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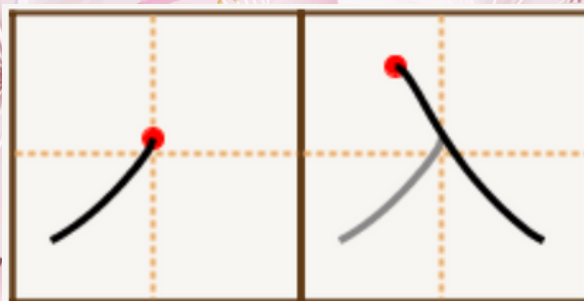
今月の漢字

enter



訓読み: い(る), い(れる), はい(る)

音読み: ニュウ, ジュ



2 strokes

Associated Common Words

入学 (にゅうがく) - enrollment, admission to school

入り口 (いりぐち) - entrance

入院 (にゅういん) する - to be hospitalized

History of Kanji 入



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四字熟語 - よじじゅくご (4 Character Idiom)

たんとうちよくにゅう

単刀直入

Straight to the point; walking into enemy territory clutching a sword and getting right to the point

Example

回りくどく説明されるより、厳しく聞こえても単刀直入に上司に言われたほうが、私はわかりやすく好きだ。Mawarikudoku setsumei sareru yori, kibishiku kikoete mo **tantouchokunyuu** ni jyoushi ni iwareta hou ga, watashi wa wakari yasukute suki da.

Rather than explaining things in a roundabout way, it's better when my superior(s) tell me things straight to the point, even if it sounds harsh, because it's easier to understand.

ことわざ (proverb)

ごう い ごう したが

郷に入っては郷に従え

When in Rome, do as the Romans do; when you enter a new place or social group, it is best to follow the local customs and policies

Example

アメリカから日本にきてもう一年。慣れないこともまだまだ多いけど、「郷に入っては郷に従え」という気持ちで生活している。Amerika kara nihon ni kite mou ichi nen. Narenai koto mo madamada ooi kedo, "**gou ni itte wa gou ni shitagae**" to iu kimochi de seikatsu shiteiru.

It's already been a year since I came to Japan from the US. While there are still many things I haven't gotten used to, I'm living life with the mindset of "when in Rome, do as the Romans do."

日本を旅しよう! -Exploring Japan-
広島県(ひろしまけん) - Hiroshima Prefecture

Fast facts!

-Hiroshima is a prefecture in the southwest of Japan's main island of Honshu and is bordered by the Seto Inland Sea to the south and the Chūgoku Mountains in the north

-Hiroshima is one of three prefectures in Japan with more than one UNESCO World Heritage Site (the other two being Nara and Tokyo)

-One of the two sites is the **Hiroshima Peace Memorial**, also known as the Genbaku or Atomic Bomb Dome. The Memorial is centered around the ruins of the only building left standing after the first atomic bomb was detonated by the US over the city of Hiroshima on August 6, 1945 -"A stark and powerful symbol of the most destructive force ever created by humankind, it also expresses the hope for world peace and the ultimate elimination of all nuclear weapons." (Source: UNESCO)



縮景園 Shukkei-en

Located in Hiroshima City, this garden is adjacent to the Hiroshima Prefectural Art Museum, and only a short walk from ground zero of the nuclear attack on Hiroshima. 'Shukkeien' can be translated as "shrunk-scenery garden," which reflects in the miniature imitations of natural scenery within.

Dialect Discovery

広島弁 - ひろしまべん

- なんぼう (nanbou; how much) いくら
- ねぎ (neki; nearby) そば・ちかく
- いたしい (itashii; difficult) むずかしい
- いぬる (inuru; return) かえる

To read about JET Alum Bianca's experience living and teaching in Hiroshima Prefecture,

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クイズタイム!

1. かばん () 財布を入れたんですが、見つからないんです。

I put my wallet in my bag, but I can't find it.

a. へ b. なか c. に

2. 冷蔵庫に牛乳が ()。

There is milk in the refrigerator.

a. 入れています b. 入っています c. 入りています

3. ここに住所と名前を () してください。

a. 記述 b. 記入 c. 加入



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☆都をどり

There are 5 different geisha districts in Kyoto, and each puts on staged public dances annually. Of these five, three are in April, and one of these is the *Miyako Odori* in Gion Kobu, which is the most well-known and the most performed. The Miyako Odori was first performed in 1872, along with Pontocho's Kamogawa Odori (held in May), making them the oldest performances of the five in Kyoto. Similar performances are also held annually in other regions across Japan.

Garden Vocabulary - 庭の単語!

土 (つち) - Earth, Soil

種 (たね) - Seeds

熊手 (くまで) - Rake

雑草 (ざっそう) - Weed

池 (いけ) - Pond

芽 (め) - bud

花壇 (かだん) - Flowerbed

ししおどし - Water-filled bamboo tube that makes a knocking sound when empties out

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There are many expressions commonly used in Japanese language and culture. In this column, we introduce expressions frequently used in Japanese business settings, along with aspects of Japanese business culture.

はたらきがい (Hatarakigai)

"Hatarakigai" can be translated into English as "work motivation" or "sense of fulfillment at work." It refers to the satisfaction, purpose, and engagement individuals experience in their jobs. This concept includes various elements such as personal growth, alignment with one's values, recognition, and a positive work environment.



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Hatarakigai Search! ↓



「はたらきがい」について

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