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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

heavens

天

訓読み: あめ, あま, そら
音読み: テン



4 strokes

Associated Common Words

天気 (てんき) - weather
天ぷら (てんぷら) - tempura
天の川 (あまのかわ) - Milky Way

History of Kanji 天



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四字熟語 - よじじゅくご (4 Character Idiom)

てんしんらんまん

天真爛漫

Innocent; naive; genuine; showing a person as they are without any pretense or affectation

Example

娘には大人になっても今のように
天真爛漫なまゐってほしいものだ。

Musume ni wa otona ni nattemo ima no you ni
tenshinranman na mama ite hoshii mono da.

Even when my daughter becomes an adult, I hope she is able to stay innocent and genuine like she is now.

ことわざ (Proverb)

じんじ つ てんめい ま

人事を尽くして天命を待つ

Do your best and leave the rest to providence; humans do what we can do, then await the verdict of heaven/fate

Example

この何年間プロジェクトの成功に向けてやれる
ことを全てやった。「人事を尽くして天命を待つ」
と言うように、後は結果を待つのみだ。

Kono nan'nenkan purojekuto no seikou ni mukete yareru
koto wo subete yatta. "Jinji wo tsukushite tenmei wo matsu"
to iu you ni, ato wa kekka wo matsu nomi da.

Over the past few years, I have done everything I can to ensure the success of this project. As the saying goes, "do your best and leave the rest to providence," so all that remains is to wait for the results.

日本を旅しよう! -Exploring Japan- 埼玉県 (さいたまけん) - Saitama Prefecture



Fast facts!

- Saitama Prefecture is part of the Greater Tokyo Area, and most of its cities are seen as suburbs of Tokyo, with many residents commuting to the capital every day. Its population has nearly tripled since 1960 when modern transportation allowed for longer commutes
- Saitama is one of only 8 landlocked prefectures in Japan
- Most of the popular tourist sites are in the northwestern part of the prefecture, the **Chichibu Region**, which is quite hilly and mountainous
- Sayama tea, a type of green tea characterized by its thick leaves which can withstand colder winters, is produced mainly in southwest Saitama
- Saitama is also known as the bonsai capital of the world and is home to an ancient 34-temple pilgrimage route





川越 (かわごえ) Kawagoe

Kawagoe is a former castle town also known as Little Edo. In the old days, Kawagoe was an important commercial town that supplied resources to present day Tokyo. Its main street is still lined with some old-fashioned *kurazukuri* (clay-walled warehouse-styled) buildings, making it reminiscent of an old town from the Edo Period (1603-1867).

Dialect Discovery

埼玉弁 - さいたまべん

- 冷(ひゃ)っこい (hyakkoi; cold to the touch)
冷(つめ)たい
- あさっぱか (asappaka; morning job) 朝の仕事 (あさのしごと)
- とばぐち (tobaguchi; entrance) 入り口 (いりぐち)

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クイズタイム!

あした てん き

1. A: 明日の天気は () ?

あした は

B: 明日は晴れじゃないかなあ。

A: How will tomorrow's weather be?

B: I wonder if it'll be sunny tomorrow.

a. どちら b. どう c. どうやって

2. ビーチはゴミ () で、汚くて、残念だった。

きたな

ざんねん

It was regrettable that the beach was dirty and full of trash.

a. ばかり b. だらけ c. しか

3. 田中さんが会社を辞めたと聞いて、() から、仰天した。

た なか

かいしゃ や

き

ぎょうてん

a. さっぱり b. びっくり c. しっかり



★金魚すくい

Goldfish scooping, or *kingyo sukui*, is a traditional Japanese game and common summer festival activity. Each player scoops goldfish from a pool with a paper scooper called a *poi* and places them into a bowl. The game is usually timed, so speed is necessary, but you also have to be careful as the *poi* can tear easily! The game is over when the *poi* is completely torn or no longer able to scoop. Players can then take their scooped goldfish home in a plastic bag if they wish.

Summer Festival Vocabulary! - 夏祭りの単語!

祭り (まつり) - Festival

屋台 (やたい) - [Food] Stall or Cart

団子 (だんご) - Dango; (Usually) Sweet Dumpling

唐揚げ (からあげ) - Deep-fried Food (usu. chicken)

提灯 (ちょうちん) - Paper Lantern

団扇 (うちわ) - Uchiwa; Type of Handheld Fan

浴衣 (ゆかた) - Yukata; Light Cotton Kimono

綿飴 (わたあめ) - Cotton Candy

かき氷 (かきごおり) - Shaved Ice; Snow Cone

玉蜀黍 (とうもろこし) - Corn on the Cob

山車 (だし) - Parade Float

花火 (はなび) - Fireworks



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