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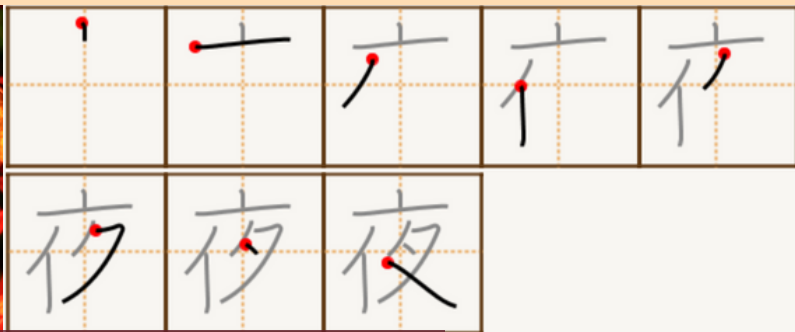
## Let's study! 勉強(べんきょう)しましょう!

今月の漢字

night

# 夜

訓読み: よ, よる  
音読み: ヤ



**8 strokes**

Associated Common Words

夜勤 (やきん) - night shift

徹夜 (てつや) - staying up all night

夜風 (よかぜ) - night breeze

History of Kanji 夜

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四字熟語 -よじじゅくご (4 Character Idiom)

ひゃっきやぎょう

### 百鬼夜行

Nightly procession of monsters, spirits, etc (literally: "Night of One Hundred Demons"); veritable pandemonium, i.e., a large number of people plotting and doing evil

**Example**

いかにも「百鬼夜行」が出そうな夜だったので、大きな声で歌を歌いながら家に帰った。  
Ikanimo "hyakkiyagyou" ga desou na yoru datta node, ookina koe de uta wo utainagara uchi ni kaetta.

It seriously seemed like a night where the "Night Parade of One Hundred Demons" was about to come out, so I went home loudly singing songs.

ことわざ (proverb)

つきよ ちょうちん

### 月夜に提灯

Unnecessary or useless things; carrying a lantern on a bright moonlit night is useless and just gets in the way

**Example**

こんな暖かい日に暖房をつけるなんてもったいない。「月夜に提灯」もいいところだ。

Kon'na atataki hi ni danbou wo tsukeru nante mottainai.  
"Tsukiyo ni chouchin" mo ii tokoro da.

Turning on the heater on such a warm day would be wasteful. It's the same kind of thing as "carrying a lantern on a bright moonlit night."

## 日本を旅しよう! -Exploring Japan- 長崎県 (ながさきけん) - Nagasaki Prefecture

**Fast facts!**

- Nagasaki Prefecture is located in the northwest of the island of Kyushu and largely consists of peninsulas and archipelagos of hundreds of islands
- The terrain is mostly mountainous and the limited agricultural land is intensively cultivated with rice, sweet potatoes, and *mikan*
- The fishing industry brings in sardines, yellowtail, flounder, and halibut
- Huis Ten Bosch** theme park in Sasebo city is one of the most famous attractions. Made to channel the Netherlands, notable areas of the park include multiple gardens filled with different flowers as well as the fantastic nighttime light showcase
- For more information about Nagasaki, check out our May 2023 issue!
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### 諏訪神社 (すわじんじゃ) Suwa Shrine

Suwa Shrine is the most important shrine in Nagasaki, founded in 1619. The Nagasaki Kunchi is the shrine's most famous festival, held annually from October 7-9. The festival began along with the founding of the shrine as a way to both demonstrate its importance to the community and as a way to hunt for Hidden Christians.

# Dialect Discovery

## 長崎弁 - ながさきべん

- きゅう (kyuu; today) きょう
- かんげ (kange; hair) かみ
- よんべ (yonbe; last night) さくばん
- よけい (yokei; many) おおい

To read about JET Alum Sean's experience living and teaching in Nagasaki Prefecture,

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## クイズタイム!

1. ハロウィンには、僕、スーパーマリオに ( ) たい!

*For Halloween, I want to be Super Mario!*

a. あり b. いらい c. なり

2. 山田さん、まだ来ないなあ。そろそろ食べ ( ) か。

*Yamada-san hasn't arrived yet, huh. Shall we begin eating soon?*

a. 始めよう b. 出そう c. 初めよう

3. 大好きなTVドラマを見て、また ( ) してしまった。明日の朝起きられるかなあ。

a. 夜遅く b. 夜更かし c. 寝るの遅く

Takiyasha the Witch and the Skeleton Spectre  
by Utagawa Kuniyoshi



## ☆ハロウィン

Though it is often associated with the West, Halloween is just as popular in Japan as it is anywhere else! The first Halloween celebrations in Japan began at Tokyo Disneyland in 2000, and since then it has been growing in popularity every year. One of the most famous Halloween bashes is at Shibuya Crossing, where the streets are closed off and the party continues on into the early morning. However, in recent years the police have been attempting to scale back the festivities due to the increasingly unruly nature that parties have exhibited in recent years.

## Halloween Vocab! - ハロウィンの単語!

南瓜 (かぼちゃ) - Pumpkin

骨 (ほね) - Bone

怖い (こわい) - Scary

魔女 (まじょ) - Witch

箒 (ほうき) - Broom

コウモリ - Bat

幽霊 (ゆうれい) - Ghost

黒猫 (くろねこ) - Black Cat

吸血鬼 (きゅうけつき) - Vampire

骸骨 (がいこつ) - Skeleton

怪物 (かいぶつ) - Monster

お菓子 (おかし) - Sweets, candy

## CELEBRATING HACHIKO: ALL ABOUT AKITAS

WITH **LESLÉA NEWMAN**

SHE WROTE  
HACHIKO WAITS!

ONLINE  
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 4TH | 2:30 PM ET



Join us on November 4th as we honor the legendary akita Hachiko and delve into his heartwarming tale of loyalty!

Don't miss our event with Lesléa Newman, author of *Hachiko Waits*. We will also be joined by the president of Big East Akita Rescue, Jo Ann Dimon, to hear more about the special akita breed.

This online event is free and open to the public.

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