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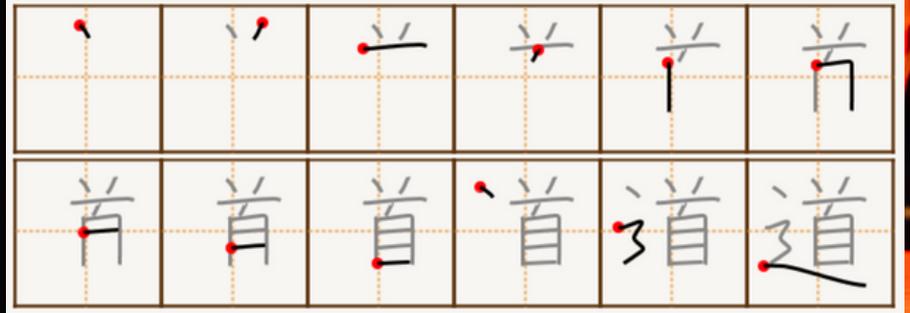
Let's study! 勉強(べんきょう)しましょう!

今月の漢字

road

道

訓読み: みち
音読み: ドウ, トウ



12 strokes

Associated Common Words

片道 (かたみち) - one way

道徳 (どうとく) - morals

神道 (しんとう) - Shinto religion

History of Kanji 道



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四字熟語 - よじじゆくご - (4 Character Idiom)

ぶんぶりょうどう

文武両道

Doing well in both school and sports, being accomplished in both the literary and military arts

Example

山田くんは運動も勉強もできて、まさに「文武両道」だ。

Yamada-kun wa undou mo benkyou mo dekite, masani "**bunburyoudou**" da.

Yamada-kun is able to do [well in] both athletics and studying, he is surely someone who is good at both "pen and sword."

ことわざ (proverb)

せんり みち いっぽ

千里の道も一歩から

A journey of a thousand miles begins with a single step

Example

「千里の道も一歩から」と言うように、何事もすぐ結果が出るわけではないので、地道に努力してみることにしました。

"Senri no michi mo ippo kara" to iu you ni, nanigoto mo sugu kekka ga deru wake dewanai node, jimichi ni doryoku shite miru koto ni shimashita.

As the saying goes, "a journey of a thousand miles begins with a single step," so I decided to steadily work hard because nothing gives immediate results.



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 approximately in the geographical center of the Japanese archipelago & includes the western stretch of the Japanese Alps in the southwest and nearly all of the Noto Peninsula in the north -Kanazawa, the capital city, is where most of the prefecture's industry is centered with products including silk, rayon, lacquerware, and traditional Kutani (porcelain) ware

-Ishikawa Prefecture made up part of the historic Hokuriku region and was home to some of the wealthiest *han* (domains) of the feudal era

-While almost every Japanese prefecture prides itself on its fish, Ishikawa is especially known for some of the freshest & most delicious fish in Japan

-Check out the December 2021 issue of our *Perapera* Newsletter for more Ishikawa facts!





近江町市場 - Ōmichō Market

Located in Kanazawa, Ōmichō Market has been the biggest fresh food market in the city since the Edo Period. It is made up of about 200 stalls and shops primarily devoted to the selling of produce. Most business is conducted in the morning, however it is recommended to go around noon, when tourists and locals alike come to eat lunch.

Dialect Discovery

石川弁 - いしかわべん

- おたべやす (otabeyasu; please eat) めしあがれ
- もたもた (motamota; slowly) ぐずぐず
- よさり (yosari; night) よる
- なげる (nageru; throw away) すてる

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



JSB Meets JET Alum Ian Malloy!

クイズタイム!

1. 公園 () 行く道を教えてもらえませんか。

Could you tell me the way to the park?

- a. の b. へ c. で

2. 時間がない ()、急げ!

There's no time, so hurry up!

- a. ため b. ので c. から

3. 道に ()、とても困った。

- a. なくして b. わからなくて c. 迷って



☆お盆祭

The summers in Japan are filled with festivals and fun. One of the biggest is Obon, an annual Buddhist celebration honoring the spirits of past ancestors. It is believed that during Obon, which takes place every August, the spirits of the departed can temporarily return to the mortal world in order to visit their relatives. There are several traditions that are practiced during Obon, including hanging lanterns and leaving food offerings at family altars. The most popular is the bon odori, or dances.

Obon Vocabulary! - お盆の単語!

提灯 (ちょうちん) - Paper Lantern

墓参り (はかまいり) - Visiting a Grave

迎え火 (むかえび) - Welcome Fire

供え物 (そなえもの) - Offering

霊 (れい) - Spirit

あの世 (あのよ) - Afterlife

仏壇 (ぶつだん) - Buddhist Altar

盆踊り (ぼんおどり) - Bon Festival Dance

灯籠流し (とうろうながし) - Floating Lanterns

送り火 (おくりび) - Ceremonial Bonfire

先祖 (せんぞ) - Ancestor

精霊流し (しょうろうながし) - Spirit Boat Procession

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