



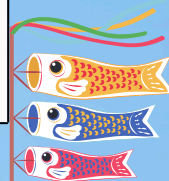
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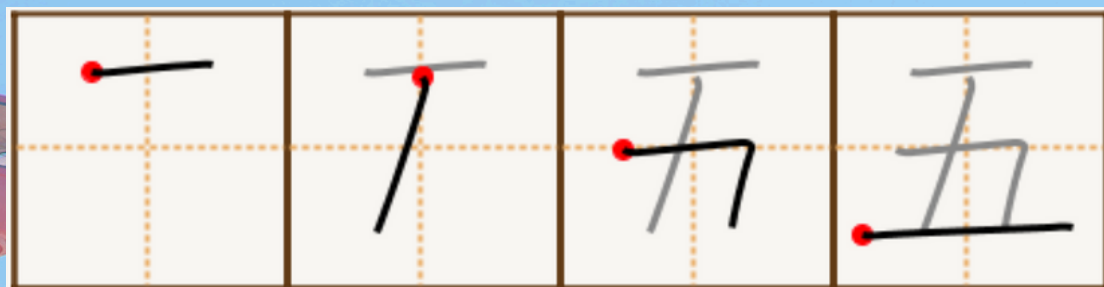
今月の漢字

five

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訓読み: いつ, いつ(つ)

音読み: ゴ

**4 strokes**Associated Common Words

五月 (ごがつ) - May

五感 (ごかん) - five senses

五月雨 (さみだれ)* - early-summer rain

*special 熟字訓 (じゅくじくん) kanji reading

History of Kanji 五

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四字熟語 - よじじゅくご (4 Character Idiom)ごり むちゅう
五里霧中

Lose one's bearings; to be totally at a loss and unable to decide on a course of action or prospects

Example

新しい仕事を引き継いだが、前任が急に辞めたので、引継ぎが全くなかった。毎日、**五里霧中**で仕事をしていて、大変だ。

Atarashii shigoto wo hikitsuida ga, zen'nin ga kyuu ni yameta node, hikitsugi ga mattaku nakatta. Mainichi, **gorimuchuu** de shigoto wo shiteite, taihen da.

I took over a new job, but because my predecessor quit so suddenly, there was absolutely no transfer of duties/passing of the baton. Every day I'm working at a complete loss and it's tough.

ことわざ (proverb)ひと うわさ しちじゅうごにち
人の噂も七十五日

Gossip lasts just 75 days (rumors that people make up last only a short amount of time)

Example

クラスで悪い噂が立っているけど、**「人の噂も七十五日」**というし、あまり気にしないようにしよう。

Kurasu de warui uwasa ga tatteiru kedo, **"hito no uwasa mo shichi jyu go nichi"** to iu shi, amari ki ni shinai you ni shiyou.

Although there are bad rumors going around in class, as the saying goes, "gossip lasts just 75 days," so I'm trying not to worry too much.

日本を旅しよう! -Exploring Japan- 高知県 (こうちけん) - Kochi Prefecture

Fast facts!

- Kochi is the largest but least populated of Shikoku's four prefectures and occupies most of the southern half of the island
- Most of Kochi is mountainous with 89% of its land covered by mountains (compared to Japan's national average of 66%)
- The prefecture is famous for its many rivers but also infamous for frequent landslides, typhoons, and heavy rainfall
- Katsurahama beach** is one of the most scenic spots and is a popular place for moon-viewing. A statue of local samurai hero Sakamoto Ryoma can be seen gazing out over the Pacific Ocean. Unfortunately, swimming is prohibited due to the strong currents and big waves
- For more info about Kochi, check out our August 2023 issue!





高知城（こうちじょう）Kochi Castle

Kochi Castle is one of Japan's 12 original castle sites, dating back to the early 17th century. During the Edo Period (1603 - 1868), Kochi was located in an area known as Tosa. The predecessor to Kochi Castle was built on Mt. Otakasaka and called Kochiyama Castle by the Yamauchi warlords who ruled over Tosa from it. Nearby is the Kochi Castle Museum of History which houses 67,000 historical items and works of art.

Dialect Discovery

高知弁 - こうちべん

- びんび (binbi; fish) さかな
- みぞい (mizoi; short) みじかい
- やきん (yakin; therefore) だから
- ~ゆう (~yuu; continuative verb) ~ている

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



JSB MEETS JET ALUMNI

Sarah Curtis
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Sarah Curtis

クイズタイム!

1. 田中さんは今電話（ ）話しています。

Tanaka-san is currently talking on the phone.

a. と b. を c. で

2. 友達と過ごした日々を懐かしく（ ）だろう。

You'll fondly remember the days spent with friends.

a. 覚える b. 思い出す c. 考える

3. 日本のサッカーチームはパリ（ ）の出場権を獲得した。

a. 五輪 b. 五円 c. 五戦



☆紫陽花

Late Spring and Early Summer is the time that hydrangeas bloom across Japan. There are over 100 different varieties of hydrangeas in Japan, with some dating back to the 8th century and others brought over from Europe in the early 20th century. Kyoto is particularly famous for its hydrangeas, with many temples known for their hydrangea gardens. Hydrangea tea is a popular drink at this time.

Weather Vocab! - 天気単語!

風（かぜ）- Wind

大雨（おおあめ）- Heavy Rain

雷（かみなり）- Thunder

春雨（しゅんう／はるさめ）- Spring Rain

霧（きり）- Fog/Mist

台風（たいふう）- Typhoon

晴れ（はれ）- Sunny

快晴（かいせい）- Clear Weather

蒸し暑い（むしあつい）- Humid

そよ風（そよかぜ）- Breeze

暖かい（あたたかい）- Warm (air temperature)

気温（きおん）- Temperature

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