

## Nihongo (Japanese) Perapera (fluent) Newsletter

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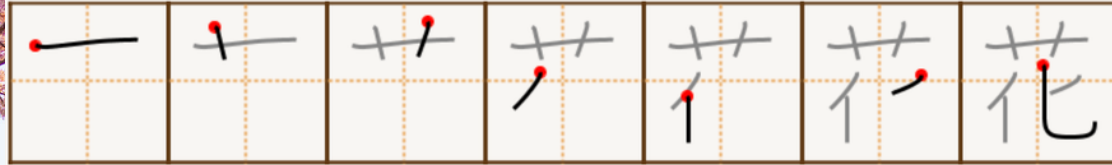
### Let's study! 勉強(べんきょう)しましょう!

#### 今月の漢字

flower

# 花

訓読み: はな  
音読み: カ, ケ



#### 7 strokes

#### Associated Common Words

花屋 (はなや) - flower shop

花見 (はなみ) - cherry blossom/flower viewing

花粉症 (かふんしょう) - hay fever

#### History of Kanji 華・花



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#### 四字熟語 - よじじゆくご (4 Character Idiom)

しゅんかしゅうげつ

### 春花秋月

Spring flowers and the autumn moon; the beauty of nature as it changes from season to season

#### Example

老後は、春花秋月を愛でられるような場所に家を建てたい。

Rougo wa, **shunkashuugetsu** wo mederareru you na basho ni ie wo tatetai.

In my old age, I want to build a house in a place where I can appreciate the beauty of nature throughout the four seasons.

#### ことわざ (Proverb)

いはな  

### 言わぬが花

Some things are better left unsaid; silence is golden

#### Example

彼女が手作りのケーキを作ってくれた。少し焦げていて苦いと思ったけど、彼女の前では「言わぬが花」。一生懸命作ってくれたし、「おいしいよ。」と言って食べた。

Kanojo ga tedzukuri no ke-ki wo tsukutte kureta. Sukoshi kogeteite nigai to omotta kedo, kanojo no mae de wa "**iwanu ga hana**." Isshoukenmei tsukutte kureta shi, "oishii yo." to itte tabeta.

She made me a homemade cake. Although I thought it was a bit burnt and bitter, in front of her "some things are better left unsaid." She went through all this effort to make it for me, so I said "it's delicious" and ate it.

### 日本を旅しよう! -Exploring Japan- 岡山県(おかやまけん) - Okayama Prefecture

#### Fast facts!

- Okayama Prefecture is located in the southwest of the island of Honshu. It borders the Seto Inland Sea and includes many islands
- With a warm and dry climate, the prefecture is known as "the Land of Sunshine" because it has the highest number of sunny days in Japan
- The capital city Okayama is famous for its vibrancy, white peaches, and muscat grapes and serves as a major transportation hub
- The famous folktale **Momotaro** is often associated with Okayama, with many considering the region to be the hero's birthplace. A **statue of Momotaro** with his dog, monkey, and pheasant companions is located in front of **Okayama Station**
- The town of Bizen in the northeast has been an important center for pottery making since the 8th century



**岡山城**  
**(おかやまじょう)**  
**Okayama Castle**

Okayama Castle, also known as “Ujo” or “Crow Castle,” was built in 1597 and is renowned for its unique black coloring and pentagonal base structure. While it was destroyed during World War II, it was rebuilt in 1966. The new structure includes enhancements such as an elevator system. Visitors to the castle can participate in activities such as Bizen pottery and looking out from a watchtower dating back to the 1620s.



**Dialect Discovery**

**岡山弁 - おかやまべん**

- もんげー (monge-): amazing (すごい)
- なんしょん? (nanshon?): what are you doing? (なにをしている?)
- おいでんせえ (oidensee): welcome / please come (いらっしやいませ)
- そりゃいけん! (sorya iken!): that's no good! (それはダメ!)

**クイズタイム!**

1. 日本では桜 ( ) 咲き始めました

*The cherry blossoms have started blooming in Japan.*

a. に    b. が    c. を

2. 桜が満開なので、友達と花見に ( ) と思っています。

*Since the cherry blossoms are in full bloom, I'm thinking of going flower viewing with my friend(s).*

a. 行く    b. 行こう    c. 行きます

3. A : 田中さん、お客様が来たので、お茶を ( ) くれませんか。

B : わかりました。

a. 入れて    b. 注いで    c. 作って



☆**富士芝桜祭り**

The Fuji Shibazakura festival runs from April 11th through May 24th and features over 800,000 moss phlox plants, or *shibazakura*. The flowers are of various shades of pink, white, and purple, and can be seen growing vibrantly at the Fuji Motosuko Resort right near Mount Fuji. Visitors can enjoy Fuji-yoshida udon and soup while taking in the beautiful scenery!

**Travel Vocab! - 旅行の単語!**

旅行 (りょこう) - travel / trip	乗り換え (のりかえ) - transfer / changing trains
観光 (かんこう) - sightseeing	切符 (きっぷ) - ticket
目的地 (もくてきち) - destination	荷物 (にもつ) - luggage / baggage
出発 (しゅっぱつ) - departure	地図 (ちず) - map
到着 (とうちゃく) - arrival	道に迷う (みちにまよう) - to get lost

Sunday, May 31st: 10AM - 3PM

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