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## Let's study! 勉強(べんきょう)しましょう!

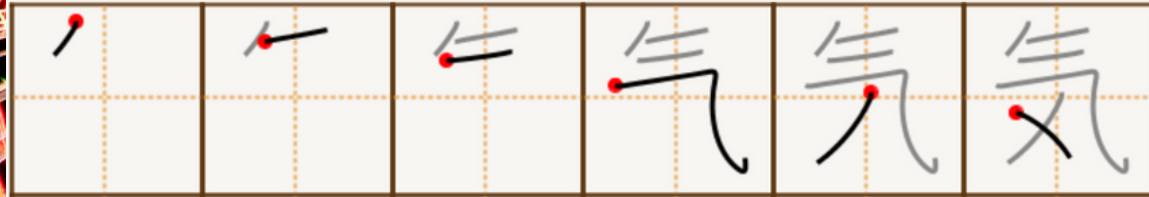
今月の漢字

spirit, mind

# 気

訓読み: き

音読み: キ, ケ



**6 strokes**

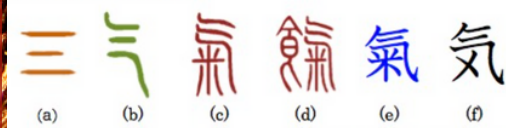
Associated Common Words

空気(くうき) - air, mood

天気(てんき) - weather

気配(けはい) - indication, presence, sign

History of Kanji 気



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四字熟語 - よじじゅくご (4 Character Idiom)

いきとうごう  
**意气投合**

To find a kindred spirit in another person, to match each other's hearts and minds

**Example**

スミスさんとは初対面だったが、お互い日本に住んでいたこともあり、すっかり「意气投合」して、三時間近くしゃべった。

Sumisu-san to wa shotaimen datta ga, otagai nihon ni sundeita koto mo ari, sukkari "ikitoushou" shite, san jikan chikaku shabetta.

Although it was my first meeting with Smith-san, because we had both lived in Japan, we were totally kindred spirits and chatted for close to three hours.

ことわざ (proverb)

やまい き  
**病は気から**

Sickness and health start with the mind

**Example**

「病は気から」って言うし、心配して病気についていろいろと調べるより、今日はゆっくり寝た方がいいと思うよ。

"**Yamai wa ki kara**" tte iu shi, shinpai shite byouki ni tsuite iroiro to shiraberu yori, kyou wa yukkuri neta hou ga ii to omou yo.

It is said that "sickness and health start with the mind," so rather than worrying and researching various things about your illness, I think it would be better if you sleep well today.



## 日本を旅しよう! -Exploring Japan- 高知県(こうちけん) - Kochi Prefecture

**Fast facts!**

- Kochi is the largest but least populated of Shikoku's four prefectures and its capital city, Kochi, is where over 40% of the prefecture's population lives
- The prefecture was formerly known as Tosa. Tosa and its local hero, the samurai Sakamoto Ryoma, played an important historical role during the Meiji Restoration and his image can be found all over Kochi
- Kochi is home to Kochi Castle, one of the most intact castles in Japan, as well as many rivers, including the Shimanto, Japan's only undammed river
- Their specialty food is *katsuo no tataki* which is lightly seared bonito or shipjack tuna
- The first ever **Yosakoi** festival occurred in Kochi in 1954 and is still held in Kochi City over four days every August. About 20,000 people from 200 teams gather to dance to the rhythms of *naruko*, a handheld instrument

# Dialect Discovery

## 高知弁 - こうちべん

- ひやい (hiyai; cold, chilly, freezing) さむい, つめたい
- みぞい (mizoi; short) みじかい
- こじゃんと (kojanto; really, very) とても
- やきん (yakin; therefore, so) だから

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



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### Shikoku Pilgrimage - 四国遍路 (しこくへんろ)

The Shikoku Pilgrimage is one of the only circular pilgrimages in the world, and encompasses 88 Buddhist temples throughout the island. It connects several temples where the famous Buddhist saint/bodhisattva Kōbō Daishi is said to have trained in/visited in the 9th century and attracts many pilgrims from around the world every year.

## クイズタイム!

1. 今日<sup>きょう</sup>は疲<sup>つか</sup>れていて、なん<sup>き</sup>だかやる気が ( ) 。

*I'm tired today and don't feel like doing anything.*

- a. 上がらない    b. 出ない    c. 持てない

2. 新<sup>しん</sup>学期<sup>がっき</sup>だし、気<sup>き</sup>合<sup>あい</sup>を ( ) いこう。

*Since it's the new semester, let's roll up our sleeves and get to work.*

- a. 入れて    b. 入って    c. 入て

3. さしみにアイスクリーム<sup>た</sup>をかけて食<sup>わ</sup>べるなんて ( ) が悪い。

- a. 気性<sup>きしょう</sup>    b. 気分<sup>きぶん</sup>    c. 気持ち<sup>きもち</sup>



### ☆夏祭 (なつまつり)

Summer is the time for vacation and celebration around the world and the best way to do this is to experience a Japanese Festival! Festivals happen throughout the year in Japan, but summer is by far the busiest time. All through the season, various cities put up colorful lanterns, create flashy floats, don breezy *yukata*, and eat all kinds of festival foods. Some of the most famous celebrations happen during this time - some regional, like Kyoto's **Gion Matsuri** - and some national - like the Tanabata festival of stars.

## Festival Vocabulary! - 祭の単語

祭 (まつり) - Festival

祝う (いわう) - To celebrate

花火 (はなび) - Fireworks

提灯 (ちょうちん) - Lanterns

団扇 (うちわ) - Uchiwa (Round Fan)

浴衣 (ゆかた) - Yukata (Summer Robe)

半被 (はっぴ) - Tube-sleeved half robe

お盆 (おぼん) - Obon

団子 (だんご) - Dango (Sweet Rice Dumplings)

かき氷 (かきごおり) - Kakigōri (Shaved Ice)

神社 (じんじゃ) - Shrine

神輿 (みこし) - Mikoshi (Portable Shrine)

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