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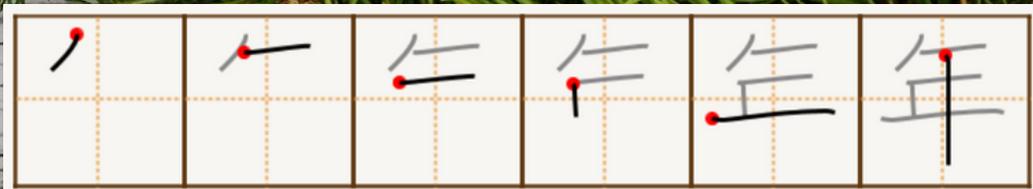
Let's study! 勉強(べんきょう)しましょう!

今月の漢字

year

年

訓読み: とし
音読み: ネン

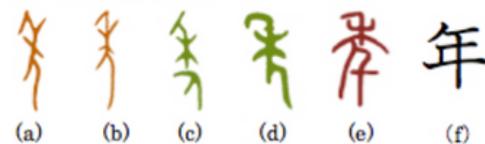


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Associated Common Words

- 年末 (ねんまつ) - end of the year
- 年越し (としこし) - New Year's Eve
- 年賀状 (ねんがじょう) - New Year's card

History of Kanji 年



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四字熟語 -よじじゅくご- (4 Character Idiom)

ねんちゅうぎょうじ

年中行事

Annual function, event

Example

子供たちは「七夕」や「餅つき」など幼稚園の年中行事を楽しみにしています。

Kodomotachi wa "tanabata" ya "mochitsuki" nado youchien no **nenchuugyouji** wo tanoshimi ni shiteimasu.

The children are looking forward to their kindergarten's annual events such as Tanabata and mochi pounding.

ことわざ (proverb)

いし うえ さんねん

石の上にも三年

Perseverance prevails; three years on a (cold) stone (will make the stone warm)

Example

「石の上にも三年」という言葉を信じて夢を諦めずに努力した。

"**Ishi no ue ni mo san'nen**" toiu kotoba wo shinjite yume wo akiramezuni doryoku shita.

I believe in the expression "perseverance prevails" and worked hard without giving up my dream.



日本を旅しよう! -Exploring Japan- 石川県 (いしかわけん) - Ishikawa Prefecture

Fast facts!

- Ishikawa prefecture is located along the coast of the Sea of Japan and includes the Noto Peninsula which forms Toyama Bay, one of Japan's largest bays
- Kanazawa is the capital city and is famous for its castle as well as Kenroku-en, one of the Three Great Gardens of Japan
- With dozens of crafts that include lacquerware, ceramic ware, dyed silk, and metalwork, Ishikawa Prefecture ranks with Kyoto as a Mecca of traditional crafts
- Ishikawa is famous for its use of gold leaf, with Kanazawa producing 99% of Japan's gold leaf, which it uses in everything from architecture to food



金沢城 (Kanazawa Castle)

Kanazawa Castle was the seat of the Maeda Clan from 1583-1868. The clan was one of the highest ranking domains, second only to the Tokugawa shogunate.

Dialect Discovery 石川県 - いしかわけん

- ほうです (houdesu; That's right) そうです
- たのしかったじい (tanoshikattajii; It was fun, wasn't it) 楽しかったね
- かえっておる (kaetteoru; to be home/returning home) かえっている
- やるねんです (yarunendesu; I will do it) やります



To read about JET Alum Lily's experience living and teaching in Nanao, [click here!](#)

JSB Meets JET Alum Lily Sun!

クイズタイム!

1. 田中さんは () 年生ですか。

What grade is Mr. Tanaka?

a. なん b. なに c. いくつ

2. 当店は年中無休です。 ()、元旦は休みます。

Our shop is open all year round. However, New Year's Day is closed.

a. つまり b. それでは c. ただし

3. 彼女にプレゼントを ()。

a. 買ってくれた b. 買ってあげた c. 買えた



☆神戸ルミナリエ

The Kobe Luminarie is a unique light show from early to mid-December. It is held every year in memory of the Great Hanshin earthquake of 1995. The lights were actually donated by the Italian Government. After the Tohoku Earthquake and Tsunami, in 2012, many of the lanterns displayed at the event were made from the drawings of the affected region.

Winter Words - 冬の言葉!

Winter - 冬 (ふゆ)

Cold - 寒い (さむい)

Snow - 雪 (ゆき)

Snow Flurry while Sunny - 風花 (かざばな)

To Ski - スキーする

Snow Viewing - 雪見 (ゆきみ)

Snowman - 雪だるま (ゆきだるま)

Heated Table - 炬燵 (こたつ)

Mandarin Orange - 蜜柑 (みかん)

Polar Bear - 白熊 (しろくま)

Instructor Spotlight!

Where are you from in Japan?

I am from Tokyo.

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

I look forward to seeing my family and friends.

What is your favorite place you have traveled?

I like Province because I went there a few times with my husband when I was young, and I love everything about it: the sea, the scenery, and the food. I'd love to go back one day. I like places with great landscapes.

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

I like サラリーマン because many of my students ask me what it means. It's one of those words that seems like it would become obsolete, but doesn't.

Shinozaki Sensei



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