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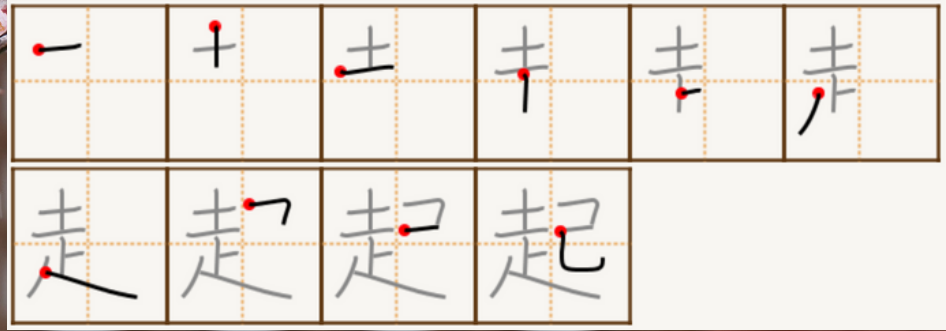
Let's study! 勉強(べんきょう)しましょう!

今月の漢字

rise

起

訓読み: お(きる, ころ, こす)
音読み: キ



10 strokes

Associated Common Words

早起 (はやおき) - getting up early

縁起 (えんぎ) - sign of luck

起床時間 (きしょうじかん) - wake up time

History of Kanji 起



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四字熟語 - よじじゆくご - (4 Character Idiom)

いちねんほっき

一念発起

Being resolved to do something, having a wholehearted intention

Example

今まで何となく日本語を勉強していただけだったけど、「一念発起」して、日本語能力1級試験を目指すことにした。

Ima made nantonaku nihongo wo benkyou shiteita dake datta kedo, "**ichinenhokki**" shite, nihongo nouryoku ikkyuu shiken wo mezasu koto ni shita.

Until now, I had only been studying Japanese for some reason or other, but I have resolved to aim for the Level 1 Japanese Proficiency Test.

ななころ や お

七転び八起き

Never giving up; falling 7 times, getting up 8 times

Example

頑張り屋の彼女は、いくら失敗しても「七転び八起き」の精神で必ず立ち直った。

Ganbariya no kanojo wa, ikura shippai shitemo "**nana korobi ya oki**" no seishin de kanarazu tachinaotta.

She is a hard worker and no matter how many times she fails, she always gets back up with the spirit of "never giving up."



日本を旅しよう! -Exploring Japan-
福岡県 (ふくおかけん) - Fukuoka Prefecture



Fast facts!

-Fukuoka prefecture is the northernmost prefecture on the island of Kyūshū. Its capital city, Fukuoka, is the largest city in both the prefecture and the island

-Because of the capital city's closeness to the Asian mainland (closer to Seoul than to Tokyo), Fukuoka has been an important harbor city for many centuries

-The **Hakata Gion Yamakasa** is a famous summer festival in which seven neighborhoods of Fukuoka's Hakata district compete in pushing huge festival floats along a five kilometer long course through the city

-**Yatai** (open air food stands) are possibly Fukuoka city's best known symbol. The southern end of Nakasu Island, located in the middle of the city, is the best place to find them with Hakata ramen being a popular dish

Dialect Discovery

福岡弁 - ふくおかべん

あんさ (an sa; hey) あのね
 だけん (daken; therefore) だから
 とつとつと (tottōto; to take) とっている
 あそばんね (asobanne; let's play) あそぼう



JSB Meets JET Alum Patrick Burleson!

聖福寺(しょうふくじ) - Shōfukuji Temple!

Located in Old Hakata City, Shōfukuji Temple is known as Japan's first Zen temple. This temple was founded in the year 1195 by the priest Eisai of the Rinzaï sect. Zen Buddhism, which started to become popular in the Kamakura Period, became one of the primary spiritual practices of the samurai class.

To read about JET Alum Patrick's experience living and teaching in Fukuoka,

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クイズタイム!

はるやす やま のぼ

1. 春休みに山 () 登りたいです。

I want to hike up a mountain during the spring break.

a. を b. に c. で

まいあさ こ しちじ

2. 毎朝、子どもを7時に ()。

I wake up the children at 7 every morning.

a. 起こします b. 起きます c. 起こされます

せんせい はな がくせい

3. 先生が話しているのに、学生たちは () シャベっていて、ちっとも聞いていない。

a. ぺらぺら b. ふうふう c. ぺちゃくちゃ



☆花見(はなみ)

March and April are the height of the blossom viewing season in Japan, known as *hanami*.

Originally, in the early Classical period, plum blossoms were the most popular flowers because, as the first flower to blossom after winter, they were seen as the harbinger of spring. This changed in the Heian Period (794 - 1185) when cherry blossoms (*sakura*) became popular due to their intense yet fleeting beauty.

福岡県の名所 - Places to see in Fukuoka Prefecture!

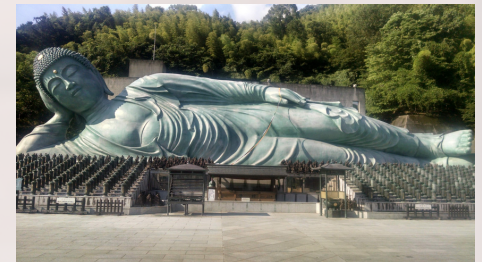
Ōhori Park, Fukuoka

Tōchō-ji Temple, Fukuoka

Fukuoka Castle Ruins, Fukuoka

Atago Shrine, Fukuoka

Kushida Shrine, Fukuoka



Nanzō-in Temple, Sasaguri

Belmont World Film presents the East Coast premiere of **A MAN (ある男 ARU OTOKO)**

Monday, March 27 at 7:30 PM EDT

Hosted in person at Apple Cinemas in Cambridge, MA

Adapted from a novel by Japanese writer Keiichiro Hirano and directed by Kei Ishikawa, this film competed at the 2022 Venice Film Festival and won eight prizes at the 46th Japan Academy Film Prize ceremony in 2023.

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

