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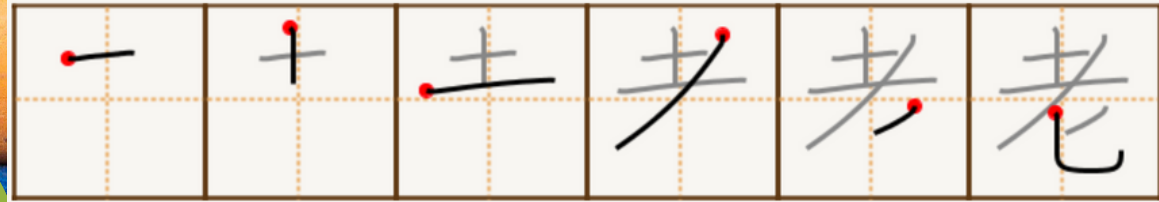
Let's study! 勉強(べんきょう)しましょう!

今月の漢字

old age

老

訓読み: お(いる),ふ(ける)
音読み: ロウ



6 strokes

Associated Common Words

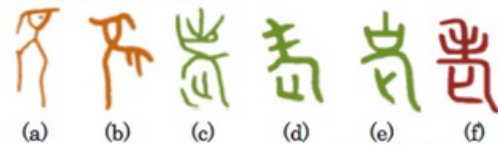
老人(ろうじん) - elderly person, people

老後(ろうご) - life after retirement

海老(えび)* - shrimp

*熟字訓(じゅくじくん): special reading for kanji compounds based on meaning where individual reading corresponds neither to 訓読み nor 音読み

History of Kanji 老



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四字熟語 -よじじゅくご (4 Character Idiom)

ろうにやくなんによ

老若男女

Men and women of all ages

Example

パーティーで老若男女を問わず楽しめそうなゲームを考えよう。

Pa-ti- de **rounyakunan'nyo** wo towazu tanoshimesouna ge-mu wo kangaeyou.

Let's think of a game that men and women can enjoy at a party regardless of age or gender.

ことわざ (proverb)

おこしたが
老いては子に従え

Be guided by your children when you are old

Example

「老いては子に従え」と言うし、体力も落ちてきたことだし、そろそろ農業は息子達に任せて、ゆっくりしよう。

"**Oite wa ko ni shitagae**" to iu shi, tairyoku mo ochitekita koto da shi, sorosoro nougyou wa musukotachi ni makasete, yukkuri shiyou.

They say "be guided by your children when you are old," and since my physical strength is declining, I shall leave farming to my sons and take it easy.

日本を旅しよう! -Exploring Japan- 千葉県(ちばけん) - Chiba Prefecture



Fast facts!

- Chiba Prefecture is located on Japan's eastern Pacific coast to the east of Tokyo and is part of the Greater Tokyo Area, the most populous metropolitan area in the world
- Chiba's population is one of the wealthiest in Japan due to the prefecture's strong commercial and industrial sectors
- With the exception of the large Keiyō Industrial Zone in the northeast, the entirety of the prefecture's long rugged coast is protected as national parks
- Chiba is also known for its many beaches, including **Ubara Beach**
- The prefecture boasts the second-highest agricultural output in all of Japan overall with only Hokkaido producing more; peanuts are considered a specialty snack
- For more information about Chiba, check out our [August 2021](#) issue!



Dialect Discovery

千葉弁 - ちばべん

- いんころ (inkoro; puppy) こいぬ
- やあこい (yaakoi; soft) やわらかい
- ゆっくれ (yukkure; evening, dusk) ゆうがた
- ひゃっこい (hyakkoi; cold to the touch) つめたい

To read about JET Alexandra's experience living and teaching in Chiba Prefecture, [click here!](#)



JSB Meets JET Alum Alexandra Vaillancourt!



Chiba - Agricultural Paradise!

Chiba Prefecture has several good selling points, but one of the best is that it serves the nation as the second-largest producer of agriculture. Among Chiba's culinary delights are daikon, Japanese plum, abalone, and... peanuts! Chiba is actually the largest prefectural distributor of peanuts in Japan!

クイズタイム!

ひる はん た

1. Q) もうお昼ご飯を食べましたか。

A) いいえ、まだ ()。

Q) Have you eaten your lunch?

A) No, not yet.

a. 食べませんでした b. 食べたことはありません c. 食べていません

けいろう ひ そ ふ ぼ い

2. 敬老の日に祖父母に () 行きました。

I went to visit my grandparents on Respect for the Aged Day.

a. 会えたら b. 会いに c. 会って

た なか さい とし わり み

3. 田中さんが40歳だなんて。年の割に () 見えるね。

a. 老いて b. 老けて c. 老化して



☆9月の天気

Though September heralds the beginning of Fall around the Northern Hemisphere, in Japan the Summer heat is known to hang around until October. The average heat hovers around 80 degrees Fahrenheit, and only falls to about 70 degrees. Due to typhoons, September is also a month filled with heavy rains, though they are a refreshing break from the lingering humidity. If you truly want to experience Autumn temperatures in September, your only option is to travel to **Hokkaidō**, which remains mild even during the hottest months of the Summer season.

Chiba Food! - 千葉県の食べ物!

ピーナッツ - Peanut(s)

なめろう - Namerō (Minced Fish)

伊勢海老 (いせえび) - Spiny Lobster

苺 (いちご) - Strawberry

大根 (だいこん) - Daikon Radish

鮑 (あわび) - Abalone

醤油 (しょうゆ) - Soy Sauce

蛤 (はまぐり) - Clam

太巻き (ふとまき) - Thick-Rolled Sushi

ぼたん鍋 (ぼたんなべ) - Boar Hotpot

花料理 (はなりょうり) - Flower Cuisine

牡蠣 (かき) - Oyster

CELEBRATING HACHIKO



AUTHOR TALK WITH
PAMELA S. TURNER

Writer of *Hachiko: The True Story of a Loyal Dog*

Monday, October 2nd
6 PM - 7 PM EDT
Hosted online via Zoom

Join us on October 2nd as we honor the legendary akita Hachiko and delve into his heartwarming tale of loyalty!

Don't miss our event with Pamela S. Turner, author of *Hachiko: The True Story of a Loyal Dog*. Get ready for an inspiring discussion on Japan, storytelling, and the enduring spirit of Hachiko.

This event is free and open to the public.

Register [here!](#)

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