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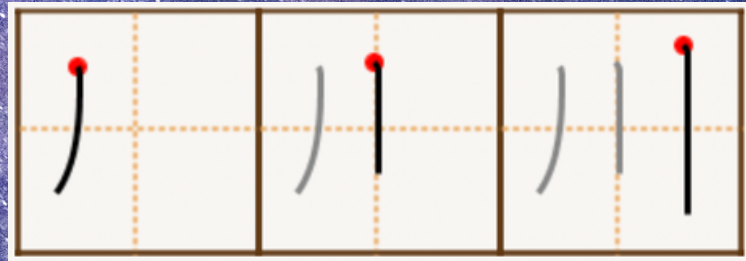
Once a month language-focused newsletter designed for both new and seasoned Japanese learners to use as a resource for study.

Let's study! 勉強(べんきょう)しましょう!

今月の漢字

river

川

訓読み: かわ
音読み: セン

3 strokes

Associated Common Words

河川敷 (かせんしき) - riverbed, riverbank

小川 (おがわ) - stream, brook

神奈川県 (かながわけん) - Kanagawa Prefecture

History of Kanji 川



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四字熟語 - よじじゅくご (4 Character Idiom)

めいざんしょうせん

名山勝川

Mountains and rivers with beautiful scenery

Example

日本は名山勝川に富んだ国で、景色の
美しい山や川が多い。Nippon wa **meizanshousen** ni tonda kuni de, keshiki no
utsukushii yama ya kawa ga ooi.Japan is a country rich in beautiful scenery of many
mountains and rivers.

ことわざ (Proverb)

かっぱ かわなが

河童の川流れ

Even experts make mistakes; even a kappa (Japanese water
imps who are good swimmers) can be carried away by a river

Example

夏の子供向けのイベントにプロの将棋士が
来ると聞いて見に行ったら、「河童の川流れ」とは
言うが、棋士は小学生に負けてしまった。Natsu no kodomo muke no ibento ni puro no shougishi ga
kuru to kiite mi ni ittara, "**kappa no kawanagare**" to wa
iu ga, kishi wa shougakusei ni makete shimatta.I went to see a summer event for children after hearing that a
professional shogi player would be there; true to the saying
that "even a kappa can be carried away by a river," the
professional shogi player lost to an elementary school student.日本を旅しよう! -Exploring Japan-
鹿児島県 (かごしまけん) - Kagoshima Prefecture

Fast facts!

- Kagoshima prefecture is located in the south of Kyushu and also includes the northernmost Ryuku Islands
- The *kanji* for Kagoshima translates to "deer child island." However, the origin of the name is disputed and is likely unrelated to deer
- Sakurajima** is an active volcano located right in the middle of Kagoshima Bay. Prior to a large eruption in 1914, the volcano was an island, but the volcanic material expelled from the earth bridged the gap between the mainland and turned it into a peninsula
- Many craters are present on the surface from thousands of years of eruptions, varying in scale, and are even visible from the urban areas surrounding the volcano!

指宿の砂むし (いぶすきのすなむし) Ibusuki Sand Baths

Like the hot springs in Kagoshima's famously volcanic region, there is another form of naturally heated relaxation: the Ibusuki hot steam sand baths, which have been the city's claim to fame for more than 300 years. It is said that sand baths provide 3-4 times as many benefits as a traditional hot spring bath. The heavy sand promotes blood circulation as one lies horizontally, buried up to the neck. In some spots along the beach the temperature can get up to 185 degrees Fahrenheit/85 degrees Celsius!



Dialect Discovery 鹿児島弁 - かごしまべん

- けをけけけ(kewokekeke): come buy shellfish (貝(かい)を買い(か)いに来(こ)い)
- わっぜ (wazze): very (とても)
- あいがともさげもす (aigatomosagemosu): thank you (ありがとうございます)
- さしかぶい (sashikabui): it's been a long time (久(ひさ)しぶり)

クイズタイム!

1. 山^{やま}や川^{かわ}がたくさん () 町^{まち}に住^すみたいです。
I want to live in a town with many mountains and rivers.

a. いる b. なる c. ある

2. 夏^{なつ}休^{やす}みは映^{えい}画^がを () つも^もりです。
During summer vacation I plan to watch movies and go to the beach.

a. 見^みるやビ^いーチに^み行く b. 見^みたりやビ^いーチに^み行くたりする
c. 見^みたりビ^いーチに^み行^いったりする

3. セ^{たな}七^{はた}は願^{ねが}いが叶^{かな}う日^ひだと () お^{にっ}り、日^{ぽん}本^{しち}では七^な月^が七^の日^かに
短^{たん}冊^{ざく}に願^{ねが}い事^{ごと}を書^かいて笹^{ささ}の葉^はに飾^{かざ}ります。

a. 言^いって b. 言^いわれて c. 言^いえて



☆おぎおんさあ

Around 400 years ago, early in the Edo period, Kagoshima city began hosting the Ogionsaa festival, their version of Gion Matsuri. The festival, which is the prefecture's largest, is said to ward off disease as well as help business. Like many other festivals, it features portable shrines and parade floats. The "Hon-Matsuri," which is the main part of the festival, consists of around 3000 people walking 2 kilometers. The festival happens annually in July.

Hot Springs and Sand Baths Vocab! - 温泉と砂むしの単語!

露天風呂 (ろてんぶろ) - open air bath
砂むし (すなむし) - (hot) sand bath
砂(すな)に埋(う)まる - to be buried in sand
汗(あせ)をかく - to sweat
地熱 (ちねつ) - geothermal heat

硫黄 (いおう) - sulfur
血行促進 (けっこうそくしん) - improved blood circulation
浴衣 (ゆかた) - yukata/light cotton kimono
脱衣所 (だついじょ) - changing room
手(て)ぬぐい - tenugui/hand towel



Fashioning the Future of Japan's Textile Traditions

A discussion with designers Hiroyuki Murase of suzusan and Sara Sakanaka of Considered Objects

August, 19, 2026 | 7:00-8:00pm EDT
Online on Zoom

Join us for a virtual discussion with designers Hiroyuki Murase and Sara Sakanaka, moderated by Boston-based kimono stylist Ara Mahar! We will hear the stories behind these two up-and-coming fashion labels and explore how they thoughtfully honor traditional Japanese textiles and techniques through contemporary practices that span Japan, the US, and Europe.

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