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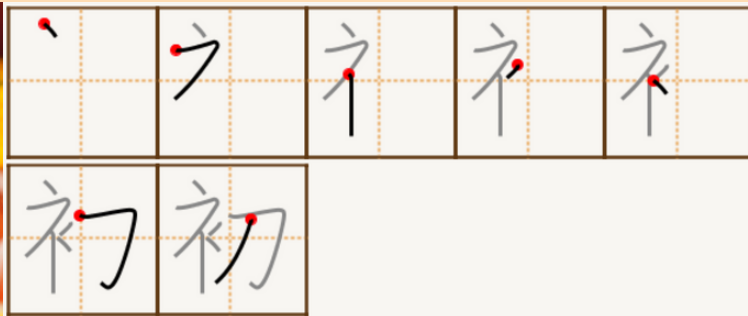
Let's study! 勉強(べんきょう)しましょう!

今月の漢字

first time

初

訓読み: はじめ, はつ, うい
音読み: ショ



7 strokes

Associated Common Words

- 初級者 (しょきゅうしゃ) - beginner
- 初恋 (はつこい) - first love
- 初々しい (ういういしい) - innocent

History of Kanji 初



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四字熟語 -よじじゅくご - 4 Character Idiom

しよしかんてつ

初志貫徹

Carrying out one's original intention

Example

田中くんが夢を実現できたのは、子供の頃からの意志を「初志貫徹」したからでしょう。

Tanaka-kun ga yume wo jitsugen dekita no wa, kodomo no koro kara no ishi wo "**shoshikantetsu**" shita kara deshō.

Tanaka-kun was able to realize his dream because he has "carried out his original intention" since he was a child.

ことわざ - Proverb

しよしんわす

初心忘るべからず

Never lose your humility; don't forget where you came from

Example

彼は仕事に慣れてきて最近雑になってきている。「初心忘るべからず」を心がけた方がいい。

Kare wa shigoto ni naretekite saikin zatsu ni nattekiteiru. "**Shoshin wasuru bekarazu**" wo kokorogaketa hou ga ii.

He's become sloppy as he's gotten used to his job. It is better to keep in mind [to] "**never lose your humility.**"

日本を旅しよう! -Exploring Japan-

北海道 (ほっかいどう) - Hokkaidō Prefecture

Fast facts!

-Hokkaidō was considered foreign territory until the 17th century and was inhabited by the indigenous Ainu people. Hokkaidō, known then as Ezo, was forcibly annexed by Japan in 1869

-The center of the island is mountainous, with volcanic plateaux and six currently active volcanoes

-The capital, Sapporo, is the only city in Hokkaidō with a population over 500K and is known internationally for its beer and ramen

-Hokkaidō is a major tourist destination in winter, with lots of winter sports like skiing and snowshoeing, as well as festivals, including the famous Sapporo Snow Festival

-The island is also famous for its seafood, particularly various types of crab, but has delicious meats too, mutton BBQ being especially popular





二風谷アイヌ文化博物館 - Nibutani Ainu Culture Museum

The Ainu are an indigenous people who have lived in Japan for thousands of years and can trace their history way back to before the Japanese came to the islands. Now, the Ainu live primarily in Hokkaidō, and this museum is dedicated to preserving their culture.

Dialect Discovery 北海道弁 - ほっかいどうべん

- めんこい (menkoi; cute) かわいい
- あずましい (azumashii; comfortable) かいてき
- しゃっこい (shakkoi; cold to touch) つめたい
- なまら (namara; very) とても

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



JSB Meets JET Alum Jessyca Livingston!

クイズタイム!

1. あけましておめでとうございます。今年（ ）よろしくお願ひします。
Happy New Year! I hope we will get along well together this year, too.

a. は b. が c. も

2. 娘が（ ）から初めて、外食をした。

We ate out for the first time since our daughter was born.

a. 生まれた b. 生まれる c. 生まれて

3. 初めて友達のうちに行った時、とても丁寧な（ ）を受けた。

a. もてなし b. いたわり c. こだわり



☆温泉

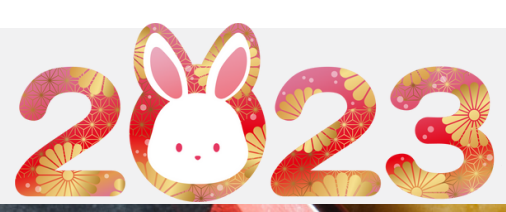
Japan is famous for its onsen (natural hot springs), but arguably the best month to enjoy them is January, when Japan is in the middle of winter. All over Japan, there are towns dedicated to onsen bathing, such as Beppu, Noboribetsu, and Dogo. Dogo Onsen in Ehime Prefecture is one of the most famous in the country, with a history of 3,000 years! Not only is it famous for being the inspiration behind the setting of Studio Ghibli's *Spirited Away*, it is also the setting of Natsume Sōseki's novel *Botchan*.

Onsen Vocabulary! - 温泉の単語

お風呂 (おふろ) - Bath
 温泉 (おんせん) - Hot Spring
 日帰り (ひがえり) - Day Trip
 泥湯 (どろゆ) - Mud Bath
 旅館 (りょかん) - Japanese Inn

浴衣 (ゆかた) - Yukata Robe
 硫黄泉 (いおうせん) - Sulphur Bath
 露天風呂 (ろてんぶろ) - Outdoor Bath
 洗面器 (せんめんき) - Washbowl
 銭湯 (せんとう) - Public Bath

JSB is proud to announce the new season of our My Japan Journey podcast! To celebrate, we will be joined on January 26th by Season 1 podcast guest and founder of Ikigai Connections, Kasia Lynch! For more information, visit our event page [here](#).



明けましておめでとうございます!
今年もどうぞよろしくお願ひします!



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