しんまい)

Yellowtail Amberjack - 勘八/間八 (かんぱち)

Pacific Saury - 秋刀魚 (さんま)

Sweet Potatoes - 薩摩芋 (さつまいも)

Japanese Pumpkin- 南瓜 (かぼちゃ)

Pine Tree Mushrooms - 松茸 (まつたけ)

Instructor Spotlight!

Where are you from in Japan?

I was born in Hokkaido and grew up in Kanagawa, which is a suburb of Tokyo. If you see Kanagawa from an airplane, you see a river running right in the middle of the prefecture, with the western part being all green!

What is the thing you look forward to doing the most when back in Japan?

I want to get a Japan Rail Pass and travel to the north of Japan. I haven't visited Hokkaido since I was 12 years old, and there are many places I want to visit in the Tohoku area as well. And of course I would like to stop at a few onsens along the way!

What is your favorite place you have traveled?

My favorite place to travel was Jerusalem. Taking a taxi from Tel Aviv to Old Jerusalem, I will never forget the moment I first saw the Wall of Jerusalem!

What do you think is the most interesting Katakana English word?

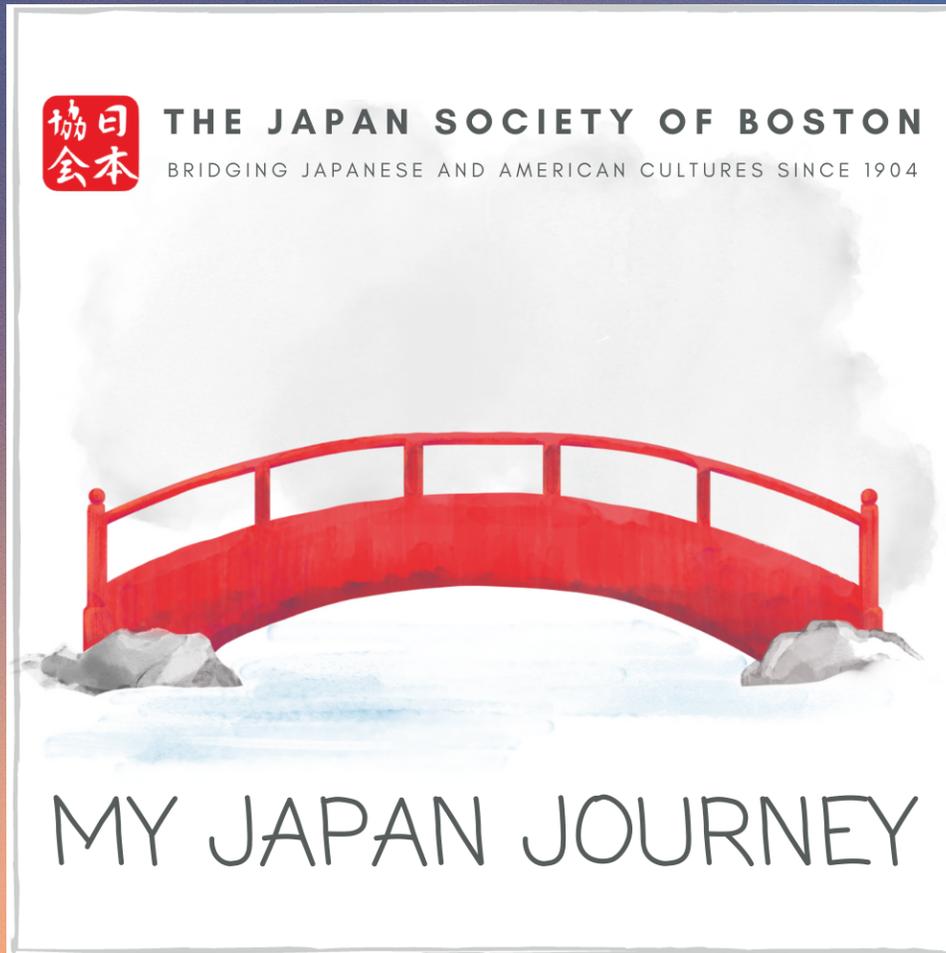
フィギュアスケート: Figure skating is very popular in Japan. The whole word itself is a sport, but if you take the first part (フィギュア), it means a kind of character doll from popular media, not the other meanings of 'figure,' such as a person, body shape, numbers, etc. It is common that katakana words only adopt one meaning of many meanings of the original (foreign) words, so be careful.

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Takai-sensei teaches Beginner Japanese Level 3!

New Podcast Episode!



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