

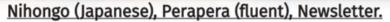
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Let's study! 勉強(べんきょう)しましょう!

今月の漢字

pleasing

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

四字熟語 -よじじゅくご- (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

不調で交代した。

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)

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

<u>反撃の好機到来。相手チームのピッチャーが</u> 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 Hangeki no **koukitourai**. Aite chi-mu no piccha- ga <u>に、いつの間にかゲームの仕事を始めていた。</u>

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-<u>群馬県 (ぐんまけん) - Gunma Prefecture</u>



-Gunma is one of only eight landlocked prefectures in Japan and is mostly

-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





<u>湯畑 (ゆばたけ) - Yubatake Hot Springs!</u>

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 (ryōkan) that are situated around the spring.

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

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

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JSB Meets JET Alum Amy Su!

クイズタイム!

)いちばん<u>好きです</u>か。 1.果物の中で何(

Among fruits, what do you like best?

a. は b. で c. が

2.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

)当たって、テストは満点だった。 3. 予想が(

a. くっきり b. ずばり c.まるっきり



<u>(ゆきまつり</u>

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.

<u>Winter Vocabulary! - 冬の単語!</u>

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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