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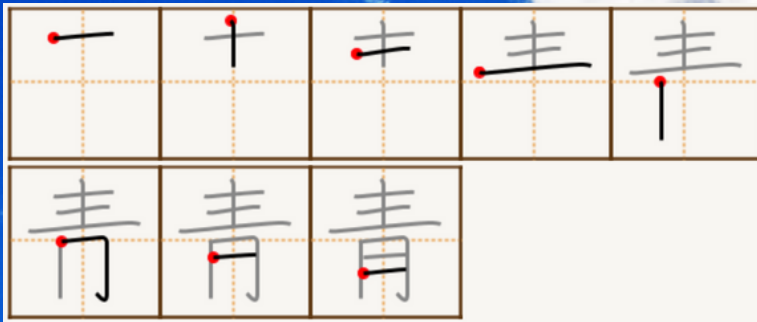
Let's study! 勉強(べんきょう)しましょう!

今月の漢字

blue, green

青

音読み: セイ, ショウ
訓読み: あお



8 strokes

Associated Common Words

青空 (あおぞら) - blue sky
青春 (せいしゅん) - youth, springtime of life
青少年 (せいしょうねん) - young person

History of Kanji 青



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四字熟語 -よじじゆくご- (4 Character Idiom)

ことわざ (proverb)

せいうんのこころざし

青雲之志

High (lofty) ambition; desire to be great

Example

田中さんは卒業後、「青雲之志」を抱いて、
故郷を離れて、東京の大企業に就職した。

Tanaka-san wa sotsugyougo, "seiu'nokokorozashi"
wo idaite, kokyō wo hanarete, toukyō no daikigyō
ni shuushoku shita.

After graduating, Tanaka-san left his/her hometown
to work for a large company in Tokyo with a lofty
ambition in his/her heart.

あお あい い あい あお

青は藍より出でて藍より青し

The student has become the master; blue dye comes
from the indigo plant and is bluer than indigo

Example

息子が小さい時はよく野球の練習を一緒にしたが、
「青は藍より出でて藍より青し」というよ
うに今では息子のボールが速くて取れない。

Musuko ga chiisai toki wa yoku yakyū no renshū wo
isshoni shita ga, "ao wa ai yori idete ai yori aoshi" toiu you
ni ima de wa musuko no bo-ru ga hayakute torenai.
Although I used to practice baseball with my son when he was
little, like [the saying] "the student has become the master,"
nowadays his balls are so fast I can't catch them.



日本を旅しよう! -Exploring Japan- 長崎県(ながさきけん) - Nagasaki Prefecture

Fast facts!

-Nagasaki Prefecture is located in the northwest of the island of Kyushu
and largely consists of peninsulas and archipelagos of hundreds of islands
-It is known for being the sole place of direct trade and exchange between
Japan and the outside world during Japan's national isolation period
-To this day, Nagasaki Prefecture remains particularly international with lots
of fusion cuisine including burgers, *shippoku* cuisine, *chanpon* noodle soup,
and sponge cakes
-In the early 20th century, the capital city Nagasaki was a major shipbuilding
center; this was the main reason the US chose the city as its target for the
second atomic bomb dropped on Japan in World War II
-The city of Nagasaki is a tourist center with many historic sites; much of its
industry is still based upon its large shipyards as well as fishing



出島(でじま) Dejima!

During the Edo Period, Dejima was a tiny man-made island in the port of Nagasaki that served as the only point of contact between Japan and the outside world. During the 16th century, Portuguese and Dutch merchants started to make contact with the Japanese and began competing with each other to win influence over Japan. However, partly due to increasing religious violence, the government banned all foreigners from entering Japan on pain of death, with the exception of severely reduced Dutch trade at Dejima. Today, the original island and its buildings don't exist, but you can see authentic recreations and learn about this unique part of Japanese history.

Dialect Discovery

長崎弁 - ながさきべん

- おっちゃかす (occhakasu; to drop a thing) おとす
- あいばねー (aibanee; bye now!) じゃーねー
- うんにゃ (unnya; wrong) ちがいます
- きゃーなえた (kyaanaeta; I'm tired) ひどくつかれた



To read about JET Alum Mark's experience living and teaching in Nagasaki, [click here!](#)

JSB Meets JET Alumnus Mark Flanigan!

クイズタイム!

1. 信号が () のとき、横断歩道を渡ります。

You cross the crosswalk when the light is green.

- あか みどり あお
a. 赤 b. 緑 c. 青

2. 明日は全国的に晴れの天気で、日中は青空が () でしょう。

Tomorrow will be sunny throughout the nation, and there will be blue skies during the day.

- ひろ ひろ ひろ
a. 広くなる b. 広げる c. 広がる

3. 今が青春の () だ。

- とちゅう ま なか
a. 途中 b. まっただなか c. 真ん中



☆藤

Missed the cherry blossoms? No problem! May in Japan is the time when beautiful purple wisteria flowers start blooming all over the country. Wisteria, called *fuji* in Japanese, are said to represent love and longevity, and are one of the most popular flowers in traditional culture. Wisteria are the subject of many poems, pieces of art, and fashion trends, and draw thousands of tourists each year. One of the best places to see wisteria in Japan is the Kawachi Fuji-en garden in Fukuoka.

Flower Vocabulary! - 花の単語!

菖蒲 (しょうぶ) - Iris

藤 (ふじ) - Wisteria

桜 (さくら) - Cherry Blossom

朝顔 (あさがお) - Morning Glory

蓮 (はす) - Lotus

梅 (うめ) - Plum Blossom

向日葵 (ひまわり) - Sunflower

紅花 (べにばな) - Safflower

紫陽花 (あじさい) - Hydrangea

椿 (つばき) - Camellia

菊 (きく) - Chrysanthemum

牡丹 (ぼたん) - Peony

The Harvard Film Archive presents OZU 120: The Complete Ozu Yasujiro

OZU 120, a complete retrospective of the Japanese director and screenwriter's extant work, commemorating both the 120th anniversary of his birth and 60th anniversary of his death, will run at the Harvard Film Archive from June 9th through August 13th. This event offers the rare opportunity to see all of Ozu's extant films!



For more information, visit the Harvard Film Archive page [here](#).