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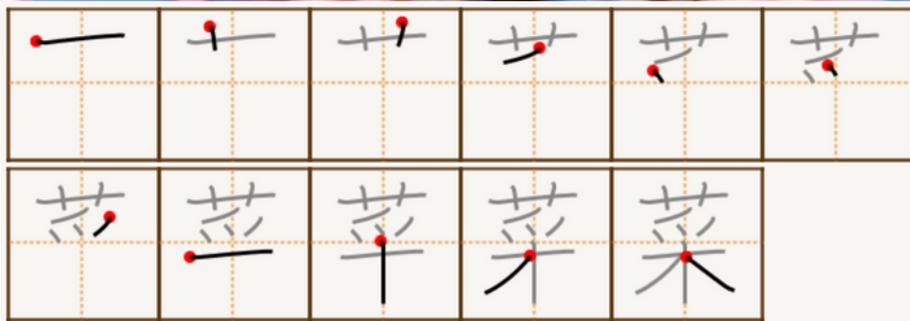
Let's study! 勉強(べんきょう)しましょう!

今月の漢字

vegetable

菜

訓読み: な
音読み: サイ



11 strokes

Associated Common Words

野菜 (やさい) - vegetable

山菜 (さんさい) - edible wild plants

菜食主義者 (さいしょくしゅぎしゃ) - vegetarian

History of Kanji 菜



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四字熟語 -よじじゆくご- (4 Character Idiom)

いちじゅういっさい

一汁一菜

Simple meal, austerity diet

Example

学生で一人暮らしの時は、お金がなかった
ので、「一汁一菜」の生活だった。

Gakusei de hitori gurashi no toki wa, okane ga nakatta node, "**ichijyuuisai**" no seikatsu datta.

When I was a student living alone, I lived a life of simple meals because I had no money.

ことわざ (proverb)

あおな しお

青菜に塩

Feeling sad or downhearted, down in the dumps
(literally: put salt on vegetables (causing them to wilt))

Example

楽しみにしていた旅行が台風の影響でなくなり、
「青菜に塩」のように落ち込んでいる。

Tanoshimi ni shiteita ryokou ga taifuu no eikyou de nakunari, "**aona ni shio**" no you ni ochikondeiru.

The trip I was looking forward to was cancelled due to a typhoon and I'm feeling down like a vegetable that wilted after being salted.



日本を旅しよう! -Exploring Japan- 岐阜県(ぎふけん) - Gifu Prefecture

Fast facts!

-Gifu Prefecture is mountainous in the north, including parts of the Japanese Alps, and flat in the south with large, fertile plains

-The eastern city of Tajimi is considered to be the hottest city in Honshu and regularly records the country's annual hottest temperature

-Gifu is famous for using cormorant birds to fish, especially for *ayu* (sweetfish), and for its traditional washi paper which is used to make Gifu Lanterns and Gifu Umbrellas

-One of only eight landlocked prefectures, Gifu is more known for its beef, miso, fruit, and nuts than any seafood delicacies

-Gifu is home to hot springs in Gero and Okuhida, UNESCO-designated historical villages in Shirakawa, and Takayama's preserved Old Town



Dialect Discovery

岐阜弁 - ぎふべん

- しる (shiru; to do) する
- どえらい (doerai; very) すごく
- わっち (watchi; I) わたし
- つれ (tsure; friend/acquaintance) ともだち/しりあい



飛騨の里 (ひだのさと) Hida Folk Village

This open air museum exhibits a traditional-style mountain village in the Hida region of Gifu Prefecture, located near Takayama. These houses, known as gassho-zukuri because their roofs looking like hands clasped in prayer (gassho), were built during the Edo Period and relocated to make this village in the early 1970s.

To read about JET Alum Meryl's experience living and teaching in Gifu-shi, Gifu, [click here!](#)

JSB Meets JET Alum Meryl Jordan!

クイズタイム!

てんき

1. 天気はどうでしたか。

..... () です。

How was the weather?

..... It was not good.

a. よくない b. よいじゃなかった c. よくなかった

やさい

た

2. 野菜を ()、食べよう。

Let's eat without leaving any vegetables

お

のこ

と

a. 置かず b. 残さず c. 取らず

さんぽ

えき い

しんぶん か

3. 散歩 () ちょっと駅へ行って、新聞を買ってきます。

a. ながら b. がてら c. ばかり



☆花見

Hanami is the yearly Japanese tradition of viewing cherry blossoms. This practice - which dates back several hundred years - was the symbolic start of spring.

Originally, Japanese people would travel all over to view plum blossoms, which are said to symbolize hope and renewal since these blossoms were among the first to appear after the harsh winter. There are also several places in New England that are good for cherry blossom viewing this hanami season!

Spring Vocabulary! - 春の単語!

春 (はる) - Spring

梅 (うめ) - Plum

桜 (さくら) - Cherry Blossom

花見 (はなみ) - Blossom Viewing

春分 (しゅんぶん) - Vernal Equinox

新学期 (しんがっき) - New Semester

花びら (はなびら) - Petals

花粉 (かふん) - Pollen

桜吹雪 (さくらふぶき) - Falling Cherry Blossoms

葉桜 (はざくら) - Cherry Blossom Leaves

花粉症 (かふんしょう) - Hay Fever

春一番 (はるいちばん) - First Strong Wind of Spring

Places to See in Gifu!

Gifu Castle - Gifu, Gifu Prefecture

Gifu Park - Gifu, Gifu Prefecture

Yōrō Waterfall - Yōrō, Gifu Prefecture

Monet's Pond, Seki, Gifu Prefecture

Kegonji Temple, Ibigawa, Gifu Prefecture



Gifu Castle



"A Tour of the Waterfalls of the Provinces - Minokoku Yōrō no Taki" by Katsushika Hokusai

Upcoming JSB Events!

Seeing Poetry

Waka and Haiku as Visual-Tactile Art Part 2

Tuesday, May 10th, 2022 at 6PM (EDT)

句会 - our monthly Poetry Club

Between the Lines

A Monthly Discussion of **the Tale of Genji**
for JSB members held on the
third Tuesday of the Month

Between the Lines - our monthly *The Tale of Genji* discussion on May 17th at 6pm EDT
(for JSB members only!)