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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

pleasing

好

訓読み: す(く), この(む)
音読み: コウ



6 strokes

Associated Common Words

好み (このみ) - preference, taste

好物 (こうぶつ) - favorite food

好き嫌い (すききらい) - likes and dislikes, pickiness

History of Kanji 好



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四字熟語 - よじじゆくご - (4 Character Idiom)

こうきとうらい
好機到来

Advent of a golden opportunity, a once-in-a-lifetime good opportunity arrives

Example

反撃の好機到来。相手チームのピッチャーが不調で交代した。

Hangeki no **koukitourai**. Aite chi-mu no piccha- ga fuchou de koutai shita.

A golden opportunity for a counterattack has arrived. The opposing team's pitcher was replaced due to being out of form.

ことわざ (proverb)

す もの じょうず
好きこそ物の上手なれ

What one likes, one will do well; you become good at what you like doing

Example

弟は子どもの頃、夢中になってゲームで遊んでいた。「好きこそ物の上手なれ」というように、いつの間にかゲームの仕事を始めていた。

Otouto wa kodomo no koro, muchuu ni natte ge-mu de asondeita. "**Suki koso mono no jouzu nare**" to iu you ni, itsu no ma ni ka ge-mu no shigoto wo hajimeteita. When my younger brother was a kid, he was obsessed with playing video games. As the saying goes, "what one likes, one will do well," and before [he] knew it, he started a job [working on] video games.



日本を旅しよう! -Exploring Japan-
群馬県(ぐんまけん) - Gunma Prefecture

Fast facts!

- Gunma is one of only eight landlocked prefectures in Japan and is mostly mountainous
- One of the prefecture's major agricultural products is cabbage and it also produces over 90% of Japan's konjac, the basis of Japan's *konnyaku* yam cakes and *shirataki* noodles
- Gunma is especially famous for its hot springs, some of its best-known resorts include **Kusatsu Onsen**, Ikaho Onsen, Minakami Onsen, Shima Onsen and Manza Onsen
- Oze National Park is a popular hiking destination that features a large marshland & mountain flowers such as white skunk cabbage & alpine lilies
- The city of Tomioka in the southwest is the site of Japan's first modern silk factory, established in 1872



Dialect Discovery

群馬弁 - ぐんまべん

- とと (toto; fish) さかな
- せく (seku; to hurry) いそぐ
- とわい (towai; far) とおい
- そらっぺ (sorappe; lie) うそ



JSB Meets JET Alum Amy Su!

To read about JET Alum Amy's experience living and teaching in Gunma,

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湯畑 (ゆばたけ) - Yubatake Hot Springs!

The Yubatake Hot Springs is the main attraction of the Kusatsu Onsen in Kusatsu, Gunma prefecture. It is one of Japan's most productive hot springs, with an output of around 5000 liters a minute. Tourists and other visitors have their choice of several traditional Japanese inns (*ryokan*) that are situated around the spring.

クイズタイム!

くだもの なか なに () いちばん好きですか。

Among fruits, what do you like best?

a. は b. で c. が

きのう速達で送りましたから、きょう届く () 。

I sent it by express mail yesterday, so you should get it today.

a. はずです b. そうです c. かもしれません

予想が () 当たって、テストは満点だった。

a. くっきり b. ずばり c. まるっきり



☆雪まつり (ゆきまつり)

During the months of January and February, there are several snow festivals held throughout Japan. The most famous is the Sapporo Snow Festival in Hokkaidō. Originally a one-day event started by high school students in 1950, the festival now runs for a week every February. Tourists and citizens of Sapporo can enjoy walking around different sites that house several giant snow statues.

Winter Vocabulary! - 冬の単語!

雪 (ゆき) - Snow

冬 (ふゆ) - Winter

氷雨 (ひさめ) - Freezing rain

初雪 (はつゆき) - First snow of the season

氷柱 (つらら) - Icicle

雪合戦 (ゆきがっせん) - Snowball fight

風花 (かざはな) - Snow flurry

炬燵 (こたつ) - Heated table

雪だるま (ゆきだるま) - Snowman

かまくら - Japanese igloo, snow hut

冬ごもり (ふゆごもり) - Winter hibernation

雪兎 (ゆきうさぎ) - Snow rabbit

Places to see in Gunma prefecture!

Tomioka Silk Mill, Tomioka

Oze National Park, Gunma/Fukushima/Tochigi/Niigata

Megane-bashi Bridge, Annaka

Onioshidashi Volcanic Park, Tsumagoi

Sainokawara Park, Kusatsu



Ikaho Onsen, Ikaho

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