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Once a month language-focused newsletter designed for both new and seasoned Japanese learners to use as a resource for study.

Let's study! 勉強(べんきょう)しましょう!

今月の漢字

argument

論

訓読み: あげつら(う)

音読み: ロン



15 strokes

Associated Common Words

論文 (ろんぶん) - thesis, essay

結論 (けつろん) - conclusion (of an argument, discussion, study, etc.)

一般論 (いっぱんろん) - prevailing view; common opinion

History of Kanji 論



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四字熟語 - よじじゅくご (4 Character Idiom)

さんぴりょうろん

賛否両論

Arguments for or against; pros and cons; mixed reception

Example

あのアニメははっきりした結末がないまま終わってしまって、賛否両論があったが、私は色々と考えさせられていいアニメだったと思う。

Ano anime wa hakkiri shita ketsumatsu ga nai mama owatte shimatte, **sanpiroyoron** ga atta ga, watashi wa iroiro to kangaesaserarete ii anime datta to omou.

That anime ended without a clear conclusion and so there was a mixed reception, but I thought it was a good anime that made me think about a lot of things.

ことわざ (Proverb)

ろん しょうこ

論より証拠

The proof of the pudding is in the eating; evidence is better than debate

Example

この商品が売れているから、もっと作ろうと言っても誰も信じてくれなかったが、「論より証拠」で、売り上げデータを見せたら、みんなすぐ私の意見に賛成してくれた。

Kono shouhin ga ureteiru kara, motto tsukurou to itte mo dare mo shinjite kurenakatta ga, "**ron yori shouko**" de, uriage de-ta wo misetara, minna sugu watashi no iken ni sansei shite kureta.

No one believed me when I said we should make more of this product because it was selling well, so I showed them the sales data since evidence is better than debate, and everyone immediately agreed with my opinion.

日本を旅しよう! -Exploring Japan-

和歌山県(わかやまけん) - Wakayama Prefecture

Fast facts!

-Wakayama Prefecture is located in Japan's Kansai region. It is located on the southwestern coast of the Kii Peninsula on the Kii Channel, which connects the Pacific Ocean and Seto Inland Sea

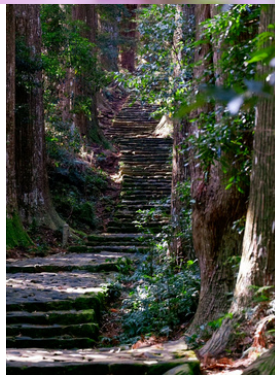
-Yuasa town, which was used as a post station along the Kumano road, is said to be the birthplace of soy sauce. Visitors can enjoy making their own soy sauce and indulge in soy sauce ice cream

-At 133 meters high, **Nachi Waterfall** is the highest drop in Japan, making it among the most famous. Ōkuninushi, an important deity in Japanese mythology, is enshrined at the falls-**Kumano Nachi Taisha**, the shrine built in front of Nachi Waterfall, is home to an 850 year old camphor tree with a hollow trunk that visitors can step into

熊野古道 (くまのこどう)

Kumano Kodō

Kumano Kodō is an ancient network of pilgrimage trails through the mountainous Kii Peninsula in Wakayama Prefecture. It connects the sacred Kumano Sanzan shrines: Kumano Hayatama Taisha Grand Shrine, Kumano Hongu Taisha Grand Shrine, and Kumano Nachi Taisha Grand Shrine. Dating back more than 1,000 years, it is one of only two pilgrimage World Heritage Sites recognized by UNESCO. Walked by emperors to commoners alike, this trek has remained historically and spiritually relevant. The Kumano faith that is deeply connected to this pilgrimage focuses on the worship of natural features of the environment.



Dialect Discovery

和歌山弁 - わかやまべん

- あいた (aita): tomorrow (明日(あした))
- おもしろい (omoshai): interesting; funny (面白(おもしろ)い)
- にんにこ (ninniko): onigiri (おにぎり)
- ようさん (yousan): a lot (たくさん)
- わやくちゃ (wayakucha): absurdly, very (めちゃくちゃ)

クイズタイム!

1. だんだん () なってきましたね。もうすぐ夏休みですね。

なつやす

It's getting hotter and hotter, huh? It'll be summer vacation soon.

- a. 暑いに b. 暑く c. 暑い

2. 卒論はいつまでに () いいですか。

そつろん

By when should I submit my graduation thesis?

- a. 出して b. 出せば c. 出さなければ

3. 今日は、この議題について () しょう。

きょう

ぎだい

- a. 討論 b. 論争 c. 理論

Hie-Jinja Shrine



さんのうまつ

☆山王祭り

The Sannō Matsuri is one of three major Tokyo festivals along with the Kanda Matsuri and Sanja Matsuri. It is celebrated in mid-June at the Hie-Jinja Shrine in Nagatacho, Chiyoda, Tokyo, where the guardian deity of Tokyo is said to be enshrined. Two imperial carriages are carried through central Tokyo along with a *mikoshi*, a portable Shinto shrine.

Hiking Vocab! - ハイキングの単語!

山登り (やまのぼり) - Mountain climbing

登山靴 (とざんぐつ) - Hiking boots

山歩き (やまあるき) - Walking in the mountains

山頂 (さんちょう) - Mountain summit

登山口 (とざんぐち) - Trailhead

道中 (どうちゅう) - Along the way

世界遺産 (せかいいさん) - World Heritage site

水筒 (すいとう) - Water bottle

狸 (たぬき) - Raccoon dog

大山椒魚 (オオサンショウウオ) - Japanese giant salamander

COOKING & CULTURE

The Secret of Japanese Home Meals

AT THE FOUNDRY, 101 ROGERS ST., CAMBRIDGE, MA



JULY 25, 2026

11:00 AM - 2:00 PM

Learn the foundation of traditional Japanese home cooking through the concept of *ichiju-sansai* - "one soup and three dishes." In this hands-on class led by Boston-based culinary entrepreneur and educator Yoko Bryden, you'll discover how to create a healthy, well-balanced meal using seasonal vegetables, simple seasonings, and traditional cooking methods.

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