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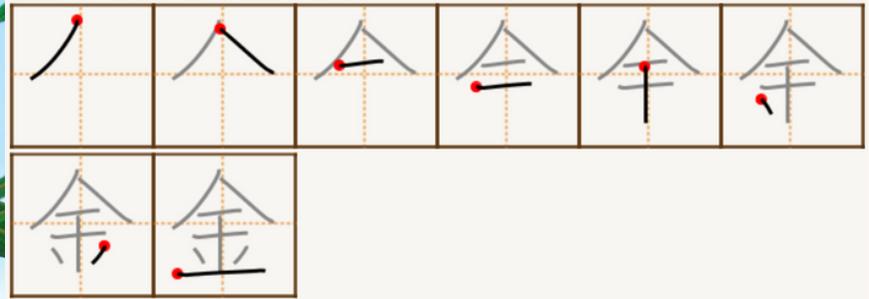
Let's study! 勉強(べんきょう)しましょう!

今月の漢字

gold

金

訓読み: かね, かな
音読み: キン, コン



8 strokes

Associated Common Words

貯金 (ちよきん) - savings, deposit

現金 (げんきん) - cash

筋金入り (すじがねいり) - staunch, hardcore

History of Kanji 金



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四字熟語 -よじじゆくご- (4 Character Idiom)

いっこくせんきん

一刻千金

Every moment is precious; time is money

Example

久しぶりの同窓会はあつという間に終わってしまい、まさに「一刻千金」の思いだ。

Hisashiburi no dousoukai wa atto iu ma ni owatte shimai, masani "ikkokusenkin" no omoi da.

My [first] class reunion after a long time ended in a flash and it's the exact feeling of "every moment is precious".

ことわざ (proverb)

かね てんか まわ もの

金は天下の回り物

Money comes and goes; money goes around and comes around

Example

「金は天下の回り物」と言うし、努力して働けば報われる時が来るだろう。

"Kane wa tenka no mawari mono" to iu shi, doryoku shite hatarakeba mukuwareru toki ga kuru darou.

It is said that "money goes around and comes around," so if you work hard, the time will come when you are rewarded.



日本を旅しよう! -Exploring Japan- 茨城県 (いばらきけん) - Ibaraki Prefecture

Fast facts!

-Ibaraki Prefecture is part of the Greater Tokyo Area and its eastern coast lies on the Pacific Ocean

-The prefecture is home to Lake Kasumigaura, Japan's second-largest lake, the Tone River, Japan's second-longest river, and Mount Tsukuba, famous for its double peaks

-Kairaku-en, one of Japan's Three Great Gardens, is located in Mito, the prefectural capital city, and is especially known for its plum blossoms

-As for food, Mito is famous for *nattō*, Chikusei for watermelon, and the Nishiibaraki region for chestnuts

-Ibaraki is a major industrial hub and also has one of the country's highest rates of fishing and agricultural production

Dialect Discovery

茨城弁 - いばらきべん

- こわい (kowai; tired) ねむい
- こうもり (kōmori; umbrella) かさ
- おとと (ototo; fish) さかな
- ひゃっこい (hyakkoi; cold [to the touch]) つめたい



JSB Meets JET Alum Rachel Arredondo!

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

茨城県近代美術館 - The Museum of Modern Art, Ibaraki

This museum in Ibaraki is home to an impressive collection of modern/contemporary art. It opened in October of 1988 and is located on the shore of Lake Senba in the city of Mito. Along with some impressive pieces by native artists, there are also works by famous French impressionists such as Manet, Monet, and Renoir.

クイズタイム!

1. 金曜日 () 友達とレストランに行きます。

I'm going to a restaurant with my friends on Friday.

- a. で b. が c. に

2. 昨日、銀行でお金を () 出しました。

I withdrew money at the bank yesterday.

- a. 取り b. 引き c. 払い

3. いくら努力しても成果があげられないので、() なってきた。

- a. むなしく b. たやすく c. ひさしく



☆七夕祭

On July 7th, everyone in Japan celebrates the Tanabata Festival or "Star Festival" as it has also come to be known. Originating in China, it is a celebration of the one night of the year that the gods Hikoboshi and Orihime (represented by the stars Altair and Vega), can meet each other. According to myth, these two deities are lovers, yet are separated by the Milky Way. It is only on the seventh day of the seventh lunar month (July 7th) that these two can reunite with each other.

Tanabata Vocabulary! - 七夕の単語!

彦星 (ひこぼし) - Altair star (Japanese Name)

織姫 (おりひめ) - Vega star (Japanese Name)

伝説 (でんせつ) - legend, folklore

星座 (せいざ) - constellations

天の川 (あまのがわ) - Milky Way

願い事 (ねがいごと) - wish

装飾 (そうしょく) - decoration

七月七日 (しちがつなのか) - July 7th

短冊 (たんざく) - wish paper

笹 (ささ) - bamboo leaf

笹飾り (ささかざり) - bamboo decoration

浴衣 (ゆかた) - yukata (robe)

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Answer key: 1. c 2. b 3. a