

Smart Kanji Book

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Inspired by:

- James W. Heisig's Remembering the Kanji
- <http://kanji.koohii.com>
- cb's excellent Kanji Word Association Tool

Built with:

- XeTeX
- [KanjiVG](#)
- [EDICT](#)

Introduction

Smart Kanji Book is a kanji ebook with Remembering-the-Kanji-ish stories but featuring only 734 kanji that make up over 87% of Wikipedia AND vocabulary with kanji you know.

How to read a kanji or primitive frame If the character is a pictogram, you should imagine and draw the object it represents until it seems obvious the pictogram represents this object.

If the character is composed of smaller parts, then make a story:

1. Read the book's story then reword it and imagine it in your own way.
2. In your story, emphasize the kanji's keyword(s) and the components' keywords.
3. Check the stroke order diagram if necessary and slowly write out each part of the kanji while repeating the corresponding keywords out loud.
4. Rewrite the kanji from the story without looking at the book. If you have any difficulty recalling it, your story hasn't worked. Change it to something you remember better. For example, if you have trouble remembering component order, you might want to order the keywords in the story too.
5. Read vocabulary words; they only contain kanji you've already seen. Most importantly, you should make connections between kanji and words such as 'Aha, ground + drawing = map!' Second, you can memorize the pronunciation of words you think are important, but it's unnecessary for reading comprehension. Definitions are not trimmed, so as to give you a precise idea of the meaning and the importance of the word.

The whole process can take anywhere from 3 to 10 minutes. Feel free to put a kanji aside if you're getting stuck on it.

Dictionary abbreviations you need to know

uk Usually written in Katakana only. However, it's sometimes useful to know the kanji.

pref/suf Prefix, Suffix

n Noun

adj-(i/na) i/na adjective, see your grammar textbook.

adj-no 'no adjective', typically a noun that's often used as an adjective with \mathcal{O} .

vt/vi Transitive/Intransitive verb, see your grammar textbook.

Disclaimer This book is full of bad naughty jokes that do not represent anybody ever's opinion but should help you remembering the mnemonic.

Chapter 1

Pictograms and first associations

In this chapter you'll learn simple pictograms that are very common both as kanji and primitives in other kanji. If you haven't already, please open or print `stroke_order.pdf`.

Numbers

一, 二, 三 : one, two, three

Roman numerals turned for vertical reading.

一 ひと (num) one; (n) for one thing. only. (not) even; (n-adv) just (e.g. "just try it")

二 に (num) two

三 さん (num) three; (pref) tri-

Note: as a part of another kanji, 一 can represent the floor (if it's down) or ceiling (if it's up)

口 : mouth, hole

Pictogram of a round hole like a mouth. Among kanji, there are no circles.



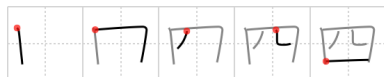
口 口 (n) (Buddh) mouth; speech; (suf,ctr) counter for people or implements.

儿 : pair of human legs

四 : four

口, 儿

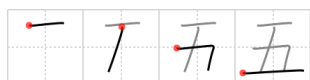
You can learn it as a different arabic 4 or imagine a giant family of four at a square table eating human legs for dinner.



四 し (num) four

五 : five

三 + 2 more lines = 5. Also it looks like a 5.



五 い (num) five.

六, 七, 八 : six, seven, eight

These three are optional, but pretty easy to remember: 六 looks like a 666-daemon with a hat and a cloak; 七 is eerily similar to 7 and think of 八 as ∞ .

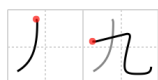
六 ろく six

七 しち/なな seven;

八 はち seven;

九 : nine

You can view it as a 9 or a 'n' for 'nine'.



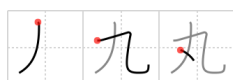
九 きゅう (num) nine

丶 : drop

丸 : round

九, 丶

Find your own way to round a 9 by adding a drop or using it to cut.



丸い まるい (adj-i) round; circular; spherical. harmonious; calm

丸める まるめる (v1,vt) to make round; to roll up; to curl up. to seduce; to cajole; to explain away. to round off (a fraction). (arch) to lump together

十 : ten, needle

Pictogram for a ¥10 needle.



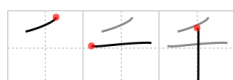
十 じゅう (num) 10; ten

十一 じゅういち (n) 11; eleven. (uk) Hodgson's hawk-cuckoo (*Cuculus fugax*); Horsfield's hawk cuckoo

千 : thousand

丶, 十

You can imagine a dropper or a 10 with two more drops (10 0 0).



千 せん (num) 1,000; thousand

ㇿ : bound together

万 : ten thousand (one man)

一, ㇿ

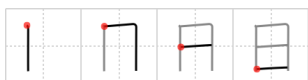
As you probably know, Japanese count by man's (1,0000) instead of thousand's . Imagine a banker packing up a 1,0000 yen coins or dollar bills and see the height of the pile or stash.



万 ばん (adv,pref) many; all.

日 : sun, day

Pictogram of the round sun with the brightest part in the middle.



日 か (n-suf) day of month; (ctr) counter for days.

日々 にちにち (n-adv,n-t) every day; daily; day after day; days (e.g. good old days).

白 : white, pure

丶, 日

Raw white light is a sort of drop of the sun.

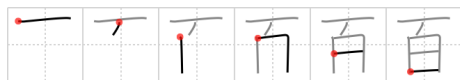


白い しろい (adj-i) white

百 : one hundred

一, 白

Imagine a ceiling so dirty you have to paint it 100 times to make it look clean!



百 ひゃく (num) 100; hundred

Day Parts

早 : early, quick

日, 十

WTF, the sun is up and it's already 10? Quick, quick, quick!!!! If today were Saturday though, it would be too early to move...



早い はやい (adj-i) fast; quick; hasty; brisk. early (in the day, etc.); premature.
(too) soon; not yet; (too) early. easy; simple; quick

早くも はやくも (n) already; as early as.

早々 そうそう (n-suf, n-adv) as soon as...; just after...; immediately after...; (adv)
hurriedly; in haste; quickly; promptly; early

月 : moon, month

Pictogram: compare a waning moon to the sun. Remember that in most cultures a month a moon cycle 28 days. Also, as a component, it will sometimes mean 'flesh'



月 がつ (n-suf) month (of the year); used after number or question word (e.g. nan or nani).

三月 さんがつ (n-adv) March

明 : bright, tomorrow

日, 月

The sun and the moon are brightest sources of light in the day and night, respectively. Tomorrow is when the sun succeeds the moon.



明日 あした (n-t) tomorrow

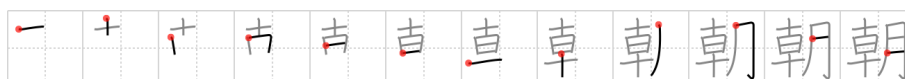
明るい あかるい (adj-i) bright; colourful. cheerful. familiar (with); knowledgeable (about). fair (e.g. politics); clean

明らか あきらか (adj-na,n) obvious; evident; clear; plain

朝 : morning

十, 日, 十, 月

In the morning, Appolo/Amun-Ra/God takes the sun between needles (it's hot and the tool is convenient) and throws away the moon.



朝 あさ (n-adv,n-t) morning

早朝 そうちょう (n-adv,n-t) early morning

夕 : evening

Pictogram of an evening crescent moon.



夕 ゆう evening

多 : many

夕, 夕

2-evening delivery? That's wayyy too many! I'm a millennial child, I want instant gratification!



多い おおい (adj-i) many; numerous

多く おおく (adv) many; much; largely; abundantly; mostly.

多 た (n,pref) multi-

名 : name

夕, 口

The NSA and the TSA have just made a law which forces you to keep saying your name with your mouth (don't try to circumvent with a smartphone) every 10 seconds when it gets dark for security reasons...



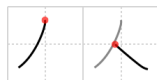
名づける なづける (v1,vt) to name (someone).

あだ名 あだな (n,vs) nickname.

Big, Small

人 : person

Simplified pictogram of a person: the head and arms are missing.



人 ひと (n) person.

Note: As a component, it will have a slightly different form and we'll picture an übermensch like Segata Sanshiro (you should google if you don't know him), James Bond or Chuck Norris.

火 : fire

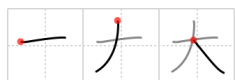
Pictogram of a flame or of a burning teepee/shelter.



火 か (n) (abbr) Tuesday. fire (second of the five elements).

大 : big

Pictogram of a big St Bernard dog with 4 paws stretched out. We'll use 'big dog' as a primitive meaning.



大きな おおきな (adj-pn) big; large; great

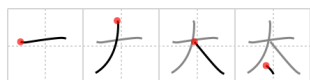
大 おお (pref) big; large.

大きく おおしく (adv) in a big way; on a grand scale.

太 : fat

大, 丶

The big dog fat dog (or its big fat owner) is dropping drops of shit.



太 ふと (n-pref,n) fat; fatty; (n-pref) grand; magnificent; excellent.

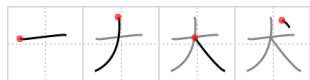
太い ふとい (adj-i) fat; thick. deep (of a voice). daring; shameless; brazen.
(sl) lucky (billiards)

太る ふとる (v5r,vi) to grow fat (stout, plump); to become fat; to gain weight; .

犬 : dog

大, 丶

A regular dog is a drop of a big dog.

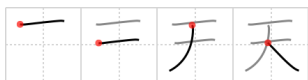


犬 いぬ (n) dog

天 : weather, sky

一, 大

The sky is the Biggest Ceiling... Remember how old kanji are.

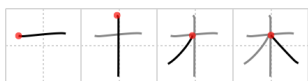


天 あま (n) sky.

天明 てんめい (n) dawn; daybreak. Temmei era (1781.4.2-1789.1.25).

木: tree, wood

Pictogram of a tree.



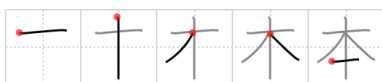
木 き (n) tree; wood; timber

大木 たいぼく (n) large tree

本: book, origin

木, 一

A shady book manufacturer and publisher cuts one slice in a tree to make one book. Also, since this kanji is in the word 'ほんと': truth, the manufacturer guarantees everything that's in their book is true... why don't you trust!



本 ほん (n) book; volume; script; (pref) this; present. main; head. real; regular; (suf,ctr) counter for long cylindrical things; counter for films, TV shows, etc.; counter for goals, home runs, etc.; counter for telephone calls; .

日本 にっぽん (n) Japan.

日本人 にっぽんじん (n) Japanese person; Japanese people.

休: to rest

人, 木

Segata Sanshiro is resting (meditating, actually) against a tree.

休む やすむ (v5m,vi) to be absent; to take a day off. to rest; to have a break. to go to bed; to (lie down to) sleep; to turn in; to retire. to stop doing some ongoing activity for a time; to suspend business

休み やすみ (n) rest; recess; respite. vacation; holiday; absence; suspension.
dormancy (of a silkworm prior to moulting)

休める やすめる (v1,vt) to rest; to suspend; to give relief

小 : small

、, 、, 、

Pictogram of a cute little thing with arms along its side.



小さな ちいさな (adj-pn) small; little; tiny.

小さい ちいさい (adj-i) small; little; tiny

小 お (pref) small; narrow. familiar prefix. slightly; a bit.

少 : few

小, 、

A big drop turned into a few (three) smaller drops. Between size and quantity, the difference is just a drop anyway...



少し すこし (adv,n) small quantity; little; few; something. little while. short distance

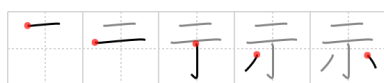
少ない すくない (adj-i) few; a little; scarce; insufficient; seldom

少なくとも すくなくとも (adv) at least

示 : show

二, 小

One, TWO, THREEE... Two 4th-graders drop their towels to show their little dicks in the boys changing room... or not, it may be a joke.



示す しめす (v5s,vt) to (take out and) show; to demonstrate; to tell; to exemplify; to make apparent. to point out (finger, clock hand, needle, etc.). to indicate;

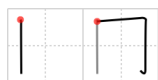
to show; to represent; to signify; to display

示し しめし (n) discipline; revelation

明示 めいじ (n,adj-no,vs) specification; explicit statement

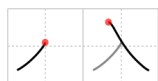
Inside, Outside

冂 : belt



入 : enter, get in

Pictogram of a teepee/igloo/whatever entrance.



入る いる (v5r,vi) to get in; to go in; to come in; to flow into; to set; to set in

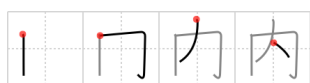
入れる いれる (v1,vt) to put in; to let in; to take in; to bring in; to insert; to set (a jewel, etc.); to ink in (e.g. a tattoo). to admit; to accept; to employ; to hire. to accept; to comply; to grant; to adopt (a policy, etc.); to take (advice, etc.); to listen to; to pay attention to. to include. to pay (one's rent, etc.). to cast (a vote). to make (tea, coffee, etc.). to turn on (a switch, etc.). to send (a fax); to call

入口 いりくち (n,adj-no) entrance; entry; gate; approach; mouth.

内 : inside

人, 冂

Mistaaa Boonddd, thiis bèelt wiill keeep you insiide... Oh, and seatbelts keep you inside your car, too.



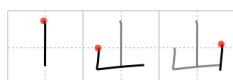
内 うち (n,adj-no) inside; within. while. among; amongst; between; (pn,adj-no) we (referring to one's in-group, i.e. company, etc.); our. my spouse;

(n) (arch) imperial palace grounds. (arch) emperor; (pn,adj-no) (ksb:) I (primarily used by women and children); me

その内 そのうち (adv,uk) before very long; soon; eventually; sooner or later; of the previously mentioned

山 : mountain

Pictogram: remember kanji avoid curved shapes as much as they can.



山 さん (suf) Mt (suffix used with the names of mountains); Mount.

山々 やまやま (n) (many) mountains; (adv) (uk) very much (esp. wanting to do something one cannot); greatly; really

大山 たいざん (n) great mountain

出 : exit, get out

The exit of some imaginary world (kinda like Mordor) or some tunnel is between two mountains.



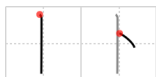
出る でる (v1,vi) to leave; to exit; to go out; to come out; to get out. to leave (on a journey); to depart; to start out; to set out. to move forward. to come to; to get to; to lead to; to reach. to appear; to come out; to emerge; to surface; to come forth; to turn up; to be found; to be detected; to be discovered; to be exposed; to show; to be exhibited; to be on display. to appear (in print); to be published; to be announced; to be issued; to be listed; to come out. to attend; to participate; to take part; to enter (an event); to play in; to perform. to be stated; to be expressed; to come up; to be brought up; to be raised. to sell. to exceed; to go over. to stick out; to protrude. to break out; to occur; to start; to originate. to be produced. to come from; to be derived from. to be given; to get; to receive; to be offered; to be provided; to be presented; to be submitted; to be handed in; to be turned in; to be paid. to answer (phone, door, etc.); to get. to assume (an attitude); to act; to behave. to pick up (speed, etc.); to gain. to flow (e.g. tears); to run; to bleed. to graduate

出す だす (v5s,vt) to take out; to get out. to put out; to reveal; to show. to submit (e.g. thesis); to turn in. to publish; to make public. to send (e.g.

letter). to produce (a sound); to start (fire). to serve (food); (suf,v5s) to begin ...; to start to ...; to burst into ...

出かける でかける (v1,vi) to go out (e.g. on an excursion or outing); to leave; to depart; to start; to set out. to be about to leave; to be just going out.

ト : magic wand



ト うら (n,arch) fortune-telling; divination.

トする ぼくする (vs-s) to tell (a person's) fortune; to divine; to fix; to choose.

トウ うらなう (v5u) to tell a fortune; to predict; to choose; to settle; to fix.

外 : outside

夕, ト

Think D&D or Harry Potter: alone in a weird city in the late creepy evening with just a magic wand.



外 がい (n-suf) outside of; not covered by.

外す はずす (v5s,vt) to unfasten; to undo. to remove; to take off; to deinstall.
to leave; to step out; to slip away. to miss (a target)

外出 がいしゅつ (n,vs) outing; trip; going out

Above, Below

上 : above

ト, 一

This multi-function magic wand can... stand above the floor!



上 うえ (n,adj-no,n-adv,n-suf) above; up; over; elder (e.g. daughter). top; summit. surface; on. before; previous. superiority; one's superior (i.e. one's elder). on top of that; besides; what's more. upon (further inspection, etc.); based on (and occurring after). matters concerning...; as concerns since (i.e. "for that reason"); (n-suf) (hon) suffix indicating higher social standing. (arch) place of one's superior (i.e. the throne). (arch) emperor; sovereign; shogun; daimyo. (arch) noblewoman (esp. the wife of a nobleman); .

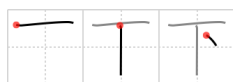
上げる あげる (v1,vt) to raise; to elevate. to do up (one's hair). to fly (a kite, etc.); to launch (fireworks, etc.); to surface (a submarine, etc.). to land (a boat). to show someone (into a room). to send someone (away). to enrol (one's child in school); to enroll. to increase (price, quality, status, etc.); to develop (talent, skill); to improve. to make (a loud sound); to raise (one's voice). to earn (something desirable). to praise. to give (an example, etc.); to cite. to summon up (all of one's energy, etc.). (pol) to give. to offer up (incense, a prayer, etc.) to the gods (or Buddha, etc.). to bear (a child). to conduct (a ceremony, esp. a wedding); (v1,vi) (of the tide) to come in; (v1,vi,vt) to vomit; (aux-v,v1) (uk,pol) to do for (the sake of someone else); (suf,v1) ㉑ to complete ㉒ (hum) to humbly do ...

上がる あがる (v5r,vi) to rise; to go up; to come up; to ascend; to be raised. to enter (esp. from outdoors); to come in; to go in. to enter (a school); to advance to the next grade. to get out (of water); to come ashore. to increase. to improve; to make progress. to be promoted; to advance. to be made (of profit, etc.). to occur (esp. of a favourable result). to be adequate (to cover expenses, etc.). to be finished; to be done; to be over. (of rain) to stop; to lift. to stop (working properly); to cut out; to give out; to die. to win (in a card game, etc.). to be spoken loudly. to get stage fright. to be offered (to the gods, etc.). (hum) to go; to visit. (hon) to eat; to drink. to be listed (as a candidate). ㉑ to serve (in one's master's home). ㉒ (in Kyoto) to go north; (suf,v5r) ㉓ (after the -masu stem of a verb) indicates completion

下 : below

一, ト

That's not all: this great magic wand can also lie below the ceiling! 25% off and free shipping.



下 か (suf,adj-no) under (being in said condition or environment).

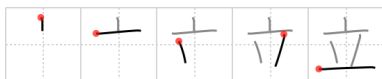
下さる くださる (v5aru) (hon) to give; to confer; to bestow. (hon) to kindly do for one; to oblige; to favour; to favor

下げる さげる (v1,vt) to hang; to suspend; to wear (e.g. decoration). to lower; to reduce; to bring down. to demote; to move back; to pull back. to clear

(plates); to remove (food, etc. from table or altar)

立 : stand

Pictogram for a vase standing up. Actually, the top two strokes are the primitive for 'top hat' as in 六.



立つ たつ (v5t,vi) to stand; to rise; to stand up. to find oneself (e.g. in a difficult position). to depart (on a plane, train, etc.)

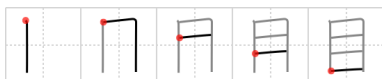
立てる たてる (v1,vt) to stand up; to put up; to set up; to erect; to raise. to thrust into; to bury into; to dig into. to make (a noise); to start (a rumour); to raise (a cloud of dust, etc.); to cause. to make; to establish; to set up; to develop; to formulate. to put up (a political candidate); to make (one's leader). to treat with respect; to give (someone) their due; to make (someone) look good; to avoid embarrassing (someone). to sharpen; to make clear. to shut; to close. to make tea (macha); to perform the tea ceremony. to divide by; (suf,v1) to do ... vigorously

立ち上がる たちあがる (v5r,vi) to stand up; to get up. to rise. to recover. to take action; to start. (sumo) to make the initial charge. (comp) to start up; to boot up

Eye

目 : eye

SRLY 目 _ 目? Dis iz a pictogram for eye: draw an eye with only two color and get rid of round shapes.



目 め (n) eye; eyeball. eyesight; sight; vision. look; stare; glance. an experience. viewpoint. stitch; texture; weave; (suf) ordinal number suffix. somewhat; -ish

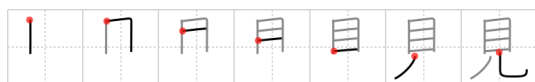
目立つ めだつ (v5t,vi) to be conspicuous; to stand out

目つき めつき (n) look; expression of the eyes; eyes.

見 : see

目, 儿

This new NSA device, an Eye with very long Legs and great zoom, allows them to See everything.



見る みる (v1,vt) to see; to look; to watch; to view; to observe. to look over; to look on; to assess; to examine; to judge. (uk) to look after; to keep an eye on; to take care of. to view (e.g. flowers, movie). (uk) to try; to try out. (uk) to see that...; to find that...

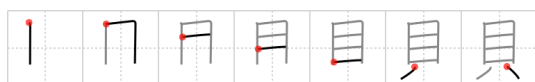
見える まみえる (v1,vi) (hum) to have an audience; to meet; to see. to face (an enemy); to confront. to serve (esp. as one's wife).

見せる みせる (v1,vt) to show; to display

貝 : shell(fish)

目, animal legs

A weird shellfish, with just an eye and small legs (NOTE: these legs are animal legs, shorter than human legs). It looks a lot like Pokemons Kabuto and Shellder (just google).



貝 かい (n) shell; shellfish

貝がら かいがら (n) shell.

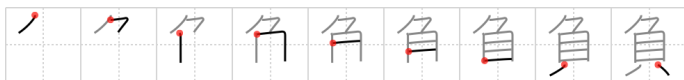
ほら貝 ほらがい (n,uk) conch (Charonia tritonis); trumpet shell.

Note: As a component, we'll use 'currency' as a meaning, since shellfishes were used as a currency in a few African cultures.

負 : to lose, to surrender

勺, 貝

Tied up, the shellfish Pokemon has to surrender (in a Pokeball?).



負ける まける (v1,vi) to lose; to be defeated. to succumb; to give in; to surrender; to yield. to be inferior to. to break out in a rash due to (e.g. lacquer, shaving, etc.); (v1,vt) to reduce the price; to lower the price; to give a discount on

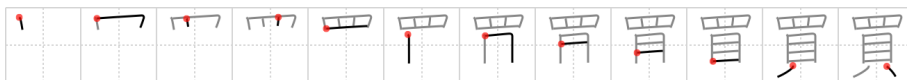
負う おう (v5u,vt) to bear; to carry on one's back. to take responsibility for; to accept a duty. to be injured. to owe

負け まけ (n) defeat; loss; losing (a game)

買 : buy

目 (90°), 貝

As we'd like to take all of your money (currency), we'd like you to cover your eyes with a couple of shells as you enter the store and make stupid purchases. Thank you for your understanding and please come back often. Sincerely, A Brand You Hate.



買う かう (v5u,vt) to buy; to purchase. to value; to have a high opinion. to stir; to provoke

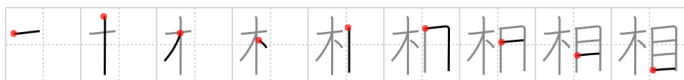
買い かい (n) buying; shopping. buyer. purchase

買い出し かいだし (n) purchase; buying in quantity

相 : inter-something, minister

木, 目

The stupid minister (that is, politician) is having inter-course with his secretary behind that tree and feels 100% safe from prying eyes! Alternatively, he can fuck the tree itself in front of the cameras.



相 あい (pref) together; mutually; fellow.

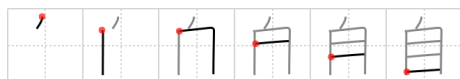
外相 がいしょう (n) Foreign Minister

人相 にんそう (n,adj-no) physiognomy; looks; countenance

白 : oneself

丶, 目

Japanese girls often point their fingers at their nose (drop between eyes) to mean 'I, myself' instead of or in addition of using a pronoun like (w)atashi.



自ら おのずから (adv) naturally; as a matter of course.

自 ころ (ok,pref) self-.

自白 じはく (n,vs) confession; acknowledgement; acknowledgment

省 : focus, cut down

目, 小

Focus is when your eye is focused on a few things (figuratively) or a small area (literally).



省 しょう (n,n-suf) ministry; department. province (of China); (n-pref) saving; conserving.

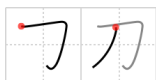
省く はぶく (v5k,vt) to omit; to leave out; to exclude; to eliminate. to curtail; to save; to cut down; to economize; to economise

省みる かえりみる (v1,vt) to look back (e.g. over shoulder or at the past); to turn around. to reflect on the past; to reconsider; to review. to reflect on oneself; to introspect; to contemplate oneself. to consider (usu. used in negative); to concern oneself about; to pay attention to; to take into consideration

Sword

刀 : sword, dagger

Pictogram of a curved katana and a straight wakizashi... or a sword in a bending person's ass.



刀 かたな (n) (single-edged) sword; katana. (arch) dagger; knife

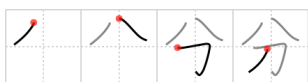
太刀 たち (n) long sword

一刀 いっとう (n) sword; blade. single stroke.

分 : part, minute, understand

入, 刀

Theorem: if a anything is entered by a sword, it's cut into several pieces. Special cases: a clock is cut into minutes and a textbook is cut into bits of knowledge.



自分 じぶん (pn,adj-no) myself; yourself; oneself; himself; herself. I; me; .

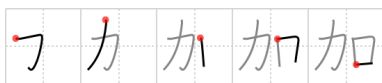
分 ふん (n) minute. fun (one tenth of a monme, 5.787 grains)

分かる わかる (v5r,vi) to understand; to comprehend; to grasp; to see; to get; to follow. to become clear; to be known; to be discovered; to be realized; to be realised; to be found out

加 : add

力, 口

Well, just picture force feeding.



加える くわえる (v1,vt) to append; to sum up; to add (up); to include; to increase; to inflict

加わる くわわる (v5r,vi) to be added to; to be appended. to join in (e.g. a group of friends); to participate. to increase (e.g. heat); to gain in (e.g. influence); to grow; to gather (speed). to be subject to (e.g. pressure)

加 か (n) addition; increase. (abbr) Canada

切 : cut

七, 刀

If you think of 七 as a pair of scissors, you get a pair of scissors and a dagger. If you think of 七 as seven, you get seven samurais.

切る きる (suf,v5r,vt) to cut; to cut through; to perform (surgery). to sever (connections, ties). to turn off (i.e. the light). to terminate (i.e. a conversation); to hang up (the phone); to disconnect. to punch (a ticket); to tear off (a stub). to open (something sealed). to start. to set (a limit); to do (something) in less or within a certain time; to issue (stamps, vouchers, etc.). to reduce; to decrease; to discount. to shake off (water, etc.); to let drip-dry; to let drain. to cross; to traverse. to criticize sharply. to act decisively; to do (something noticeable); to go first; to make (certain facial expressions, in kabuki). to turn (a vehicle). to curl (a ball); to bend; to cut. to shuffle (cards). to dismiss; to sack; to let go; to expulse; to excommunicate. to dig (a groove); to cut (a stencil, on a mimeograph). to trump. (in Go) to isolate (an opponent's stone). ㊶ to start a fire (with wood-wood friction or by striking a metal against stone). ㊷ to draw (a shape) in the air (with a sword, etc.); (suf,v5r) ㊸ (after the -masu stem of a verb) to finish; to complete

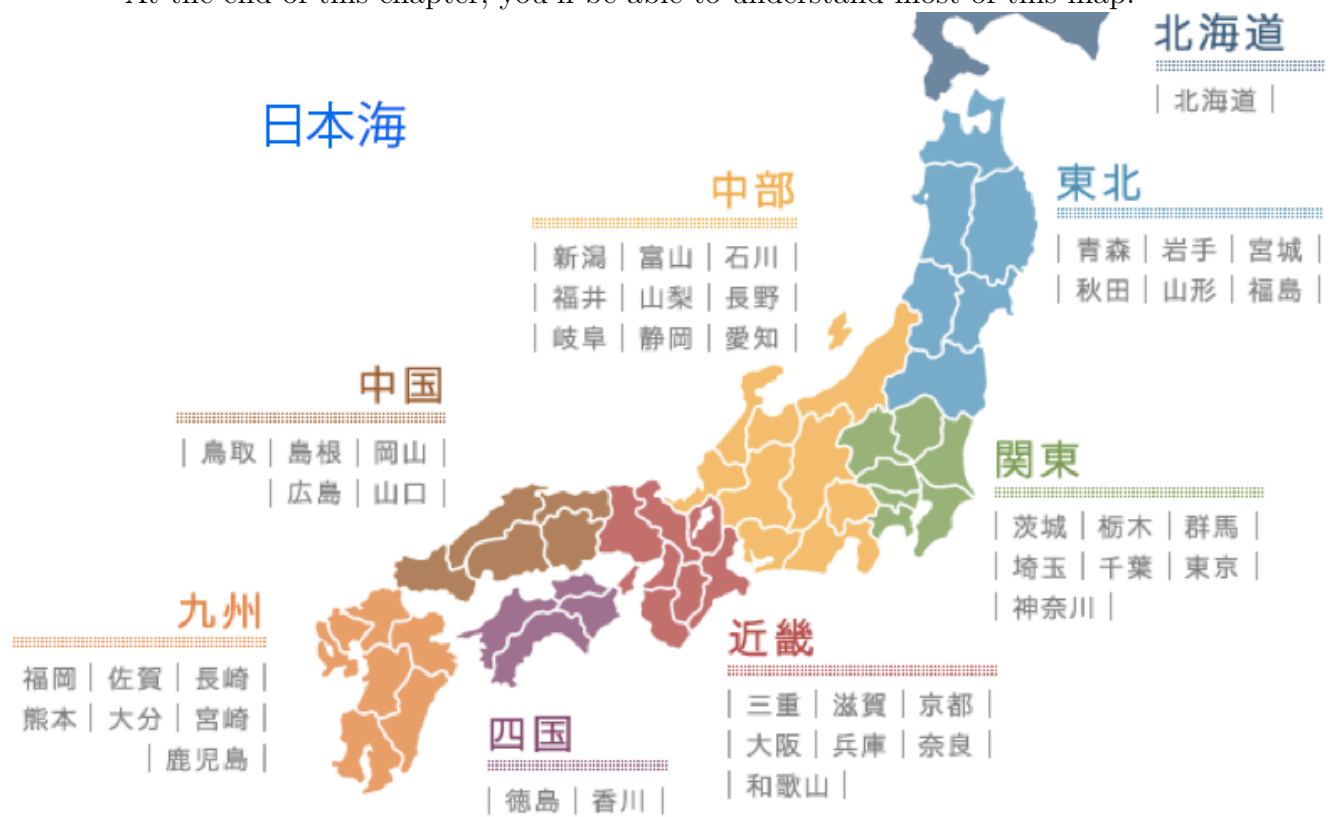
切れる きれる (v1,vi) to break; to snap; to be cut; to split; to crack. to be injured. to wear out; to be worn out. to break; to burst; to collapse. to wear off; to stop working; to go dead. to expire (time limit, etc.); to run out; to become due. to run out (of stock, etc.); to be exhausted; to be used up; to be sold out; to be out of. to be broken off (e.g. of a relationship); to break up; to have severed ties; to be cut off; to be disconnected. to cut well; to be sharp. to be sharp-minded; to be keen; to be shrewd; to be quick-witted; to be able. to be short of; to drop under (a certain figure); to beat (e.g. a record time). to dry off. to curve; to veer. to shuffle (cards). (col) to get angry; to snap; to blow one's top; to lose one's temper; to flip; (suf,v1) to be able to do completely

大切 おおぎり (io,n) large cut (e.g. of meat). last piece of the day's programme; last act of a play; comic dialogue as the last item in vaudeville, music hall, etc..

Chapter 2

Map

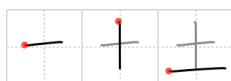
At the end of this chapter, you'll be able to understand most of this map!



Map

土 : soil, ground

Pictogram for a needle, like Excalibur or a grave cross, planted in soil.



土 つち (n) earth; soil; dirt; clay; mud. the earth (historically, esp. as opposed to the heavens); the ground; the land. low-quality torinoko-gami (containing mud). (period of) refraining from construction in the direction of the god of the earth (in On'youdou)

本土 ほんど (n) mainland; one's home country; the country proper

出土 しゅつど (n,vs) archeological excavation (archaeological)

也 : scorpion



地 : land (lot)

土, 也

Just picture a land whose ground is full of scorpions (or Pokemons). It's heavily discounted.

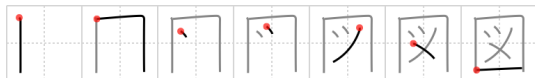
地 じ (n) (abbr) ground; land; earth; soil. the region in question; the local area. skin. texture; fabric; material; weave. base; background. one's true nature. narrative (i.e. descriptive part of a story). real life; actuality. (in the game of go) captured territory. noh chorus. (in Japanese dance) accompaniment music. (in Japanese music) basic phrase (usu. repetitive). base part (of multiple shamisens).

土地 とち (n) plot of land; lot; soil

地上 ちじょう (n,adj-no) above ground; surface. earth; world

図 : map, chart

Pictogram for a treasure map.



地図 ちず (n) map

図 ず (n,n-suf) drawing; picture; diagram; figure; illustration; chart; graph. sight; scene

図る はかる (v5r,vt) to plot; to attempt; to plan; to devise; to design. to take in; to deceive. to aim for; to have something in mind. to refer A to B

Directions

方 : direction

一, 刀

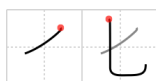
Taadaaaaa: this sword over a reversed top hat works as a compass! Even if it stops working, you can still use the sword and ask for direction...

方 え (suf) suffix used as a rough indicator of location, direction, time, etc..

一方 いっぽう (n) one (esp. of two); the other; one way; the other way; one direction; the other direction; one side; the other side; one party; the other party; (conj) on the one hand; on the other hand. whereas; although; but at the same time; meanwhile; in turn; (n-adv,n-suf) (after noun, adjective-stem or plain verb) just keeps; being inclined to ...; tending to be ...; tending to do ...; continuously ...; just keeps on ...ing; only

地方 じかた (n,adj-no) area; locality; district; region; province. countryside; rural area. coast (esp. as seen from the water). person singing ballads in noh; person in charge of music in a Japanese dance performance.

匕 : spoon



匕 かい (ok,n) spoon.

一匕 いっぴ (n) (obsc) one spoon. one dagger.

北 : north

I learned this kanji as a pictogram for N as in 'North' because it's hard to come up with a compelling story for it.



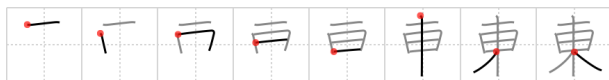
北 きた (n) north. (arch) north wind

北方 ほっぽう (n,adj-no) northern (district); northward

東 : east

木, 日

Picture or google 'sun rising behind a tree', a Japanese cliché.



東 あずま (n) (arch) eastern Japan (esp. Kamakura or Edo, from perspective of Kyoto or Nara); eastern provinces. (arch) east. (abbr) six-stringed Japanese zither.

東北 とうほく (n) north-east. Tohoku (northernmost six prefectures of Honshu);

東方 とうほう (n,adj-no) eastern direction. the Orient

辛 : spicy

立, 十

Some food like wasabi, curry and Thai food are so spicy they make you wanna stand up as if you were sat on needles.

辛い くらい (adj-i) spicy; hot. salty. harsh (criticism); severe (punishment); strict. painful; bitter; difficult; tough

辛うじて かりうじて (adv,uk) barely; narrowly; just manage to do something

幸 : happiness

一, 辛

Though one perfectly dosed bite of this kind a food can bring you happiness.

幸せ しあわせ (adj-na,n) happiness; good fortune; luck; blessing

幸い さいわい (adj-na,n) happiness; blessedness; luck; fortune; felicity; (adv)
luckily; fortunately

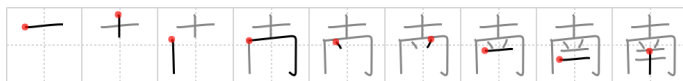
幸 こう (n) good luck; fortune; happiness.

冂 : belt, glass cover

南 : south

幸, 冂

For men, instant gratification (happiness) is south of one's belt.



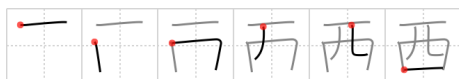
南 みなみ (n) south

南方 なんぽう (n,adj-no) south; southern; southward

西 : west

四, 方

West is the fourth cardinal direction.



西 せい (n,abbr) Spain.

東西 とうざい (n,adj-no) east and west. Orient and Occident; East and West;
(exp) (abbr) Ladies and Gentlemen!; Your attention, please!; roll-up, roll-up

西方 さいほう (n) western direction. (Buddh,abbr) Western Pure Land (Amitabha's
Buddhist paradise).

中 : middle, dans

丨, 口

Pictogram for a stick or dick in the middle of a hole.



中 うち (n,adj-no) inside; within. while. among; amongst; between; (pn,adj-no) we (referring to one's in-group, i.e. company, etc.); our. my spouse; (n) (arch) imperial palace grounds. (arch) emperor; (pn,adj-no) (ksb:) I (primarily used by women and children); me.

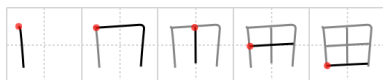
中には なかには (adv) some (of them); among (them).

その中 そのなか (exp,adv) wherein; therein; thereinto.

Nature

田 : rice field

Pictogram of a simple rice field divided into four parts... just picture a western field seen from a hill or satellite.



田 た (n) rice field

小田 おだ (n,arch) rice field (usu. small).

Note: As a component, we'll see 田 as an oversimplified brain.

林, 森 : wood, forest

tree

Two trees represent the woods, three represent a big forest.

林 はやし (n) woods; forest; copse; thicket

林立 りんりつ (n,vs) stand close together

森 もり (n) forest. shrine grove

森林 しんりん (n,adj-no) forest; woods

水 : water

This pictogram is pretty hard; you can imagine some stick dropping in water and recopy it a dozen times.



水 すい (n) (abbr) Wednesday. shaved ice (served with flavored syrup). water (fifth of the five elements).

水中 すいちゅう (n,adj-no) underwater

水上 すいじょう (n) aquatic; on the water

夕 : walking legs

冬 : winter

夕, ン

In winter, your pair of legs is often walking on ice.



冬 ふゆ (n-adv,n-t) winter

冬休み ふゆやすみ (n) winter vacation

永 : eternity

丿, 水

An hour is to eternity what a drop of water is to oceans.

永 とこしえ (adj-na,n,adj-no) eternity; perpetuity; immortality.

永い ながい (adj-i) long (time); lengthy.

永らえる ながらえる (v1,vi) to have a long life; to live a long time.

泳 : swim

水, 永

Many people (especially in Antiquity) fear swimming because to them, it means staying in water for eternity... It would be for anyone trying to swim through an ocean.

泳ぐ およぐ (v5g,vi) to swim

泉 : fountain

白, 水

A fountain is water from a white source.

泉 いずみ (n) spring; fountain

泉水 せんすい (n) garden pond; miniature lake. fountain

母 : mother

Pictogram of a mother's two breasts.



母 あも (ok,n,hum) mother.

お母さん おかあさん (n,hon) mother

母さん かあさん (n) mother

每 : every

lying down, 母

Nested lying down primitive. Every life starts out lied down in one's mother's uterus, which led Freud to believe that every man wants to lie down with his mother ever after.

毎日 まいにち (n-adv,n-t) every day

毎朝 まいあさ (n-adv,n-t) every morning

毎月 まいげつ (n-adv,n) every month; each month; monthly

海 : sea

水, 每

(Almost) every drop of water comes back to the sea. The sea is every drop of water.

海 うみ (n) sea; beach

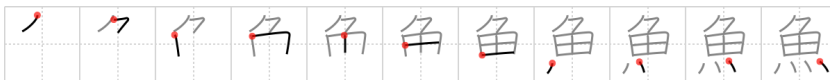
海外 かいがい (n,adj-no) foreign; abroad; overseas

ㄹᄇᆞᆫ : boiling

魚 : fish

勺, 田, 𠂔

Put a bunch of bound up fishes on the squared grill and boil their brains; savor.



魚 うお (n) fish.

鳥 : bird

白, 一, tail feather

Pictogram of a white bird with a long tail feather.



鳥 とり (n) bird. bird meat (esp. chicken meat); fowl; poultry

小鳥　ことり (n)　small bird; songbird.　(chn) birdie; dickeybird; dickybird

白鳥 しらとり (n) swan (Cygnus Bechstein, Cygnus ssp.). white-feathered bird.

島 : island

鳥, 山

The bird lands on a mountain in the middle of water, aka an island

島 しま (n) island. (uk) territory (of a prostitute, organized crime gang, etc.);

turf

川 : stream

Pictogram for a stream.



川 かわ (n) river; stream; (suf) the river; (suffix used with the names of rivers)

州 : state

、, 川

If you look at a US map, states are really just drops of land between rivers.

州 しゅう (n) state; province; county; department (of ancient China). continent;
(suf) (arch) (after someone's name) dear

九州 きゅうしゅう (n) Kyushu (southernmost of the four main islands of Japan)

北九州 きたきゅうしゅう (n) Kitakyushu (city).

消 : extinguish, erase

水, 小, 月

On the left, a small moon with a little white spark. On the right, water to extinguish it.

消える きえる (v1,vi) to go out; to vanish; to disappear

消す けす (v5s,vt) to erase; to delete; to cross out. to turn off power. to
extinguish; to put out. (sl) to bump off

かき消す かきけす (v5s,vt) to erase; to drown out (e.g. noise, sound).

From Street to Country

丁 : street

Pictogram of a T-intersection.



丁 ちょう (ctr) counter for sheets, pages, leaves, etc.. counter for blocks of tofu; counter for servings in a restaurant. counter for long and narrow things such as guns, scissors, spades, hoes, inksticks, palanquins, candles, jinrikishas, shamisen, oars, etc.; (n) even number. 109.09 m.

丁目 ちょうめ (n) district of a town; city block (of irregular size)

Note: It's also the pictogram of a nail so we'll use that meaning as a kanji part.

行 : go, column

丶, 人, 一, 丁

It's hard to make a story with parts, so you can see a pictogram of a boat moving downward. Katakana trick: ite, as in Monthly Python's Romani ite domum scene, is a Latin imperative for 'go'.



行く いく (v5k-s,vi) to go; to move (in a direction or towards a specific location); to head (towards); to be transported (towards); to reach. to proceed; to take place. to pass through; to come and go. to walk. to do (in a specific way). to stream; to flow; (aux-v) to continue; (v5k-s,vi) (uk) to have an orgasm; to come; to cum. (uk,sl) to trip; to get high; to have a drug-induced hallucination; .

行う おこなう (v5u,vt) to perform; to do; to conduct oneself; to carry out

行 ぎょう (n) line (i.e. of text); row; verse. (Buddh) carya (austerities). (Buddh) samskara (formations). (abbr) running script (a semi-cursive style of kanji)

Note: As a component, the left part will mean column and the whole kanji will mean boulevard.

可 : can, possibility

丁, 口

Obama's 2008 campaign: tons of mouths in the street shouting 'yes we can!'. Very often in France, union and workers in the same situation: 'yes we can get what we want!'. As a kanji part, we'll use the other meaning of 'can'.



可 か (n,n-suf) passable; acceptable; tolerable; fair

可い べい (aux) (uk,arch,ktb:,thb:) word used at sentence-end (like a particle) to indicate speculation, volition or invitation. should; must.

可き べき (aux) (uk) should (suf. to verbs); must; that one ought to; to be done. (passive ending) -able.

河 : river

水, 可

Imagine a river in a half can of water, with a big can a water as source and many small cans as destination. It sounds like a level in a recent Mario game.

河 かわ (n) river; stream; (suf) the river; (suffix used with the names of rivers)

大河 たいが (n) large river

河口 かこう (n,adj-no) mouth of river; estuary

何 : what

人, 可

What in the world is impossible for Segata Sanshiro / Chuck Norris / James Bond? No, they can do anything.



何 なに (int,pn,adj-no) what; (n) (col) euph. for genitals or sex

何とか なんとか (exp,adv,n) something; something or other; so-and-so. somehow; anyhow; one way or another

何でも なんでも (exp,adv) (uk) any; whatever one likes; by all means; anything; everything; (exp) (uk) I am told; I understand; they say; I hear

奇 : strange

大, 可

Big dog served in a can... It's strange; welcome to China!

奇 き (adj-na,n) strange; unconventional.

奇人 きじん (n) queer fellow; odd fellow; eccentric person; crank; oddball; freak.

奇しくも くしくも (adv) strangely; oddly; miraculously; mysteriously.

町 : town, neighborhood

田, 丁

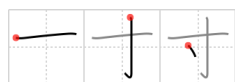
Many small and medium towns in rural areas are literally a bunch of streets surrounded by rice fields, just one farmer neighborhood.

町 ちょう (n) town; block; neighbourhood; neighborhood. street; road. 109.09 m. 0.99 hectares.

下町 したまち (n) low-lying part of a city (usu. containing shops, factories, etc.). Shitamachi (low-lying area of eastern Tokyo near Tokyo Bay, inc. Asakusa, Shitaya, Kanda, Fukugawa, Honjo, Nihonbashi, Kyobashi and surrounds)

町人 ちょうにん (n) merchant

寸 : glued to



一寸 いっすん (n) one sun (approx. 3.03 cm). a little bit (of time, distance, etc.).

寸 すん (n) sun (approx. 3.03 cm).

寸分 すんぶん (n-adv, n-t) tiny bit.

村 : village

木, 寸

Video game analogy: in RPG's, villages are often near dangerous forests (but only if you get in!). In RTS's (like Age Of's), villages are often near trees (-> wood) and mines (-> gold).

村 むら (n) village

村人 むらびと (n) villager

山村 さんそん (n) mountain village

付 : to attach, to adhere

人, 寸

Segata Sanshiro's equipment is not attached but glued to him, just as his ideals are figuratively.

付く つく (v5k,vi) to be attached; to be connected with; to adhere; to stick; to cling. to remain imprinted; to scar; to stain; to dye. to bear (fruit, interest, etc.). to be acquired (of a habit, ability, etc.); to increase (of strength, etc.). to take root. to accompany; to attend; to follow; to study with. to side with; to belong to. to possess; to haunt. to be lit; to be lighted. to be settled; to be resolved; to be decided. to be given (of a name, price, etc.). to be sensed; to be perceived. to be lucky; (suf,v5k) (after -masu stems, onomatopoeic and mimetic words) to become (a state, condition, etc.).

付ける つける (v1,vt) to attach; to join; to add; to append; to affix; to stick; to glue; to fasten; to sew on; to apply (ointment). to furnish (a house with). to wear; to put on. to keep a diary; to make an entry. to appraise; to set (a price). to bring alongside. to place (under guard or doctor). to follow; to shadow. to load; to give (courage to). to keep (an eye on). to establish (relations or understanding). to turn on (light)

付 づけ (n-suf) dated (e.g. a letter); date of effect (e.g. a rule change).

广 : cave

府 : prefecture, province

广, 付

The prefecture decided to solve overcrowding by expanding into caves... You have to adhere because a slight majority of inhabitants voted for them a few years ago...

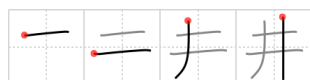
府 ふ (n) (metropolitan) prefecture (of Osaka and Kyoto). the centre or seat (of) (center). (government) office.

府中 ふちゅう (n) provincial capital (under the ritsuryo system); provincial office. public place of imperial rule.

出府 しゅつぷ (n,vs) going to the capital; working in a government office.

井 : well

Pictogram of a fenced well. Today, this kanji is mostly used in the context of oil.



天井 てんじょう (n) ceiling; ceiling price

井 い (n) well.

井 : surround

井, pent in

Google Kakariko Village, a Zelda (most notably OOT) village pent in around a well.

囲む かこむ (v5m,vt) to surround; to encircle; to enclose; to fence; to wall in. to besiege; to lay siege to. to play (go, shogi, etc.)

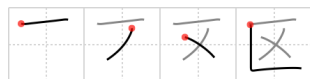
囲う かこう (v5u,vt) to enclose; to surround; to encircle; to fence; to wall in. to shelter (e.g. a criminal); to shield; to hide; to protect. to keep (e.g. a mistress). to store (vegetables, fruit, etc.); to preserve. (arch) to protect; .

囲い かこい (n) enclosure; paling; storage

区 : ward, district

匚, 乂

This pictogram speaks for itself to me but you can imagine Shibuya, the district full of weird leg-crossing eccentric girl or Akihabara, the district full of X-gadgets like Xboxes or Xperias.



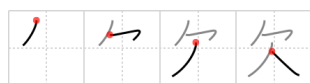
区 く (n) ward; district; section

地区 ちく (n,adj-no) district; section; sector

区分 くぶん (n,vs,adj-no) division; section; demarcation; partition; segmentation; subdivision; (traffic) lane; compartment; classification; sorting

欠 : yawn, lack

Actually, the top component is slightly different from 'lied down', so you can see a Manga-style pictogram of a person yawning because she lacks interest or energy.



欠ける かける (v1,vi) to be chipped; to be damaged; to be broken. to be lacking; to be missing. to be insufficient; to be short; to be deficient; to be negligent

toward. (of the moon) to wane; to go into eclipse

欠く かく (v5k,vt) to chip; to nick; to break; to crack. to lack

欠かす かかす (v5s,vt) to miss (doing); to fail (to do)

欧 : Europe

区, 欠

Japanese people work/study long hours and have a ton more available entertainment than the average European. To them, Europe is the district of the world where you yawn and lack Japanese products, which are always released in Japan first then in America and finally in Europe.

西欧 せいおう (n,adj-no) Western Europe

欧州 おうしゅう (n) Europe

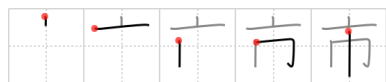
北欧 ほくおう (n,adj-no) Northern Europe; land of the Norsemen; Scandinavia

巾 : towel

市 : market, municipality

一, 巾

In France at least, you can see a few beach tourists wandering through the food or tourist market wearing nothing but a top hat and a towel. By extension, this kanji also mean the whole municipality around the market.



市 いち (n) market; fair

市内 しない (n,adj-no) (within a) city; local

乙 : hook



直 : to fix, directly

十, 目, 乙

If you hook a needle in your eye, go to a hospital immediately and see if they can fix it.

直す なおす (v5s,vt) to cure; to heal. to fix; to correct; to repair; (aux-v) to do over again (after -masu base of verb). (ksb:) to replace; to put back as it was. to convert (into a different state); to transform

直 あたい (n) Atai (post-Taika hereditary title often given to regional administrators).

直ちに ただちに (adv) at once; immediately; directly; in person; automatically

県 : prefecture

県, 小

A Japanese prefecture is a small piece of land that trains cross 'straightaway' and that's 'straightforward' to administer.

県 あがた (n) territory (pre-Taika: under the Yamato court; Heian: under a provincial governor, etc.). (arch) countryside.

県立 けんりつ (adj-no,n) prefectural (institution)

県内 けんない (adj-no) within the prefecture

置 : placement, position

目, 直

In supermarkets, products you're supposed to buy like a mindless Cyclops are placed straight in front of your eye.

置く おく (v5k) to put; to place. to leave (behind). (uk) to do something in advance (usu. following te-form verb)

置いて おいて (iK,conj,uk) at; in; on.

高 : high, tall

十, 口, 冂, 口

Two kids trying to look tall; the top one is wearing a hat and standing over the belt of the weird suit.

高い たかい (adj-i) high; tall. expensive

高 こう (suf) (abbr) high school; (pref) high-.

高まる たかまる (v5r,vi) to rise; to swell; to be promoted

京 : capital city

高, 小

The capital city is the huge town full of tall buildings and full of small people.

東京 とうきょう (n) Tokyo

京 きょう (n) imperial capital (esp. Kyoto). final word of an iroha-uta; (num) 10¹⁶; 10,000,000,000,000,000; ten quadrillion (short scale); ten thousand billion (long scale)

就 : to take over, to start

高, 犬, one human leg

What's the next big trendy thing that's taking over Tokyo and other capitals? A new pet/robotic shop that sells (robotic) small dogs with one humanoid robotic leg!



就く つく (v5k) to ascend (the throne); to accede. to take (seat, position, course, etc.); to assume. to start (on a journey); to commence; to depart. to study (under teacher); to be an apprentice

就いて ついて (uk) about; concerning; as to; regarding

就ける つける (v1,vt) to install (a king, emperor, etc.). to appoint (to a post). to assign (to study under).

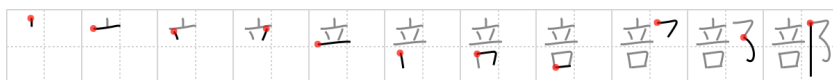
音 : muzzle

β : city wall

部 : (de)part(ment)

音, β

The inner city is the part where everyone is a dangerous muzzled criminal or noisy party guy. Said Oversheltering Suburban Mom.



部分 ぶぶん (n) portion; section; part

部 ぶ (n,n-suf) department (in an organization); division; bureau. club. part; component; element. category; (ctr) counter for copies of a newspaper or magazine

一部 いちぶ (n-adv,n) one part; one portion; one section; some. one copy (e.g. of a document)

丰 : bush

邦 : domestic (home country)

丰, 邦

Your native country Kanto/Jhoto/Any-Pokemon-universe is full of impassable bushes around city walls.



邦 くに (n) country; (the) state. region. (obs) province (of Japan). home (i.e. hometown, home country). (arch) land; earth.

邦人 ほうじん (n) Japanese national (esp. one living overseas). fellow countryman; .

本邦 ほんぽう (n) this country; our country.

防 : defense, protection

防, 方

Draw a typical medieval city: there is one city wall gate for each cardinal direction and it's defended by guards.

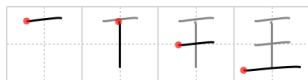
防ぐ ふせぐ (v5g,vt) to defend (against); to protect; to prevent

消防 しょうぼう (n) fire fighting; fire department

王 : king

一, 土

The King is the One who reigns over the Soil. In European monarchies, he used to get his power from God (the sky, ceiling).



王 おう (n,n-suf) king; ruler; sovereign; monarch. king (for senior player) (shogi). tycoon; magnate; champion; master

王さま おうさま (n,hon) king.

皇 : The Emperor

白, 王

The Emperor is very important in Japan, like a white supreme king.

天皇 すめらぎ (n) Emperor of Japan.

玉 : ball, jewel

丶, 王

The king owns a lot of jewellery but only one pair of drops of family jewels (aka. balls)...

目玉 めだま (n) eyeball.

国 : country

口, 玉

Japanese think of their country as gems pent in a bunch of islands.

国 くに (n) country; (the) state. region. (obs) province (of Japan). home (i.e. hometown, home country). (arch) land; earth

中国 ちゅうごく (n) China. South-west most region of Honshu; middle of a country; the Hiroshima area

外国 がいこく (n,adj-no) foreign country

Road



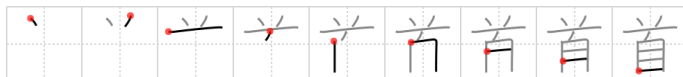
: horns



: neck

首, 自

Neck is what fits your V-shaped collar on yourself. If you don't like that human analogy, feel free to make your own monster analogy.



首 おうと (n,arch) Obito (hereditary title, often given to powerful regional families).

首相 しゅしょう (n) Prime Minister; Chancellor (Germany, Austria, etc.); Premier;

小首 こくび (n) head.



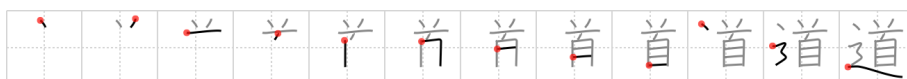
: road



: way, road

首, 道

On the railway, if you go on the train roof when it enters a tunnel, you're risking your neck.



道 ち (n) (arch) way; road; (n-suf) way to ...; road to

北海道 ほっかいどう (n) Hokkaido (northernmost of the four main islands of Japan)



: to guide

道, 寸

Glue a GPS on the windshield and stay glued to the way it shows.

導く みちびく (v5k,vt) to guide; to lead; to show the way; to conduct. to derive; to deduce

導入 どうにゅう (n,vs) introduction; bringing in; leading in; installation

導 するべ (n) guidance; guide.

辺 : environs, border

刀, 讠

Border is the peripheral road defended with swords. Think about Gibraltar or Mexican borders.

辺り あたり (n) (uk) on the bank of; by the side of (e.g. a river, pond). (in the) neighbourhood; neighborhood; vicinity; nearby

辺 え (suf) suffix used as a rough indicator of location, direction, time, etc..

この辺 このへん (pn,adj-no) this area; around here.

厂 : cliff

又 : crotch



又 また (adv,conj,pref,uk) again; and; also; still (doing something)

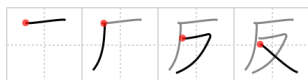
又もや またもや (adv,uk) again (and again); once again.

又は または (conj,exp,uk) or; otherwise

反 : anti

厂, 又

An anti-some-group-of-people cuts their crotches and throws them over a cliff!



反省 はんせい (n,vs) reflection; reconsideration; introspection; meditation; contemplation; .

反 たん (n) variable measure of fabric (28.8 cm in width); for kimonos: at least 10 m in length; for haori: at least 7.27 m in length; for other clothes: at least 6.06 m in length. 300 tsubo (991.74 meters square, 0.24506 acres). six ken (10.91 m).

反す かえす (v5s,vt) to return (something); to restore; to put back. to turn over;
to turn upside down; to overturn. to pay back; to retaliate; to reciprocate;
(suf,v5s) (after the -masu stem of a verb) to repeat ...; to do ... back

返: return, come back

讎, 反

For a retailer (especially online), a return means the product making the anti-road and then paying the anti-money...

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返る かえる (v5r,vi) to return; to come back; to go back. to turn over; (suf,v5r)
(after the -masu stem of a verb) (to become) extremely; (to become) completely;

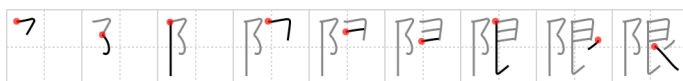
くり返し くりかえし (n,vs,adj-no,adj-na) repetition; repeat; reiteration; iteration;
refrain; cycle; (n-adv) repeatedly.

良 : fixed by, rooted in

限: limit

β, 艮

The city limits are fixed by city walls.



限り かぎり (n-adv,n) limit; limits; bounds. degree; extent; scope. as far as possible; as much as possible; to the best of one's ability; very much. unless (after neg. verb). the end; the last; (suf) as long as; only

限る かぎる (v5r,vt) to restrict; to limit; to confine; (v5r,vi) to be restricted to;
to be limited to; to be confined to

限りなく かぎりなく (adv) without end; exceedingly.

退: move back, retire

良, 迄

Once you're rooted in a house and are near the end of the carrier road, you retire.

退く しりぞく (v5k,vi) to step back; to move back. to leave (the presence of a superior); to withdraw; to retreat; to concede. to resign; to retire; to quit; .

退ける しりぞける (v1,vt) to repel; to drive away; to repulse; to reject.

退出 たいしゅつ (n,vs) leaving (e.g. work at end of day); withdrawal (e.g. from a noble's or superior's presence); exit (e.g. from a market).

根 : root

木, 艮

Roots are what root/fix a tree in the soil.

根 こん (n) stick-to-itiveness; perseverance; persistence. radical (esp. one that tends to ionize easily). (math) root. (Buddh) indriya (faculty of the body having a specific function, i.e. the sensory organs).

根本 こんぽん (n,adj-no) root; source; origin; foundation; base; principle

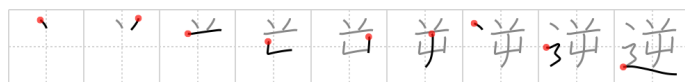
Rocky Hills

𠂔 : mountain goat

逆 : invert

辶, 𠂔

This great mountain goat can invert his direction in half-a-second, just like Micheal Jackson!



逆 ぎゃく (adj-na,n) reverse; opposite. converse (of a hypothesis, etc.)

逆らう さからう (v5u,vi) to go against; to oppose; to disobey; to defy

逆上 ぎゃくじょう (n,vs) frenzy; distraction.

岡 : Mount (name), hill

冂, 𠂔

A mount or a hill is just some kind of big rocky glass cover with mountain goats on it (looking from far away, they look 'in' it).

岡 おか (n) hill; height; knoll; rising ground.

岡山県 おかやまけん (n) Okayama prefecture (Chuugoku area).

両 : both

一, 冂, 山

Two ways of killing yourself: hang yourself at the ceiling with your belt or climb a mountain unprepared. Both work: trust me, I did both!

両 もろ (pref, uk) both.

両方 りょうほう (n, adj-no) both; both sides; both parties

兩人 りょうにん (n) both people.

満 : full

水, 艹, 両

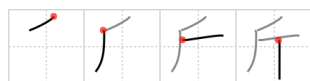
When there's only water or flowers in a vase, it's full; when there is both, it's more than full.

満ちる みちる (v1, vi) to be full. to wax (e.g. moon). to rise (e.g. tide). to mature; to expire

満たす みたす (v5s, vt) to satisfy; to fulfill; to appease. to fill (e.g. a cup); to pack. to reach (a certain number)

満 まん (n, pref) full (years, etc.). whole; all. fully enough; not lacking; (n) (abbr) Manchuria.

斤 : axe



斤 きん (n) (arch) unit of weight 600g. (arch) pound (unit of mass: 453.6g). loaf (of bread).

斤目 きんめ (n) weight.

一斤 いっきん (n) 1 kin (0.6kg). 1 loaf of bread.

近 : near

斤, 讠

Game analogy: a dwarf/orc/whatever carrying an axe is near you on the road: fight!

近く ちかく (n-adv,n) near; neighbourhood; neighborhood; vicinity; (n-suf) nearly (i.e. "it took nearly one year"); close to; (adv) shortly; soon

近づく ちかづく (v5k,vi) to approach; to draw near; to get close. to get acquainted with; to get closer to; to get to know.

近い ちかい (adj-i) near; close; short (distance)

新 : new

spicy, tree, 斤

New crappy product: a slice of spicy tree... Prepare to discover a new, unprecedentedly painful level of spiciness.

新しい あたらしい (adj-i) new; novel; fresh; recent; latest; up-to-date; modern

新 あら (pref) new.

才 : finger

折 : break, fold

才, 斤

Fold your finger with an axe and it might end up 'broken'.

折れる おれる (v1,vi) to break; to be broken; to snap; to fracture. to be folded. to give in; to back down; to yield; to submit. to turn (a corner)

折る おる (v5r,vt) to break; to fracture; to break off; to snap off; to pick (e.g. flowers). to fold; to bend. to make (origami). to interrupt; to end; .

折 おり (n) opportunity; chance; occasion; time; (n,ctr) fold; pleat; crease. small food box (wooden or cardboard)

打 : strike

才, 丁

Insanely severe teacher, parent or torturer strikes a kid's finger with a hammer and nails.

打つ うつ (v5t,vt) to hit; to strike; to knock; to beat; to punch; to slap; to tap; to bang; to clap; to pound. to strike (noon, etc.); to sound (cymbals, etc.); to beat (a drum, etc.). to beat (rhythmically, e.g. pulse, waves, etc.). to move; to impress; to touch. to drive in; to hammer in; to put in; to inject. to type; to send; to transmit. to insert; to write in; to mark. to make (noodles, etc.); to prepare. to till (soil). to sprinkle; to throw; to cast. to do; to carry out; to play; to perform; to engage in (gambling, etc.). to pay (a deposit, etc.). to visit (on a pilgrimage). to line (a coat). to bind (a criminal)

打ち明ける うちあける (v1,vt) to be frank; to speak one's mind; to open one's heart; .

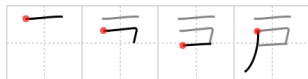
打 ダース (ateji,n,abbr,uk) dozen (eng: doz).

尸 : flag

戸 : door

一, 尸

In some patriotic American suburbs, there is exactly one flag per door. In third world countries too, except the flag IS the door.



戸 こ (ctr) counter for houses.

戸口 ここう (n) houses and inhabitants; population.

井戸 いど (n) water well

所 : place

戸, 斤

A place is a building that has a door where you have to leave your axe.

所 しよ (suf,ctr) counter for places.

近所 きんじよ (n,adj-no) neighbourhood; neighborhood

力所 かしよ (n,ctr) passage; place; point; part.

兵 : solider, military things

斤, animal legs

Think WWI. 'You stupid soldiers, the general decided we really need to take that hill despite our 13 failed attempts and the hundreds of corpses and lost legs! So just run to the hill with your animal legs!'

兵 いくさ (n) war; battle; campaign; fight. (arch) troops; forces.

兵部 へいぶ (n) Ministry of War (Tang-dynasty China).

水兵 すいへい (n) (naval) sailor.

浜 : seacoast

水, 兵

Think WWII, Normandy D-Day, tons of soldiers on the coast, some remained in water and made it look redder.

浜 はま (n) beach; seashore. (abbr,uk) captured pieces (in the game of go); captured stones. (abbr) Yokohama. (arch,osb:) riverbank; riverside

浜辺 はまべ (n) beach; foreshore

京浜 けいひん (n) Tokyo and Yokohama.

質 : substance

斤, 斤, 貝

A scientist/pharmacist/illegal drug maker is extracting substance off a shell with a couple of axes.

質 しち (n) collateral; pledge; pawned article.

人質 ひとじち (n) hostage; prisoner

本質 ほんしつ (n,adj-no) essence; true nature; substance; reality

石 : rock

厂, 口

Japanese game show, Indiana Jones movie or Mario game with rocks that keep popping out of a cliff hole.

石 いし (n) stone. gem; jewel

大石 おおいし (n) large stone; boulder. large group of stones (in the game of go).

小石 こいし (n) pebble

原 : field, raw, origin

厂, 泉

Follow the stream from the source fountain at the cliff until you're in a plain/field, full of raw materials that are the origin of many industrial products.

原 げん (pref) original; primitive; primary; fundamental; raw.

源 : source, origin

水, 原

A source is the origin of raw water.

源 げん (suf) source; origin.

根源 こんげん (n,adj-no) root; source; origin; foundation; base; principle

源泉 げんせん (n,adj-no) source

圧 : pressure

厂, 土

Pressure is proportional to Mass / Area so the soil under a cliff has a lot of pressure because of the huge mass of the cliff and the relatively small area.

圧す あっす (v5s,vt) to press. to oppress; to dominate; to overwhelm.

圧 あつ (n) pressure; force.

干 : dry

Pictogram of a clothesline.



干す ほす (v5s,vt) to air; to dry; to desiccate. to drain (off). to drink up. to deprive of a role, job, etc. (usu. in the passive)

干る ひる (v1,vi) to dry

干からびる ひからびる (v1,vi) to dry up completely; to become stale.

岸 : beach

山, cliff, 干

Pebble beaches are perfect places to get dry near the base of a mountain cliff.

岸 きし (n) bank; coast; shore

海岸 かいがん (n,adj-no) coast; beach

河岸 かがん (n,adj-no) riverbank; riverside. fish market.

人 : umbrella

谷 : valley

入, へ, 口

Either a pictogram of a house with mountains behind or an entrance into a (mountain/girl) umbrella-shaped hole.



谷 たに (n) valley

宀 : house (primitive form)

容 : content

宀, 谷

A house or dome that contains a whole valley. Maybe Google or the NSA is gonna do this over Silicon Valley.



内容 ないよう (n) subject; contents; matter; substance; detail; import

容れる いれる (v1,vt) to put in; to let in; to take in; to bring in; to insert; to set (a jewel, etc.); to ink in (e.g. a tattoo). to admit; to accept; to employ; to hire. to accept; to comply; to grant; to adopt (a policy, etc.); to take (advice, etc.); to listen to; to pay attention to. to include. to pay (one's rent, etc.).

to cast (a vote). to make (tea, coffee, etc.). to turn on (a switch, etc.). to
send (a fax); to call.

容 かたち (n) form; shape; figure. visage.

Chapter 3

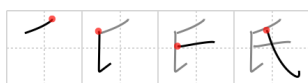
Family

Name

氏 : Family name

丶, 乙, 一, 乙

Really tricky shape, you have to rote learn it. If that helps, it looks like a big F and small n sharing one stroke: Fn => Family name.



氏 うじ (n) family name; lineage; birth

氏名 うじな (n) full name; identity.

民 : citizen

口, 氏

For a democratic country's governmental bureaucracy, a citizen is a name for and all kinds of records and a mouth (one vote).

民 たみ (n) nation; people

国民 こくみん (n) nation; nationality; people; citizen

市民 しみん (n) citizen; townspeople

眠 : sleep

eye, 民

It's legal bed time, citizens, close your eyes... And mind what you're saying in your bed, because Big Brother's eyes are still watching you.

眠る ねぶる (ok,v5r,vi) to sleep (not necessarily lying down). (arch) to close one's eyes.

眠い ねむい (adj-i) sleepy; drowsy; somnolent

氏 : business card

低 : bad, low rank

人, 氏

You can only be lower ranked than Segata Sanshiro so you gotta bow low when you receive his business card... or your body will remember!



低い ひくい (adj-i) low (rank, degree, value, content, quality, etc.). low (position); close to the ground. short (height). deep (voice); in a low key; low (volume);

低下 ていか (n,vs) fall; decline; lowering; deterioration; degradation

低める ひくめる (v1,vt) to lower; to be lowered

Head of Family

夫 : husband

Let's begin with the central most important member of the family: the husband! Notice how he's taller than the sky.



夫人 はしかし (ok,n,hon) wife; Mrs; madam.

夫 お (n-pref,n-suf,n) male; man; (n) (arch) husband.

規 : standard

夫, 見

The standard in a company is that you only see typical husband salarymen. Also, their one point of view is the standard official truth.

新規 しんき (adj-na,adj-no) new; fresh. new customer. new rules or regulations;

内規 ないき (n) private regulations; bylaws; internal rules; tradition

失 : lose

丶, 夫

The husband is losing his hair one drop at a time.

失う うしなう (v5u,vt) to lose; to part with

見失う みうしなう (v5u,vt) to lose sight of; to miss

失せる うせる (v1,vi) to disappear; to vanish.

矢 : dart



矢 さ (ok,n) arrow.

一矢 いっし (n-adv,n) an arrow; (a) retort.

火矢 ひや (n) fire arrow.

族 : tribe, family

banner, 矢

The banner part does look like a banner, but copy it a few time to remember exactly how it is (its components are 'direction' and 'laid down'). For the kanji, imagine some Native American village with a banner at the entry and a tribe with darts.

族 ぞく (n,n-suf) tribe; clan; band. (taxonomical) tribe. group (of the periodic table)

一族 いちぞく (n) family; relatives; dependents. household

民族 みんぞく (n,adj-no) people; race; nation; ethnic group; ethnos

施: donation

banner, 也

A charity fundraising banner for scorpion antidote research... shady.

施す ほどこす (v5s,vt) to give (time, money, goods); to donate. to do; to perform; to conduct. to apply (processing, makeup, etc.); to add (e.g. ornamentation, annotation). to sow; to seed; to scatter (e.g. fertilizer); to sprinkle. (arch) to spread far and wide

施行 しぎょう (n,vs) execution; enforcing; carrying out.

施し ほどこし (n) charity.

遊: play

banner, 子, 込

Warning banner (instead of a sign): Children are playing on the road!

遊ぶ あすぶ (ok,v5b,vi) to play; to enjoy oneself; to have a good time. to mess about (with alcohol, gambling, philandery, etc.). to be idle; to do nothing; to be unused. to go to (for pleasure or for study). (baseb) to intentionally throw a ball to lower the batter's concentration.

旅: trip

banner, rag

One more nested pictogram: looks like a rag. Ship or diligence departure: people waving banners and rags.



旅たび (n,vs) travel; trip; journey

旅行 りょこう (n,vs,adj-no) travel; trip

派: faction, party

水, zombie

Picture the extended rag as a zombie wearing scary rags. A faction of underwater zombies.

立派 りっぱ (adj-na,n) splendid; fine; handsome; elegant; imposing; prominent; legal; legitimate

派 は (n,n-suf) clique; faction; school

一派 いっぱ (n) school; sect; party

豆 : bean

一, 口, 丶, 丶, 一

The top is a bean pictogram and the bottom could be a weird plantation or a fart.

豆 まめ (n) legume (esp. edible legumes or their seeds, such as beans, peas, pulses, etc.); beans; peas. soya bean (soybean); soy (Glycine max). (col) female genitalia (esp. the clitoris). (food,col) kidney; (n-pref) miniature; tiny. child

小豆 あずき (gikun,n) adzuki beans

大豆 だいず (n) soya bean (soybean); soy (Glycine max)

短 : short, fault, minor

dart, 豆

In some petty American suburb, short faulty minors are forbidden to play darts and eat beans 'for security reasons'...

短い みじかい (adj-i) short

短 たん (n) fault; defect; weak point. minor (music).

頁 : head (primitive form)

一, 丶, 貝/oyster

An oyster's head is one drop inside its shell.

頭 : head (actual kanji)

豆, 頁

A human head that look like a chick-pea.

頭 あたま (n) head. mind; brain; intellect. top. hair (on one's head); .

頭上 ずじょう (n) overhead; high in sky

頭から あたまから (adv) from the beginning; without hesitation; flatly (e.g. refusing). entirely; completely.

夏 : summer

頭, 久

In summer, both your head and the center of your walking legs (not crotch) are hot.

夏 なつ (n) summer.

夏休み なつやすみ (n) summer vacation; summer holiday

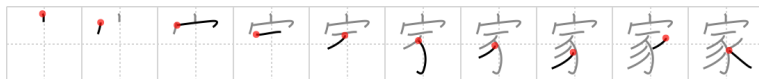
House

豕 : pig

家 : one's house (actual kanji)

宀, 豕

House of the three little pigs, or house of a big pig.



家 いえ (n) house; residence; dwelling. family; household. lineage; family name

家族 かぞく (n,adj-no) family; members of a family

国家 こっか (n) state; country; nation

宅 : someone else's house

宀, 毛

Pictogram of a man comfortably sat in an armchair. He sure does feel at home.

自宅 じたく (n) one's home

宅 たく (n) house; home; husband

お宅 おたく (n) (hon) your house; your home; your family. (hon) your husband.
(hon) your organization; (pn,adj-no) (hon) you (referring to someone of equal status with whom one is not especially close)

寄 : draw near

宀, 奇

Strange haunted house with a big sign 'Draw near!'.

寄る よる (v5r,vi) to approach; to draw near; to come near; to be close to. to gather (in one place); to come together; to meet. to stop by (while on one's way to another place); to drop by; to make a short visit. to grow old; to grow high (number, etc.). to grow (wrinkly). to lean against; to recline on. (sumo) to push one's opponent while holding their belt. to decide on a price and come to a deal. (arch) to be swayed by (a person); to yield to

寄せる よせる (v1,vt) to come near; to let someone approach. to bring near; to bring together; to collect; to gather. to deliver (opinion, news, etc.); to send (e.g. a letter); to contribute; to donate. to let someone drop by. to add (numbers). to have feelings for (love, good will, trust, etc.). to rely upon for a time; to depend on. to use as a pretext. to put aside. to press; to push; to force

近寄る ちかよる (v5r,vi) to approach; to draw near

主 : master, landlord

丶, 王

A landlord is a king over a drop of territory.

主人 あるじ (n) (abbr) head (of a household); proprietor (of a store); proprietress; landlord; landlady; master (of a servant). (arch) entertaining someone as one's guest.

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ご主人 ごしゅじん (n,hon) your husband; her husband

住 : to live in

人, 主

Where Segata Sanshiro resides, even hundred of miles around, he's the absolute master.

住む すむ (v5m,vi) to live (of humans); to reside; to inhabit; to dwell; to abide; .

住所 じゅうしょ (n) address (e.g. of house); residence; domicile

住人 じゅうにん (n) dweller; inhabitant; resident

注 : fill, pour

水, 主

Picture Versailles: fill the Sun King (master)'s fountain with pure water and pour exquisite wine in table's hundreds of glasses.

注ぐ そそぐ (v5g) to pour (into); to fill. to sprinkle on from above; to shed (e.g. tears). to concentrate one's spirit (strength, attention) on; (v5g,vi) to fall onto (of rain, snow)

注目 ちゅうもく (n,vs) notice; attention; observation

注 ちゅう (n,vs) annotation; explanatory note; comment

厶 : elbow

至 : climax

wall, 土

The top part is a nested pictogram for a wall, that is a ceiling on which you can rest your elbow. Sexual climaxes happen on a wall or on the ground.



至る いたる (v5r,vi) to arrive at (e.g. a decision); to reach (a stage); to attain. to lead to (a place); to get to. (arch) to come; to arrive; to result in; .

至って いたって (adv) very much; exceedingly; extremely

至 し (pref) to

室 : room

𠂇, climax

'Climax house'? Sounds nice. One room for two please!

室 しつ (n,n-suf) room. (obsc) wife (of someone of high rank). (obsc) scabbard. (astron) Chinese "Encampment" constellation (one of the 28 mansions)

室内 しつない (n,adj-no) indoor; inside the room

一室 いっしつ (n,adj-no) one room

屋 : roof

flag, climax

School and skyscraper roofs are really a cliché in Japanese dramas. Just imagine any building with a flag on the 'climax'.

部屋 へや (n) room. (sumo,abbr) stable

屋 や (suf) (something) shop. somebody who sells (something) or works as (something). somebody with a (certain) personality trait; (n) house. roof.

屋根 やね (n) roof

宿 : inn, to host

宀, 人, 百

An inn is a house that hosts a hundred people.

宿 しゆく (n,adj-no) outcasts (those from Kamakura period to the Edo period, common around the Kyoto region).

下宿 げしゆく (n,vs) boarding; lodging; boarding house

宿る やどる (v5r,vi) to dwell; to live; to remain. to stay at; to take shelter at; to stop at; to lodge at. to be pregnant. to be part of a constellation. to be a parasite (bugs, plants, etc.)

実 : really

宀, bonsai

The bottom part is bonsai, a bigger (or rather rounder) bush (丰) here. Imagine another in-house 'reality' show where you watch a bonsai grow in real time...

実は じつは (exp,adv) as a matter of fact; by the way; to tell you the truth; to be honest; frankly

実に げに (adv) indeed; really; absolutely; truly; actually; very; quite.

実 さね (n) (obsc) pit (of a fruit); stone. core. tongue (piece of wood used to connect two boards). clitoris.

春 : spring

bonsai, 日

Spring is when the sun comes back and bonsai start growing again (a little bit).

春 はる (n-adv,n-t) spring; springtime. New Year. prime (of one's life, etc.).
adolescence; puberty. sexuality

春日 しゅんじつ (n) spring day; spring sunlight.

春田 はるた (n) empty rice field (between the harvest and spring).

Kids

子 : child

Pictogram of a child (with a cap).



子 こ (n,n-suf) child. young (animal). young woman; young geisha. offshoot.
interest. (abbr) new shares; (n) player who is not a dealer (in cards, mahjong,
etc.); (n,n-suf) (arch) bird egg; (n-suf) -er (often of young women)

あの子 あの子 (pn,adj-no) that girl; that kid. (arch) you (mainly used by a
brothel owner or senior prostitutes when addressing servant girls).

王子 おうじ (n) prince

字 : character

宀, 子

A child learns kanji at home, with kawaii children books.

太字 ふとじ (n,adj-no) boldface; bold-type; thick characters

十字 じゅうじ (adj-no,n) cross; crossed; cruciform

泣 : cry

水, 立

When a child falls and hurts himself a little bit, he stands up and runs to his
parents crying... Kawaii again.

泣く なく (v5k) to cry; to weep; to sob; to howl

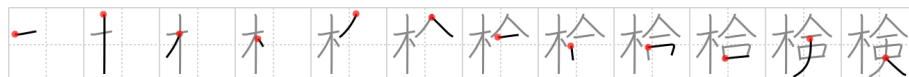
泣き なき (n) weeping; lamenting

すすり泣く すすりなく (v5k,vi) to sob.

検 : verify, inspect

木, awl

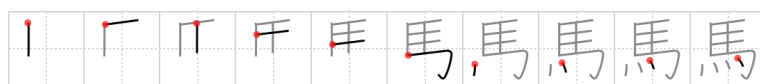
Inspect/examine the tree with an awl (nested pictogram).



検分 けんぶん (n,vs) inspection; examination; survey.

馬 : cheval

Just see it as a pictogram: 4 limbs, 1 tail and mane.



馬 いま (ok,n) horse.

馬上 ばじょう (n) horseback; riding.

験 : experiment

馬, awl

Welcome in the experimental lab! We're dissecting a horse with awls.

実験 じっけん (n,vs) experiment

実験室 じっけんしつ (n) laboratory

験 けん (n) effect; efficacy. omen.

険 : steep, inaccessible

β, awls

A bunch of idiotic creatures (orcs, humans, whatever) are attacking steep city walls with awls... We're inaccessible to them.

険しい けわしい (adj-i) precipitous; rugged; inaccessible; impregnable; steep.
grim; severe; stern

険 けん (n,adj-na) steepness; steep place. harsh (look); sharp (tongue).

Elders

親 : parents

spicy tree, 見

"New trendy parenting style: 'see by yourself'. 'Dad, Mom, I want to eat this 'spicy tree' wasabi.' 'OK, son, see by yourself.'"

母親 ははおや (n,adj-no) mother

親 おや (n) parent; parents. dealer (in cards, mahjong, etc.). founder. (pet) owner

両親 ふたおや (n) parents; both parents.

古 : old

十, 口

Being old? Ten mouths to feed then tombstone (pictogram).

古い ふるい (adj-i) old (not person); aged; ancient; antiquated; stale; threadbare; outmoded; obsolete article

古 いにしえ (n) antiquity; ancient times

名古屋 なごや (n) Nagoya (city).

固 : hardened

口, 古

As he got older pent in prison, he hardened and became a reaaally bâad guy...

固い かたい (adj-i) hard; solid; tough. stiff; tight; wooden; unpolished (e.g. writing). strong; firm (not viscous or easily moved). safe; steady; honest; steadfast. obstinate; stubborn. bookish; formal; stuffy

固める かためる (v1,vt) to harden; to freeze; to strengthen; to solidify; to make (a fist); to tramp down (snow, dirt). to put together; to collect; to gather; to consolidate. to make secure; to stabilize; to settle down; to strengthen (belief, resolution, etc.); to establish (evidence). to fortify; to reinforce; to support. to wear for a specific purpose (armor, coat, etc.). to swear; to resolutely vow; to sincerely promise. to tie tightly; to fasten. to hold a bow fully drawn

固まる かたまる (v5r,vi) to harden; to solidify. to become firm; to become certain.
to gather (together); to assemble; to huddle together

個 : individual

人, 固

Segata Sanshiro is a hardened individual, an 'übermensch' would say Nietzsche.

個 か (ctr) some counter

個人 こじん (n,adj-no) individual; private person; personal; private

個室 こしつ (n) private room; one's own room. (toilet) stall

苦 : suffering

艸, 古

A suffering old withered flower.

苦しい くるしい (adj-i) painful; difficult; agonizing. needy; tight (budget); straitened (circumstances). forced (smile, joke); lame (excuse); strained (interpretation). awkward (situation); painful (position); (suf,adj-i) (after masu stem) hard to do; unpleasant

苦しむ くるしむ (v5m,vi) to suffer; to groan; to be worried

苦しみ くるしみ (n) pain; anguish; distress; suffering; hardship

Women

女 : woman

Pictogram of a crossed-legs woman.



女 うみな (ok,n,n-pref) woman; female; (n) female lover; girlfriend; mistress; woman.

少女 おとめ (n) young lady; little girl; virgin; maiden; daughter.

女の子 おんなのこ (n) girl

良 : good

丿, 艮

The reverse of the root of evil: the root of goodness is a small artifact (a drop) rooted in some mythical place (eg. Deku tree).

良い いい (adj-i) (uk) good; excellent; fine; nice; pleasant; agreeable. sufficient (can be used to turn down an offer); ready; prepared. profitable (e.g. deal, business offer, etc.); beneficial. OK

良 りょう (adj-f) good; (n) B grade (in an A, B, C ... system)

良人 おっと (n) husband.

娘 : daughter

女, 良

Our daughter is a good, well-educated little puritan woman.

娘 じょう (n) unmarried woman; (n-suf) (after a name) Miss. (after a line of work) -ess; -ette.

娘さん むすめさん (n,hon) daughter.

小娘 こむすめ (n) young girl; lass; adolescent female.

未, 末 : not yet; end

木, 一

Let's study those two confusingly similar kanji together. The former tree has not yet reached the end of its growth since its top branch isn't the longest while the latter has.

未 ひつじ (n) eighth sign of Chinese zodiac (The Ram, 1pm-3pm, south-southwest, June)

未だ いまだ (adv) (uk) as yet; hitherto; only; still. (uk) not yet (with negative verb). (uk) more; besides; (adj-na) (uk) unfinished; incomplete; not yet finished with.

未だに いまだに (adv) still; even now; until this very day.

末 うら (n,arch) top end; tip.

行く末 ゆくすえ (n-adv,n-t) fate; one's future. end of (text) line; line terminator.

来: come

来, ヌ

You're horny, but at this stage, you can't come yet or you'll ruin everything...

来る きたる (v5r,vi) to come; to arrive; to be due to; (adj-pn) next (e.g. "next April"); forthcoming; coming

出来る できる (v1,vi) (uk) to be able (in a position) to do; to be up to the task. to be ready; to be completed. to be made; to be built. to be good at; to be permitted (to do). to become intimate; to take up (with somebody). to grow; to be raised. to become pregnant

やって来る やってくる (exp,vk) to come along; to come around; to turn up

妹: younger sister

女, 未

The younger sister is not yet a woman.

妹 いも (n) (arch,fam) darling (only of a woman); dear; honey; my betrothed. (arch) one's sister. (arch,fam,fem) friend.

妹さん いもうとさん (n,hon) younger sister.

実妹 じつまい (n) one's younger sister.

姉: elder sister

女, 市

The elder sister is the woman who's going to the market.

姉 あね (n,hum) older sister; elder sister

姉さん あねさん (n) (hon) elder sister. (vocative) young lady. miss (referring to a waitress, etc.). ma'am (used by geisha to refer to their superiors).

姉妹 きょうだい (ik,n) sisters.

味: flavor

口, 未

A food's flavor is what you feel before and while it's in your mouth, when it's not yet swallowed.

味 あじ (adj-na,n) flavor; flavour; taste. charm; style. experience; (adj-na) smart; clever; witty; strange

味方 みかた (n,vs,adj-no) friend; ally; supporter

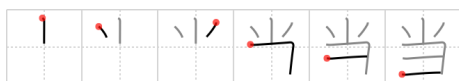
味わう あじわう (v5u,vt) to taste; to savor; to relish

𠂔 : broom

当 : to hit, real

小, 𠂔

A small broom to hit? Could be anything: a joystick, something to behave kid, some torture instrument...



本当に ほんとうに (adv) really; truly

本当 ほんと (ik,adj-na,adv,n) truth; reality; actuality; fact; (adj-na,adv) proper; right; correct; official. genuine; authentic; natural; veritable.

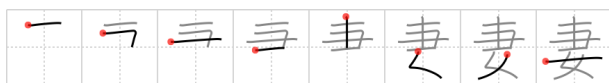
相当 そうとう (adj-na,n-adv,vs) befitting; becoming; worthy of; proportionate; in keeping with; suitable. considerable; substantial; (vs) to be worthy of; to be proportionate to. to correspond to (in meaning, function, etc.); to be equivalent; (adv) extremely; considerably

𠂔 : rake

妻 : wife

𠂔, 女

A wife is just a woman with no occupations but ironing, feeding babies, (...) and gardening with a rake.



妻 さい (n) one's wife.

夫妻 ふさい (n) man and wife; married couple

妻子 さいし (n) wife and children. (arch) wife

争 : dispute

𠂇, 𠂇

A bunch of Stupid-Group-Of-People are quarrelling ; you can see a bunch of bound up rakes...

争う あらがう (v5u,vi) to go against; to fight against; to oppose; to resist; to deny.

争い あらそい (n) dispute; strife; quarrel; dissension; conflict; rivalry; contest; .

口争い くちあらそい (n,vs) quarreling; quarrelling.

貴 : precious

purse, 貝

Top part is a purse pictogram. Basically, since women are so vain, it costs a lot of shells and contains a lot of precious expensive things.

貴族 きぞく (n,adj-no) noble; aristocrat

貴方 あなた (pn,adj-no) (uk,pol) you (referring to someone of equal or lower status).
dear (what a wife calls a husband)

貴女 あなた (pn,adj-no,uk,pol) you (referring to someone of equal or lower status).

遺 : remain

貴, 𠂇

As long as 'The Preciousss' remains, there are gonna be problems... So let's take it all the way to Mordor!

遺族 いぞく (n) bereaved family

遺す のこす (v5s,vt) to leave (behind, over); to bequeath; to save; to reserve.

遺る のこる (v5r,vi) to remain; to be left.

台 : pedestal

厶, 口

Roman 'infomercial' for a pedestal: feel how great it is to have your elbow higher than your slave's mouths.

台 うてな (n) tower. stand; pedestal. calyx.

台所 だいどこ (n,adj-no) kitchen.

屋台 やたい (n) cart (esp. a food cart); stall; stand. festival float; portable shrine dedicated to a god and shaped like a house; dancing platform. stage prop fashioned after a large building. (abbr) framework (of a house, etc.). (arch) house (esp. a small and miserable house)

始 : start

女, 台

A male crush is when you put a woman on a pedestal before even starting talking to her...

始める はじめる (v1,vt) to start; to begin; to commence; to initiate; to originate. to open (e.g. a store); to start up; to establish (business. etc.); (suf,v1) to start ...; to begin to ...

始まる はじまる (v5r,vi) to begin; to start; to commence. to happen (again); to begin (anew). to date (from); to originate (in)

始末 しまつ (n,vs) management; dealing; settlement. cleaning up; getting rid of; (n) end result (usu. bad)

好 : to like, to love

女, 子

Moôom loves her boy of course #kawaii.

好き すき (adj-na,n) liking; fondness; love

好む このむ (v5m,vt) to like; to prefer

大好き だいすき (adj-na) loveable; very likeable; like very much

西 : cowboy (villain)

Simplified 西

要 : to need

西, 女

The skilled cowboy (villain) needs a woman... He has his own ways!



要するに ようするに (exp,adv) in a word; after all; the point is ...; in short ...; to put simply; the long and short of it is that

要る いる (v5r,vi) to need; to want

要 かなめ (n) pivot. vital point; cornerstone; keystone. Japanese photinia; .

安 : cheap

宀, 女

A woman at home is a cheap labor source...

安い やすい (adj-i) cheap; inexpensive. calm; peaceful; quiet

安 やす (pref,suf) cheap; (pref) rash; thoughtless; careless; indiscreet; frivolous.

安らか やすらか (adj-na,n) peaceful; tranquil; calm; restful

Clothes

𠂔 : crown

𠂔 : saber

歸 : coming back

𠂔, 𠂔, 𠂔, 巾

Homecoming warrior/king/high school football captain with a saber, a 'weaponized' broom, a crown and a towel... You can imagine all components piled up to remember the order.



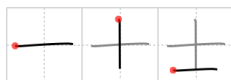
帰る かえる (v5r,vi) to return; to come home; to go home; to go back. (of a guest, customer, etc.) to leave. (of a baseball player rounding the bases) to get home

帰り かえり (n) return; coming back

お帰り おかえり (n) (hon) return; (int) (abbr) welcome home

土 : samurai

Does look like 'soil', but it's the pictoram of a samurai whose arms are outstretched.
'Nooonee shalll passs!'



兵士 へいし (n) soldier

士 さむらい (n) warrior (esp. of military retainers of daimyos in the Edo period); samurai.

仕 : to work for

人, 土

Segata Sanshiro hires a bunch of samurai, who'd better serve him perfectly or else...

仕方 しかた (n) way; method; means; resource; course

仕える つかえる (v1,vi) to serve; to work for; to attend

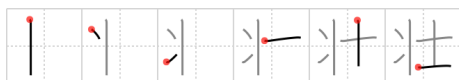
仕方なく しかたなく (adv) helplessly; reluctantly; as a last resort.

𪛗 : turtle

壮 : robust

𪛗, 土

A samurai is as robust as a turtle (google Kame-Sennin or Master Roshi).



壮 そう (n,adj-na) vibrancy; strength; bravery; manliness. (esp. of men) one's prime (approx. age 30).

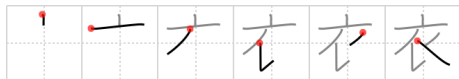
壮大 そうだい (adj-na,n) magnificent; grand; majestic; splendid

壮士 そうし (n) young man in his prime; swaggerer; ruffian.

衣 : clothes

亠, scarf

The only clothes alone in some 'club' are a top hat and a scarf (nested pictogram)...



衣 い (n) clothing; garment; dress.

上衣 うわぎ (n,adj-no) coat; tunic; jacket; outer garment.

白衣 はくい (n) white robe; (doctor's) white gown

装 : equipment

壮, 衣

This turtle-samurai's clothes make up a lot of equipment!

装置 そうち (n,vs) equipment; installation; apparatus; device

衣装 いしょう (n) clothing; costume; outfit; garment; dress

装う よそう (v5u,uk) to serve; to dish up; to prepare.

環 : ring, circle

玉, 目, 一, 口, scarf

Just look at the number of luxurious elements here: jewels, golden eye, other golden round things and a golden scarf. The only missing thing is a golden ring.

環 かん (n) ring; band. (math) ring.

一環 いったん (n,adj-no) link (e.g. a part of a larger plan)

外環 がいかん (n) outer ring; outer loop.

周 : circumference

匚, lidded crock

Nested lidded crock primitive: some clay over a round shape. A graduated belt (a flex rule) to measure lidded crock circumference.

周囲 しゅうい (n,adj-no) surroundings; environs. circumference

周り まわり (n,n-suf) circumference; perimeter; edge. surroundings; locality; neighborhood

周辺 しゅうへん (n) circumference; outskirts; environs; around; in the area of; in the vicinity of. (comp) (computer) peripheral

週 : week

し, 周

A round calendar with a road drawn on it: one lap/circumference = 1 week.

週 しゅう (n,n-suf) week

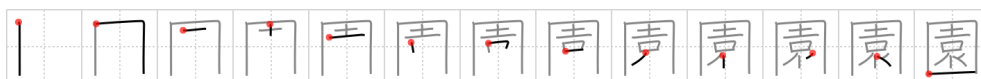
週末 しゅうまつ (n-adv,n) weekend

来週 らいしゅう (n-adv,n-t) next week

園 : park

pent in, lidded crock, scarf

A scarf pent in the lidded crock, says the 'merchant' in the park? Suspicious...



園 えん (n,n-suf) garden (esp. man-made); orchard; park; plantation. place; location

田園 でんえん (n,adj-no) country; rural districts. cultivated land; fields

Mall

占 : to predict

卜, 口

To predict anything and for foolproof weather forecast, all you need a magic wand and a round ball! Only \$99.

占める しめる (v1,vt) to occupy; to hold. to account for; to make up; to take up

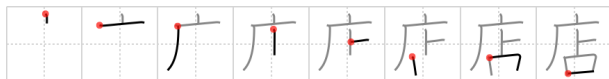
占い うらない (n) fortune-telling; divination

占う うらなう (v5u,vt) to tell someone's fortune; to forecast; to predict; to divine; .

店 : a shop

广, 占

Zelda-ALLTP image: a fortune teller shop in a cave... but dis iz serious legitimate bizness!



店 たな (n) merchant's home. rented home. (abbr) store; shop.

廿 : two ten = twenty.

This primitive is an archaic kanji still used in a few expressions.



廿 はたち (n) 20 years old.

席 : seat, location

广, 廿, 巾

New Japanese business: Tokyo is so overcrowded so we opened an underground cyber coffee with 20 seats! All sold out...

席 せき (n) seat. location (of a gathering, etc.); place. position; post; .

出席 しゅっせき (n) attendance; presence; appearance; (vs) to attend; to be present; to appear

首席 しゅせき (n,adj-no) head; chief; (n) top student; head of the class. top seat; first desk (in orchestra)

点 : spot, dot

占, 灬

A TV pundit is boiled because people are mad at his bullshit 'dot analytics' and a financial crisis he couldn't predict.

点 ちよぼ (n) (uk) dot; point; mark. (uk) gidayuu musicians (in kabuki).

地点 ちてん (n) site; point on a map; spot

点く つく (v5k,vi) to be lit (e.g. electricity comes on); to be lighted. to catch fire

Men

父 : father

Pictogram of a tie or of a read and a blue zoom saber.



父 あて (ok,n,hum) father.

父親 ちちおや (n) father

お父さん おとうさん (n,hon) father; dad; papa; pa; pop; daddy; dada

交 : to trade, to cross

亠, 父

In some weird Central American/African culture, dads trade their top hats.

交わす かわす (v5s,vt) to exchange (messages, greetings, arguments, etc.). to intersect; to cross; to interlace; (suf,v5s) ... with one another .. to each other

外交 がいこう (n) diplomacy. selling (e.g. door-to-door); canvassing

交す かわす (io,v5s,vt) to exchange (messages, greetings, arguments, etc.). to intersect; to cross; to interlace; (suf,v5s) ... with one another .. to each other.

校 : school

木, 交

Schoolyard is the place with trees where kids trade marbles and Yu-Gi-Oh/Pokemon cards.

高校 こうこう (n,abbr) senior high school; high school

効 : efficiency

交, force

Engineering point of view: an efficient exchange of forces/energies conserves energy.

効く きく (v5k,vi) to be effective; to show effect. to do its work; to carry out its function well. to be possible to use

効き目 ききめ (n) effect; virtue; efficacy; impression

効 かい (n) effect; result; worth; use; avail.

男 : men

田, 力

Unlike women, guys have brains and muscles and they work in rice fields, among others.

男 お (n-pref,n-suf,n) male; man; (n) (arch) husband.

男の子 おとこのこ (n) boy; male child; baby boy

兄 : elder brother

口, 儿

The family's elder brother is a mouth on legs.

兄 あに (n,hum) elder brother; older brother

兄さん あにさん (n) (hon) older brother; elder brother. brother (as older-brother figure in friendly and or work relationship). (vocative) young man; buddy; fella; laddie.

兄貴 あにき (n) (fam,hon) elder brother. one's senior. older man; man older than oneself

況 : still more

水, 兄

Gay boy or horny girl: the elder brother is wet, but s/he still wants more!

近況 きんきょう (n) recent state; present state; present condition; current status; current circumstances

実況 じっきょう (n,adj-no) real condition; actual scene; real state; live; (n,vs) (sl) reporting live; live coverage; live broadcasting

好況 こうきょう (n) prosperous conditions; healthy economy

競 : competition

立, 兄

Two teenage boys are standing up for some kind of ridiculous 'child activity' or 'e-sport' competition.

競争 きょうそう (n,adj-no) competition; contest; (vs) to compete

競馬 くらべうま (io,n) traditional horse-racing; originally two horses head-to-head or ten at a time, esp. May 5th event at Kamigamo shrine.

競う きそう (v5u,vi) to compete with. to emulate

弗 : dollar sign



弟 : younger brother

フ, 弗

The younger brother has horns on his head and dollar signs in his eyes.

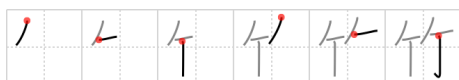
弟 おと (n,hum) younger brother.

兄弟 きょうだい (n) siblings; brothers and sisters. brothers. siblings-in-law; brothers-in-law; sisters-in-law. (fam,male) mate; friend

弟子 ていし (n,adj-no) pupil; disciple; adherent; follower; apprentice; young person; teacher's student-helper.

竹 : bamboo

Bamboo pictogram.



竹 たけ (n) bamboo. middle (of a three-tier ranking system)

竹刀 しない (n,MA) bamboo sword (for kendo); bamboo fencing stick

竹林 たけばやし (n) bamboo thicket.

第 : ordinal number

竹, 弗

A line of bamboos where ordinal numbers are carved with dollar signs (it's in Asia, so \$'s don't mean anything).

第 だい (n,pref) ordinal.

第一 だいいち (adv,n) first; foremost; number one

費 : expense

弗, 貝

An amount of money (shells) in dollar is the official notation for an expense.

消費 しょうひ (n,vs,adj-no) consumption; expenditure

費やす ついやす (v5s,vt) to spend; to devote; to waste

保 : protect

人, 口, 木

Segata Sanshiro is hired by some environmental org to stand on a tree in front of a big PetroleumCo HQ, open his mouth and jump! Protect the environment!

保つ たもつ (v5t,vt) to keep; to preserve; to hold; to retain; to maintain; to support; to sustain; to last; to endure; to keep well (food); to wear well; to be durable; .

保険 ほけん (n,adj-no) insurance; guarantee

保安 ほあん (n) peace preservation; security

支 : to support, to sustain

十, 又

Can the middle of your crotch support 10 lbs suspended to it? 10 kg?

支える ささえる (v1,vt) to support; to prop; to sustain; to underlay; to hold up. to hold at bay; to stem; to check

支店 してん (n) branch office; branch store

支え ささえ (n) support; stay; prop.

技 : art, craft

技, 支

Engineering is the craft of making sustainable objects with fingers and components.

技 き (n) technique; art; skill.

競技 きょうぎ (n,vs,adj-no) game; match; contest

国技 こくぎ (n) national sport (e.g. sumo)

皮 : skin

cliff, 支

Extending the previous situation: this time, the scrotum skin is the only thing that hangs the South-Park-esque character to the cliff...

皮 かわ (n) skin; hide; pelt; fur. rind; peel; husk; bark. shell; sheath; wrapping. mask (hiding one's true nature); seeming

頭皮 とうひ (n) scalp.

外皮 がいひ (n,adj-no) investment (in the sense of outer layer); outer skin or layer; rind; hull; husk; crust.

彼 : he (3rd-person pronouns)

行 (column), 皮

One more blunt story: a 'he' has a column in a pelt. To get 'she', just add the kanji for woman

彼 あ (ok,n) (uk) that (indicating something distant from both speaker and listener (in space, time or psychologically), or something understood without naming it directly). that person (used to refer to one's equals or inferiors). (arch) over there; (int) (uk) hey (expression of surprise, suspicion, etc.); huh?; eh?; (n) (uk) that (something mentioned before which is distant psychologically or in terms of time).

彼女 かのじょ (pn) she; her; (adj-no) her. girl friend; girlfriend; sweetheart; .

彼ら あれら (n,adj-no) (uk) those (indicating something distant from both speaker and listener, or something understood without naming it directly). (arch) they (of people) (used to refer to one's equals or inferiors).

波 : wave

水, 皮

Waves are the ocean's skin and wrinkles.

波 なみ (n) wave

人波 ひとなみ (n) surging crowd; wave of humanity; stampede.

大波 おおなみ (n) billow; surge.

破 : damage

rock, 皮

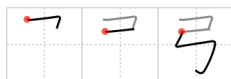
Just throw a big rock on some protected thing to damage it dramatically!

破る やぶる (v5r,vt) to tear; to violate; to defeat; to smash; to destroy; to break (e.g. password)

破れる やぶれる (v1,vi) to get torn; to tear; to rip; to break; to wear out. to be broken off (of negotiations, etc.); to break down; to collapse; to fall into ruin

見破る みやぶる (v5r,vt) to see through another's thoughts; to have a sharp eye; to penetrate; to fathom

弓 : bow



弓 きゅう (n) bow (and arrow). unit of distance to an archery target (approx. six feet). unit of distance for land surveying (approx. eight feet).

弓矢 きゅうし (n) bow and arrow.

弓道 きゅうどう (n) (Japanese) archery

弘 : large, wide

弓, ム

Large bow and large elbow to reach a wide range of targets.

弘める ひろめる (v1,vt) to broaden; to propagate.

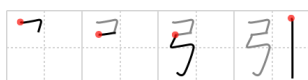
弘大 こうだい (adj-na) huge; very large; vast; extensive; magnificent; grand.

丨 : stick

引 : pull

弓, 丨

Pull a stick in the bow for maximal damage.



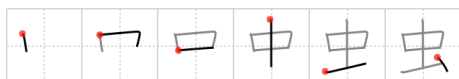
引く ひく (v5k,vi,vt) to pull. to draw (attention, etc.); to attract (interest, etc.).
to draw back. to draw (a card). to draw (plan, line, etc.). to catch (cold).
to play (string instr.). to look up (e.g. dictionary); to consult; (v5k,vt) to
haul; to pull (vehicles). to subtract. to ebb; to fade. to descend (from); to
inherit (a characteristic). to quote; to raise (as evidence). to lay (a cable);
to draw (a cable)

引きずる ひきずる (v5r,vt) to drag along; to pull. to force someone along. to
prolong; to drag out. to influence strongly; to seduce

引き返す ひきかえす (v5s,vt) to repeat; to send back; to bring back; to retrace
one's steps

虫 : insect

Pictogram of whatever insect you like. Personally, I see a dragonfly with one eye
and a tail.



虫 むし (n) insect; bug; cricket; moth; worm

虫けら むしけら (n) worm; insect.

強 : strong

弘, 虫

A insect (or mini toy drone) that can fly over vast distances is strong.

強い こわい (adj-i) tough; stiff; hard. inflexible; obstinate; stubborn.

強引 ごういん (adj-na,n) overbearing; coercive; pushy; forcible; high-handed

強いる しいる (v1,vt) to force; to compel; to coerce

犛 : pack of wild dog

独 : single

犛, 虫

A single guy? He's gotta be an freakish otaku chasing bugs with a pack of wild dogs!



独立 どくりつ (adj-na,n,vs) independence (e.g. Independence Day); self-support

独り ひとり (n) one person. alone; unmarried; solitary

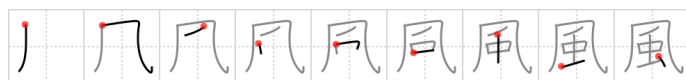
独自 どくじ (adj-na,adj-no,n) original; peculiar; characteristic; proprietary; individual; on one's own; by oneself

几 : wind (primitive)

風 : wind (actual kanji)

几, insect, 丶

A wind so strong it carries drops of small things like insect.



風 かぜ (n) wind; breeze

台風 たいふう (n) typhoon; hurricane

こんな風に こんなふう (adv,uk) in this way; like this.

処 : deal with

夕, 几

To deal with things that annoy you, you can kick them with your legs or let the wind take them away.

何処 いずく (ok,pn,adj-no) (uk) where; what place. how much (long, far); what extent.

処 ところ (n,suf) place; spot; scene; site. address. district; area; locality. one's house. point. part. space; room. (uk) whereupon; as a result. (after present form of a verb) about to; on the verge of. (after past form of a verb) was just doing; was in the process of doing; have just done; just finished doing.

処分 しょぶん (n,vs) disposal; dealing (with a problem); disposition; measure; procedure. punishment. putting down (e.g. diseased animal)

公 : public

入, ム

Japan is a crowded place so public places like streets and trains mean elbows enter in each others.

公 おおやけ (adj-no,n) public; open; formal; official; governmental

公園 こうえん (n) (public) park

主人公 しゅじんこう (n) protagonist; main character; hero(ine) (of a story).
head of household

松 : pine tree

木, 公

Pine tree is so über-common in Japanese public parks it's called the public tree.

松 まつ (n) pine tree (Pinus spp.). highest (of a three-tier ranking system); .

松明 しょうめい (n) (pine) torch; flambeau; torchlight.

松原 まつばら (n) pine grove

Alcohol

西 : bottle of whisky



酒 : sake

水, 酉

Sake is diluted whisky.

酒 き (ok,n) alcohol; sake.

酒屋 さかや (n) liquor store; wine shop; bottle shop. sake dealer; liquor-store owner; brewer

ぶどう酒 ぶどうしゅ (n,adj-no) (grape) wine.

酔 : drunk

酉, 九, 十

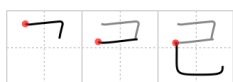
90 Litres/Pints of 90% whisky => dead-drunk.

酔う よう (v5u,vi) to get drunk; to become intoxicated. to feel sick (e.g. in a vehicle); to become nauseated. to be elated; to be exalted; to be spellbound; to be in raptures

酔い よい (n) drunkenness; intoxication

酔っぱらう よっぱらう (v5u,vi) to get drunk.

己 : snake



配 : distribute

酉, 己

Whisky is evil! You've gotta be the snake-tempter to distribute it! Support the Prohibition.

支配 しい (n,vs) rule; control; direction

配る くばる (v5r,vt) to distribute; to deliver; to deal (cards)

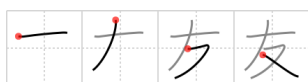
配置 はいち (n,vs) arrangement (of resources); deployment; stationing; posting; disposition

By One's Side

友 : friend

by one's side, 又

New nested pictogram: by one's side. A friend with benefit, by your side to take your crotches.



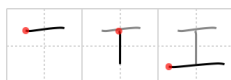
友人 ゆうじん (n) friend

友だち ともだち (n) friend; companion.

友 とも (n) friend; companion; comrade; pal

工 : craft, engineering

A pictogram of some object in your own craft.



工夫 くふう (n,vs) scheme; device; scheming; devising; figuring out; coming up with; solving ingeniously. dedication to spiritual improvement (esp. through Zen meditation)

人工 じんこう (n,adj-no) artificial; man-made; human work; human skill; artificiality; .

大工 だいく (n) carpenter

左, 右 : left, right

by one's side, 工, 口

Popular 'science' says the left side of the brain is for engineering and the right side for being creative (with your mouth, among others).

左 さ (n,adj-no) left (esp. in vertical Japanese writing); the following.

左目 ひだり (n) left.

左折 させつ (n,vs) turning to the left; left turn.

右 みぎ (n) right; right hand side. afore-mentioned (esp. in vertical Japanese writing); foregoing; forgoing; above

左右 さう (ok,n,vs) left and right. influence; control; domination.

右目 みぎめ (n) right eye.

若 : young

ㄣ, 右

Young little kid with a flower for Mom or Dad in the right hand.

若い わかい (adj-i) young

若 もころ (ok,n-adv) like; similar to; same as.

若干 じゃっかん (n,adj-no) some; few; a number of; a little (bit); (n-adv) somewhat; to a certain extent

有 : to own

by one's side, 月

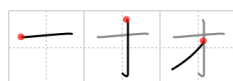
The earth owns the moon: it stays by its side.

有名 ゆうめい (adj-na) famous; (n) fame

有る ある (v5r-i,vi) (uk) to be (usu. of inanimate objects); to exist; to live. to have. to be located. to be equipped with. to happen; to come about; .

才 : genie/genius

Ten out of ten! On the top, as in 存, this component takes a different form.



才人 さいじん (n) talented person; clever person.

天才 てんさい (n) genius; prodigy; natural gift

才 さい (suf) -years-old. ability; gift; talent; aptitude; genius

財 : property, asset

貝, 才

Bill Gates/Larry Ellison is a money, humm, I mean technology genius who owns a ton of assets!

財 さい (n,n-suf) fortune; riches. goods; (n) (abbr) incorporated foundation; .

財源 さいげん (n) source of funds; resources; finances

存 : to exist

才, 子

Genies only exist in children's mental realities.

存じる ぞんじる (v1,hum) to think, feel, consider, know, etc.

ご存じ ごぞんじ (n) (hon) knowing. (an) acquaintance

保存 ほぞん (n,vs) preservation; conservation; storage; saving (e.g. to disk); maintenance; .

在 : to be there

才, 土

Just like astrology, UFOs and 9/11conspiracy theories, genies do exist! They're located too underground to prove that they're here! But they are!

存在 そんざい (n,vs,adj-no) existence; being

在る ある (v5r-i,vi) (uk) to be (usu. of inanimate objects); to exist; to live. to have. to be located. to be equipped with. to happen; to come about; .

実在 じつざい (n,vs) reality; existence

Birdhouse

𪗇 : vulture

愛 : love

birdhouse, 心, 又

'The Birdhouse': Listen to your heart (your dick, really): walk there and find love for only \$xxx.



愛す あいす (v5s,vs-c,vt) to love

愛 あい (n,n-suf) love; affection; care; (n) (Buddh) attachment; craving; desire

可愛い かわいい (ateji,adj-i) cute; adorable; charming; lovely; pretty. dear; precious; darling; pet. cute little; tiny

受 : accept, receive vulture + house = bird house, 又

Crotches in a birdhouse? Both literally and figuratively, you gotta accept receiving that!

受ける うける (v1,vt) to receive; to get. to catch (e.g. a ball). to be struck by (wind, waves, sunlight, etc.). to sustain (damage); to incur (a loss); to suffer (an injury); to feel (influence). to undergo (e.g. surgery); to take (a test); to accept (a challenge). to be given (e.g. life, talent). to follow; to succeed; to be descended from. to face (south, etc.). (ling) to be modified by. to obtain (a pawned item, etc.) by paying a fee; (v1,vi) to be well-received; to become popular; to go down well

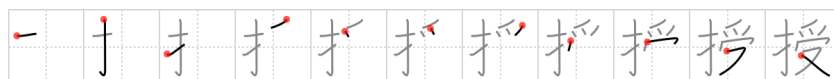
受け入れる うけいれる (v1,vt) to accept; to receive; to agree

引き受ける ひきうける (v1,vt) to be responsible for. to take over; to take up. to guarantee; to undertake. to contract (a disease)

授 : award, grant

扌, 受

Accept the middle/golden finger award.



授ける さずける (v1,vt) to grant; to award; to teach

授かる さずかる (v5r,vt) to be awarded (e.g. a prize); to be given an award; to receive (e.g. a title). to be gifted or endowed (e.g. with a talent). to be blessed (e.g. with a child). to be initiated (e.g. into a secret)

授受 じゅじゅ (n,vs) give and receive

接 : to touch, to connect with

扌, 立, 女

A completely shameless pervert that doesn't hesitate putting his fingers on standing women's breasts.

直接 ちよくせつ (adj-na,n-adv,adj-no) direct; immediate; personal; firsthand

接近 せっきん (n,vs) getting closer; drawing nearer; approaching. being not much different; being near (age, skill, etc.). becoming close (i.e. friendly); becoming intimate

接する せつする (vs-s,vi) to touch; to come in contact with; to border on; to adjoin; to be adjacent; to be close. to receive (e.g. visitor); to attend to; to serve; to take care of; to look after; to deal with; to see. to receive (news); to get; to hear. to encounter; to come across. (math) to be tangent to; (vs-s,vt) to make touch; to bring into contact with; to bring adjacent to; to bring close; to connect

採: to adopt, to pick

扌, 𠂇, 木

On your garden's cherry tree, both your finger and a vulture are competing to pick the fruit on the tree.

採る とる (v5r,vt) to adopt (measure, proposal). to pick (e.g. fruit); to catch (e.g. insects); to take (e.g. a sample). to assume (attitude). to take on (i.e. hire); to engage

採点 さいてん (n,vs) marking; grading; scoring

採れる とれる (v1) to be collected; to be gathered (e.g. mushrooms, etc.); to be harvested; to be mined. to be able to collect; to be able to mine.

援: support

扌, 友, 𠂇

(Dis)Support the couple of friend vultures (one less stroke, but doesn't matter) in the birdhouse by moving it with your finger while they're not in it.

支援 しえん (n,vs) support; backing; aid; assistance

来援 らいえん (n,vs) assistance; support.

援兵 えんぺい (n) reinforcements; relief.

菜: vegetables

艹, 𠂇, 木

Contrary to fruits, most vegetables do not have flowers that attract vultures and do not grow on tall trees.

菜 さい (n) side dish.

菜 な greens; vegetables

浮 : float

水, 𠂔, 子

The baby vulture (a duck, really) is floating on water. #kawaii

浮かぶ うかぶ (v5b) to float; to be suspended. to rise to surface. to come to mind; to have inspiration

浮かべる うかべる (v1,vt) to float. to express; to look (sad, glad). to think; to imagine; to remember

浮く うく (v5k,vi) to float. to become merry; to be cheerful. to become loose; to become unsteady. (col) to feel out of it; to be cut off (e.g. from those around you); to feel out of place. to be frivolous; to be uncertain. to have (time, money, etc.) left over; to be saved (e.g. money). to have no basis; to be unreliable

乳 : milk

𠂔, 子, 乙

The baby bird (vulture child) is hooked at his mother to get milk #kawaii.

乳 ち (n) milk. breast. loop. decorative bump (on a hanging bell).

乳母 うば (n) wet nurse; nursing mother.

Each

各 : each

久, 口

New NSA identification technique: Each person talks and walks differently so let's spread mics and leg-height CCTV.

各 おのおの (n-t) each; every; either; respectively; severally.

各地 かくち (n,adj-no) every place; various places

各自 かくじ (n-adv,n-t) individual; each

落 : fall

++, 水, 各

Every single petal of the flower will eventually fall into the water.

落ちる おちる (v1,vi) to fall down; to drop; to fall (e.g. rain); to sink (e.g. sun or moon); to fall onto (e.g. light or one's gaze); to be used in a certain place (e.g. money). to be omitted; to be missing. to decrease; to sink. to fail (e.g. exam or class); to lose (contest, election, etc.). to crash; to degenerate; to degrade; to fall behind. to become indecent (of a conversation). to be ruined; to go under. to fade; to come out (e.g. a stain); to come off (e.g. makeup); to be removed (e.g. illness, possessing spirit, name on a list). to fall (into someone's hands); to become someone's possession. to fall (into a trap); to fall (for a trick). to give in; to give up; to confess; to flee. to fall; to be defeated; to surrender. to come to (in the end); to end in. to fall (in love, asleep, etc.). to swoon (judo). to consent; to understand. (comp) to crash; to freeze. to die. to move to the depths

落とす おとす (v5s,vt) to drop; to lose; to let fall; to shed (light); to cast (one's gaze); to pour in (liquid); to leave behind. to clean off (dirt, makeup, paint, etc.); to remove (e.g. stains or facial hair); to lose; to spend money at a certain place; to omit; to leave out; to secretly let escape. to lose (a match); to reject (an applicant); to fail (a course); to defeat (in an election)... I don't like to trim but this is really long and repetitive.

格 : status

木, 各

Each tree in the store has a different posture.

格好 かつこ (n) shape; form; figure; posture; pose. appearance. state; situation; (adj-na,adj-no,n) suitable; fit; reasonable; (n-suf) about.

人格 じんかく (n) personality; character; individuality

客 : guest

家, 各

A hotel/B&B is a house where each customer is a guest.

客 かく (n) guest; visitor. customer; client; shopper; spectator; audience; tourist; sightseer; passenger.

お客さん おきやくさん (n,hon) guest; visitor; customer.

額: forehead, amount of money

客, 頁

Maōri people welcome guests by touching their forehead. In the 'Maori B&B', the guest has to pay some amount of money.

額 がく (n,n-suf) picture (framed). amount or sum (of money)

多額 たがく (adj-na,n,adj-no) large amount of money

高額 こうがく (adj-na,n,adj-no) large sum (money)

条: matter

久, 木

At a city council: 'Next matter/case: a bunch of hippie sitting crossed-legs on trees and annoying people from there...'

条 くだり (n) passage; paragraph.

一条 いちじょう (n) one long straight object; streak; beam; ray (of light); wisp (of smoke). one item (in an itemized form); one clause; one passage (in a book).
one matter (affair, event, case, incident). the same logic; the same reason; .

第一条 だいいちじょう (n) first article.

Chapter 4

Academics

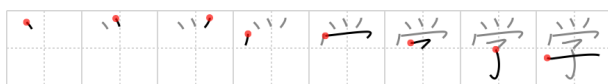
Various kanji you could see while exploring a university.

School House

学 : school, field of study

school house, 子

Nested pictogram: a school house is a more complex house. And of course it has children in it.

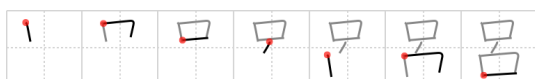


学校 がっこう (n) school

大学 だいがく (n) post-secondary education institution, incl. university, college, etc.. (abbr) former central university of Kyoto (established under the ritsuryo system for the training of government administrators). the Great Learning - one of the Four Books

小学校 しょうがっこう (n) primary school; elementary school; grade school

呂 : backbone



當 : spine

school house, 呂

At school, you don't hurt your backbone and if you stay there long enough, you'll never have to.

営む いとなむ (v5m,vt) to carry on (e.g. in ceremony); to run a business

大本営 だいほんえい (n) imperial headquarters.

営み いとなみ (n) activity; action; performance; execution; occupation; business; work; sexual intercourse; sex

労 : manual labor

school house, 力

Labor is doing with your muscles what you're meant to do with your brain in the schoolhouse.

苦勞 くろう (adj-na,n,vs) troubles; hardships

ご苦勞 ごくろう (adj-na,int,n,hon) trouble (I have put you through).

勞 ろう (n) labor; labour; toil; trouble; pains; work; effort; striving

覚 : memorize

school house, 見

In our stupid K-12 system, you have to rote-learn all that's on the blackboard. Fortunately, you've escaped this system since you bought this book instead of rote-learning kanji!

覚える おぼえる (v1,vt) to memorize; to memorise; to commit to memory; to learn by heart; to bear in mind; to remember. to learn; to pick up; to acquire. to feel. to think; to regard

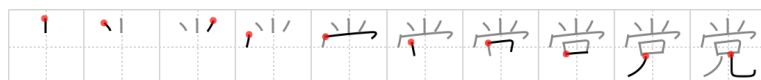
自覚 じかく (n,vs) self-consciousness; self-awareness

覚める さめる (v1,vi) to wake; to wake up. to become sober; to sober up; to regain consciousness (e.g. after anaesthesia). to come to one's senses; to be disillusioned; .

党 : party, gathering

outhouse, 儿

Top part is nested pictogram for outhouse. Assuming that all politicians are liars full of shit, a political party is a big toilet with legs shitting on people...



党 たむら (ok,n) gathering; place where people gather. (arch) police station; camp; barracks.

郎党 ろうとう (n) vassals; retainers; followers.

賞 : prize

outhouse, 貝

And the Most Profitable (= money) Outhouse Award is given to... This shellfish restaurant's paid toilets!

賞 しょう (n,n-suf) prize; award

受賞 じゅしょう (n,vs) winning (a prize)

常 : usual

outhouse, 巾

Usually in an outhouse, you find 'paper towels' to wipe your ass and dry your hands.

常に つねに (adv) always; constantly

日常 にちじょう (adj-no,n-adv,n-t) ordinary; regular; everyday; usual

常 ただ (adj-no,n) (uk) ordinary; common; usual. unaffected; as is; safe; (adv) only; merely; just; simply. but; however; nevertheless.

To learn

羽 : feathers



羽根 はね (n) feather; plume; wing. blade (fan, propeller, etc.)

習 : to be taught, to study

羽, 白

American college students are helpless little white birds who pay steep tuitions with feathers (what else do they have?) and lose even more feathers learning to fly the academic way instead of the organic way.

習う ならう (v5u,vt) to take lessons in; to be taught; to learn (from a teacher); to study (under a teacher); to get training in

学習 がくしゅう (n,vs) study; learning; tutorial

風習 ふうしゅう (n) custom

知 : know

矢, 口

A know-it-all Big Mouth from -Dart-Mouth knows it all!

知る しる (v5r,vt) to be aware of; to know; to be conscious of; to cognize; to cognise. to notice; to feel. to understand; to comprehend; to grasp. to remember; to be acquainted with (a procedure). to experience; to go through; to learn. to be acquainted with (a person); to get to know. to concern

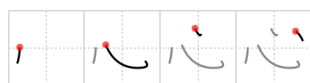
知れる しれる (v1,vi) to become known; to come to light; to be discovered. to be known; to be understood. to obviously not amount to much; to seem trivial. to be evident; to be obvious; to go without saying. to be very intense (worry, hope, etc.); to be extremely severe

知らせる しらせる (v1,vt) to notify; to advise; to inform

To think

心 : heart

Pictogram of a heart.



心 こころ (n) mind; heart; spirit. the meaning of a phrase (riddle, etc.); .

安心 あんしん (adj-na,n,vs) relief; peace of mind

思 : to think

田, 心

Thinking is the exchange of information between the 'brain' and the 'heart', think left and right brain or Thinking Fast and Slow.

思う おもう (v5u,vt) to think; to consider; to believe. to think (of doing); to plan

(to do). to judge; to assess; to regard. to imagine; to suppose; to dream. to expect; to look forward to. to feel; to desire; to want. to recall; to remember

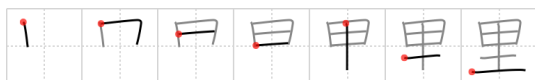
思い出す おもいだす (v5s,vt) to recall; to remember

思える おもえる (v1) to seem; to appear likely.

里 : small village

田, 土

A small village that's just a little bit of soil and a few rice fields. Since it's the pictogram of a stand and a checkered screen, we'll use '(old) computer' as a component meaning.



里 さと (n) village; hamlet. countryside; country. home (of one's parents, etc.); hometown. one's origins; one's upbringing; one's past.

理 : logic

玉, 里

Logic is the jewel, central piece of the computer.

処理 しより (n,vs) processing; dealing with; treatment; disposition; disposal

理 ことわり (n) reason; truth; way of things; justice.

心理 しんり (n) state of mind; mentality; psychology

重 : heavy

千, 里

A retailer has 1000 old computers in stock... That's quite heavy!

重い おもい (adj-i) heavy; weighty; massive. heavy (feeling); depressed; gloomy; blue; uneasy. slow; sluggish; lumbering; ponderous; clumsy. important; serious; grave. serious; severe; critical. solid; established; dignified; sensible;

重要 じゅうよう (adj-na,n) important; momentous; essential; principal; major

重 え (suf,ctr) -fold; -ply.

黒 : black

里, 黒

After getting a little bit of water, the old computer literally boiled and is now a all black.

黒い くろい (adj-i) black. dark. illicit; wicked; underground

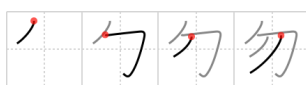
黒 くろ (n) black. black go stone. guilt; guilty person

黒人 くろうと (oK,n,adj-no) expert; professional; master. woman in the nightlife business; demimondaine; geisha and prostitutes.

Various departments

勿 : (k)not

Pictogram of a weird multi-knot, will be used as a component for 'NOT'.

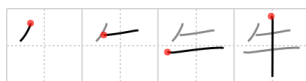


勿れ なかれ (prt) must not; do not.

勿 まな (adv,arch) must not; may not.

牛 : cow

Pictogram of a cow seen from below.



牛 うし (n) cattle (Bos taurus); cow; ox; oxen. beef

牛乳 きゅうにゅう (n) (cow's) milk

水牛 すいぎゅう (n) (uk) water buffalo (Bubalus bubalis); domestic Asian water buffalo. (uk) wild water buffalo (Bubalus arnee); Asian water buffalo

先 : before

牛, 儿

Have you ever seen a cow with human legs before? Well, here's a new Pokemon!

先 さき (n,adj-no,n-suf,pref) previous; prior; former; some time ago; preceding.
point (e.g. pencil); tip; end; nozzle. head (of a line); front. ahead; the other
side. the future; hereafter. destination. the other party

先頭 せんとう (n) head; lead; vanguard; first

先日 せんじつ (n-adv,n-t) the other day; a few days ago

物 : thing

牛, 勿

A cow is NOT a mere thing: a bunch of hippies want animal rights!

物 もの hing; object;

人物 じんぶつ (n) character; personality; person; man; personage; talented man

本物 ほんもの (n,adj-no) genuine article; real thing; real deal

易 : easy

日, 勿

The sun is NOT easy to touch or get near.

容易 ようい (adj-na,n) easy; simple; plain

易い やすい (adj-i,suf) easy

交易 こうえき (n,vs) trade; commerce

場 : place, spot

土, 日, 豕

The right part is a piggy bank: a pig in which you put sun-shaped coins every day. You hide it at an exact spot in the soil, written down on a (Google) treasure map.

場所 ばしょ (n) place; location; spot; position. room; space. (sumo) basho;
wrestling tournament

場 じょう (n-suf,n) place; spot; grounds; arena; stadium; range; course.

その場 そのば (n) there; that situation; that occasion. the spot (i.e. "on the spot"); immediately; then and there.

光 : light

小, 儿

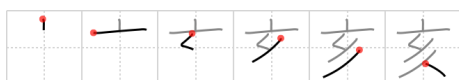
Light is a little bit of energy from a source with legs to go really fast!

光 ひかり (n) light

光る ひかる (v5r,vi) to shine; to glitter; to be bright

月光 げっこう (n) moonlight; moonbeam

亥 : acorn



核 : kernel, nuclear

木, 亥

The core root of an oak-tree is an acorn kernel.

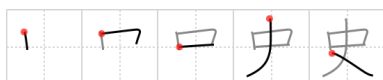
核 かく (n,adj-no) pit (of a fruit); stone. core; (n,n-pref) nucleus; nuclear. nuclear weaponry

核心 かくしん (n) core; heart (of the matter); point; crux; kernel

中核 ちゅうかく (n,comp) kernel; core; nucleus; resident control program

史 : history

Pictogram of a student sleeping in history class.



史 し (suf) history (e.g. of some country).

女史 じょし (n) Ms (nuance of status); Miss; Madame; (adj-f) highbrow (woman); cerebral

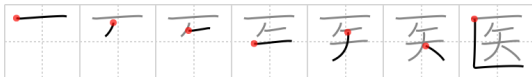
史上 しじょう (adj-no,n-adv,n-t) historical

匚 : box

医 : medicine

匚, 矢

The (alternative-medicine) doctor has a dart in his box, among others.



医学 いがく (n) medical science; medicine

医 い (n,n-suf) medicine; the healing art; healing; curing; doctor

医学部 いがくぶ (n) medical faculty.

化 : transform

人, ヒ

Great Character is transformed upside-down or can transform opponents in spoons.



化 か (suf) action of making something; -ification.

化す かす (v5s,vi) to change into; to convert to; to transform; to be reduced; to influence; to improve (someone).

化け物 ばけもの (n) goblin; apparition; monster; ghost; phantom; spectre; specter;

花 : flower (full kanji)

艹, 化

Congratulations! The 'flower' primitive evolves (transforms) into full kanji.

花 はな (n) flower; blossom; bloom; petal. blooming (esp. of cherry blossoms); cherry blossom. ikebana. (abbr) Japanese playing cards. beauty. (the) best

火花 ひばな (n) spark

花火 はなび (n) fireworks

比 : compare

匕, 匕

Hummmm Hummm... Regardless of the kanji shape, I picture two girls in a kitchen store nitpicking about two spoons and comparing all their features.

比べる くらべる (v1,vt) to compare; to make a comparison. to compete; to vie; .

比 ころおい (n) time; period; days.

見比べる みくらべる (v1,vt) to compare with the eye

皆 : everyone, everything

比, 白

Every light color on a comparison cycle makes up white light.

皆 みな (adv,n) all; everyone; everybody. everything

皆さん みなさん (n,hon) all; everyone; everybody

皆目 かいもく (adv) entirely

批 : criticism

扌, 比

If you keep comparing your date to your exes or directly critic him/her, you're gonna get middle fingers.

批点 ひてん (n) correction marks.

高批 こうひ (n) your valued criticism.

能 : ability

ム, 月, 匕, 匕

A bunch of elbow-shaped aliens have the ability to go to the moon with just a couple of spoon-shaped shuttles.

可能 かのう (adj-na,n) potential; possible; practicable; feasible

才能 さいのう (n) talent; ability

本能 ほんのう (n,adj-no) instinct

析 : analyse

木, 斤

To analyse the tree, like counting the number of circles on so on, first cut in with an axe.

分析 ぶんせき (n,vs) analysis

自己分析 じこぶんせき (n) self-analysis; autoanalysis.

卪 : two hands

研 : polish

石, 卪

A masochist perfectionist polishing a rock with his/her two hands.



研ぐ とぐ (v5g,vt) to sharpen; to hone; to whet; to grind. to wash (rice). to scour; to polish; to burnish

研く みがく (v5k,vt) to polish; to shine; to brush (e.g. teeth). to refine; to improve.

技研 ぎけん (n) technical research institute.

型 : mold, model

刑, 土

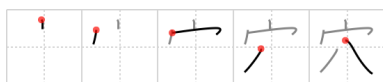
Japanese worker perfecting soil/clay to make a perfect mold for the perfect product model.

型 かた (n) model; type (e.g. of machine, goods, etc.). type; style; pattern. mold (mould); template; model. kata (standard form of a movement, posture, etc. in martial arts, sport, etc.). form (i.e. customary procedure). size (i.e. clothing, shoes). (obsc) (taxonomical) form

小型 こがた (adj-na,n,adj-no) small size; tiny

大型 おおがた (adj-na,n,adj-no) large; large scale; big; jumbo

穴 : hole



穴 あな (n,n-suf) hole. deficit; shortage; missing person (in a team, meeting, etc.). vacancy; opening. flaw. profitable place (or item, etc.) not well known by others. upset victory (with a large payoff). (sl) pit (of a theater). (arch) hiding place. (arch) underbelly (of society, etc.)

大穴 おおあな (n) large hole. great deficit; heavy losses. big and unexpected winnings; a killing (e.g. on a race). dark horse (horse racing).

落とし穴 おとしあな (n) pitfall; trap; pit

空 : sky, hole

穴, 工

An evil genius like Dr Eggman has engineered a black hole!

空 うつお (ok,n) hollow; cavity; hole.

空中 こうちゅう (n) sky; air

空く あく (v5k,vi) to open (e.g. doors). to open (e.g. business, etc.). to be empty. to be vacant; to be available; to be free. to be open (e.g. neckline, etc.). to have been opened (of one's eyes, mouth, etc.). to come to an end; (v5k,vt) to open (one's eyes, mouth, etc.); (v5k,vi) to have a hole; to form a gap; to have an interval (between events)

究 : research

穴, 九

Research scientists are people who had an empty 9-year-long academic curriculum for a PhD and earn as much as a janitor.

研究 けんきゅう (n,vs) study; research; investigation

研究所 けんきゅうしょ (n) research establishment; research institute; laboratory

究明 きゅうめい (n,vs) investigation (esp. in academic and scientific contexts)

突 : stab

穴, 大

Stab the big annoying dog and you leave a big hole.

突く つく (v5k,vt) to prick; to stab. to poke; to prod; to push; to thrust; to nudge; to hit; to strike. to use (a cane); to prop oneself up with; to press against (the floor, etc.). to attack. to brave (the rain, etc.)

突き出す つきだす (v5s,vt) to push out; to project; to stick out. to hand over (e.g. to the police).

突入 とつにゆう (n,vs) rushing; breaking into

深 : tree

水, 突

There is one less stroke for 'stab' but you can ignore it. Cruel action-movie murder scene: stab the opponent near the ocean and throw his corpse into deep water.

深い ふかい (adj-i) deep. profound. dense; thick. close (relationship). intense; strong. late

深々 しんしん (adj-t,adv-to) silent (esp. of the passing of the night). piercing (cold).

深める ふかめる (v1,vt) to deepen; to heighten; to intensify

禾 : wheat

斗 : measuring cup



斗 と (n) (obs) to (measure of volume, approx. 18 litres). square bearing block (at the top of a pillar). (astron) Chinese "Dipper" constellation (one of the 28 mansions)

科 : department, section

禾, 斗

University department of measuring wheat? Oh ya, the bioengineering department.

科学 かがく (n) science

科 か (n,n-suf) department; section; faculty; school; arm. course (of study);
branch of study; specialization. (taxonomical) family

外科 げか (n,adj-no) surgery. department of surgery (hospital, etc.)

米 : rice, USA

Pictogram of a small planation with two grains.



米 こめ (n) (husked grains of) rice

米国 べいこく (n) America; USA

欧米 おうべい (n,adj-no) Europe and America; the West

料 : fee, price

米, 斗

In feudal times, Japanese people used to pay Samurais with rice in measuring cups... Why not reintroduce the system to pay bills?

料理 りょうり (n,vs) cooking; cookery; cuisine. dealing with something; handling;
administration; management

料 はやし (n,arch) ornament; adornment; decoration.

料理屋 りょうりや (n) restaurant

断 : to refuse, to dismiss

乙, 米, 斤

Just refuse everything, reject society, cut the fishhook containing rice with your axe like a piñata.

断る ことわる (v5r,vt) to refuse; to reject; to dismiss; to turn down; to decline.
to inform; to give notice; to tell in advance. to ask leave; to excuse oneself
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中断 ちゅうだん (n,vs) interruption; suspension; break

類: sort of

米, 大, 頁

Classifying rice grains in function of how big their 'head' is. That would be simpler than what all those botanists do!

類 たぐい (io,n) kind; sort; type. equal; match; peer.

人類 じんるい (n) mankind; humanity

親類 しんるい (n,adj-no) relation; kin

専: speciality

十, 田, 寸

A PhD to school kids: 'Being specialized is like having ten brains glued together thinking about the same thing.'. No wonder the US have a 'STEM shortage'...

専ら もっぱら (adv,adj-no) (uk) wholly; solely; entirely; exclusively; devotedly; fixedly. (uk) principally; mostly; chiefly; mainly

専 せん (n,n-pref) (abbr,sl) having a fetish for ...; specializing in ...; majoring in ...; (n) (arch) first; foremost; number one priority. (arch) doing as one pleases; acting selfishly. (arch) fired brick.

専心 せんしん (n,vs) undivided attention; concentration.

Levels

勺: ladle



勺 しゃく (n) 18 ml (one-tenth of a go). 0.033 meters square (one-hundredth of a tsubo). dip; ladle.

一勺 いっしゃく (n) one shaku.

的 : target, typical

白, 勺

A white bird is targetting the cherry (drop) in the ladle.

的 てき (adj-na,suf) -like; typical

目的 もくてき (n) purpose; goal; aim; objective; intention

本格的ほんかくてき (adj-na) genuine; real; regular; normal; typical; standard; orthodox. full-scale; full-blown; all-out. full-fledged; professional

均 : level

土, 勺, ヽ

Instead of a rake, a weird gardener uses a ladle to level the snow-covered or muddy soil.

均一 きんいち (adj-na,n,adj-no) uniformity; equality.

均質 きんしつ (adj-na,n,adj-no) homogeneous; homogeneity

均す ならす (v5s,vt) to make even; to make smooth; to make level. to average.

To teach

身 : somebody

自,

Somebody looking like a Samurai is looking for you, run!

身 み (n) body. oneself. one's place; one's position. main part; meat (as opposed to bone, skin, etc.); wood (as opposed to bark); blade (as opposed to its handle); container(as opposed to its lid)

自身 じしん (n) by oneself; personally

自分自身 じぶんじしん (n,adj-no) oneself; myself

老 : old man

土, big stroke, ヒ

An old man fell on the soil because of a stroke and now has to be spoon fed in an expensive retirement home.

老人 ろうじん (n,adj-no) the aged; old person

老 ろう (n) old age; age; old people; the old; the aged.

家老 かろう (n) chief retainer; daimyo's minister.

者 : profession suffix

老, 日

Profession suffix: what the old man does in the day-者.

者 しゃ (n,suf) someone of that nature; someone doing that work.

若者 わかもの (n,adj-no) young man; youth; lad

医者 いしゃ (n,sens) (medical) doctor; physician

都 : metropolis

者, 日

In a big city, you're just a x-者 working inside city walls and often moving to the suburbs at night.

京都 きょうと (n) Kyoto

都 と (n,adj-no) metropolitan; municipal.

都市 とし (n,adj-no) town; city; municipal; urban

署 : signature

目, 者

Biometric signature for enterprise level safety, only \$1,000,000 for a 5,000-employee megacorp!

署 しょ (n,abbr) station (esp. a police station); office (i.e. tax office).

署名 しょめい (n,vs) signature

部署 ぶしょ (n,vs) one's post; one's station; department; bureau; section

与 : to bestow

slingshot, 一

Mowgli/Link is bestowed one slingshot (nested pictogram).



与える あたえる (v1,vt) to give (esp. to someone of lower status); to bestow; to grant; to confer; to present; to award. to provide; to afford; to offer; to supply. to assign. to cause. (comp) to pass (a variable to a function); .

与る あずかる (v5r,vi) (uk) to participate in; to take part in. to receive; to enjoy; to be given.

与 むた (n,arch) together with

考 : to think about, to ponder 老, slingshot

For economical reason, we might consider sending retired old men to war armed with only slingshots.

考える かんがえる (v1,vt) to think about; to take into consideration. to ponder; to reflect; to try to come at a conclusion; to think over (something). to intend; to decide (to do); to plan. to come up with; to devise; to scheme. to predict; to anticipate; to expect. to suspect; to doubt. to consider (somebody to be something); to look on

考え かんがえ (n) thinking; thought; ideas; intention

思考 しこう (n,vs,adj-no) thought; consideration; thinking

孝 : filial piety

From the old man to the child.

孝 きょう (ok,n) filial piety.

孝子 こうし (n) filial child.

父 : taskmaster

教 : teach 孝, 父

The teacher is a taskmaster that teaches with a little bit of filial piety to children.



教える おしえる (v1,vt) to teach; to inform; to instruct

教授 きょうじゅ (n,vs,adj-no) professor. teaching; instruction

教室 きょうしつ (n) classroom

数 : number

米, 女, 夕

The Samurai IRS taskmaster is controlling women counting the rice grains...

数 かず (n) number; amount

数える かぞえる (v1,vt) to count; to enumerate

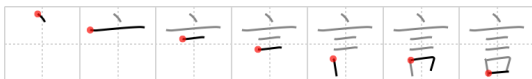
数字 すうじ (n,math) numeral; figure; digit; numeric character

To say

Primitive 言 is used in a LOT of kanji.

言 : say

Pictogram of soundwaves getting out of a mouth.



言う いう (v5u) to say. to name; to call. to go (e.g. the alarm went "ping"); to make a noise

と言った といった (conj,uk) such ... as; or some such.

言える いえる (v1) to be possible to say; to be able to say.

諸 : various

言, 者

Several professionals from various professions (pick whichever you want) say very various things in various jargons: that's diversity.

諸 しよ (pref) various; many; several

諸国 しよこく (n,n-suf) various countries; various regions; various provinces

諸島 しよとう (n) archipelago; group of islands.

計 : plan, calculating

言, 十

City (or war) council: official are analysing some plan with words and needles on a map (and to count too, computers are forbidden).

計る はかる (v5r,vt) to measure; to weigh; to survey; to time (sound, gauge, estimate). to conjecture; to infer; to surmise

計 けい (n,n-suf) plan. meter; measuring device; (pref) (in) total; total (of)

見計らう みはからう (v5u,vt) to choose at one's own discretion. to choose when to do something; to estimate (the time for something).

記 : to write down

言, 己

A scribe writes down all the words spoken by a snake (a lawyer).

記す きす (v5s) to write down; to note; to jot down. to remember.

日記 にっき (n) diary; journal

記者 きしや (n,adj-no) reporter

舌 : tongue (in mouth)

千, 口

A tongue in your mouth allows you to say a thousand phony words to the opposite sex and kiss a thousand tongues and mouths (with some accidental redundancy!).

舌 した (n) tongue. tongue-like object; clapper (of a bell); talon (of a lock); .

活 : lively

水, 舌

Give a lively speech or have a lively kiss, either way your tongue is wet.

部活 ぶかつ (n) club activities.

活字 かつじ (n) printing type; movable type. printed text; print

活 かつ (n) living; life. judo art of resuscitation; (suf) (abbr) action; activity.

辞 : resign

舌, 辛

Resigning from the Curry/Wasabi/Thai food company because my tongue just can't stand such spiciness.

辞める やめる (v1,vt) to resign; to retire; to quit; to leave (one's job, etc.); .

辞す じす (v5s) to excuse oneself; to take one's leave. to quit; to resign; to retire; to leave post. to decline; to turn down. unhesitatingly

辞退 じたい (n,vs,adj-no) declining; refusal; nonacceptance; turning down; withdrawal (e.g. candidacy); pulling out (e.g. race); excusing oneself

話 : speak

言, 舌

Speaking is saying words with your tongue.

話 はなし (n) talk; speech; chat; story; conversation. discussions; negotiation; argument

話す はなす (v5s,vt) to talk; to speak; to converse; to chat. to tell; to explain; to narrate; to mention; to describe; to discuss. to speak (a language)

お話 おはなし (n) story; tale.

語 : language

言, 五, 口

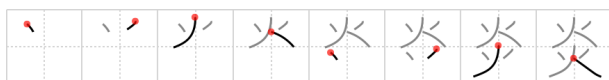
Five different mouths (my 4 D&D buddies and I) say things in my made-up language? We have to make a dictionary!

語る かたる (v5r,vt) to talk about; to speak of; to tell; to narrate. to recite; to chant. to indicate; to show

物語 ものがたり (n,vs,adj-no) tale; story; legend

語 かたり (io,n) talk; recital. narration. topic.

炎 : inflammation



炎 えん (suf) -itis (indicating an inflammatory disease).

火炎 かえん (n) flame; blaze.

炎上 えんじょう (n,vs) blazing up. destruction of a large building by fire. flood of comments to a blog, exceeding what the blog's owner can answer

談 : conversation

言, 炎

Inflamed Internet 'debate'... You all know what I mean.

相談 そうだん (n,vs) consultation; discussion

談 だん (n,n-suf) talk; story; conversation.

談話 だんわ (n,vs) a talk; conversation

果 : fruit, result

田, 木

A pictogram of a cluster of fruit on a tree, the tree equivalent of a rice field.

効果 こうか (n,adj-no) effect; effectiveness; efficacy; result

果たす はたす (v5s,vt) to accomplish; to achieve; to carry out; to fulfill; to fulfil; to realize; to execute; to perform; to do; (suf,v5s) to do ... completely; to do ... entirely

果てる はてる (v1,vi) to end; to be finished; to be exhausted; to die; to perish; (suf) indicates an extreme has been reached

課 : lesson

言, 果

A lesson is always a bunch of fruitful words from a dedicated teachers to willing students... or not.

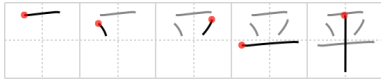
課 か (n,n-suf) lesson. section (in an organization); division; department; (ctr) counter for lessons and chapters (of a book)

日課 にっか (n) daily lesson; daily work; daily routine

課す かす (v5s,vt) to levy; to charge; to assess; to impose; to assign.

平 : even

Controversial pictogram: an even water-lily, a pair of scissors, an even-function plot, whatever you like.



平 ひら (n) something broad and flat; palm of the hand. common; ordinary.
(abbr) low-ranking employee; freshman; novice; private.

平原 へいげん (n) plain; moor; prairie.

平均 へいきん (n,vs) average; mean. balance; equilibrium

呼 : to call, to invite

口, 平

Transform the object you chose for '平' into a telephone.

呼ぶ よぶ (v5b,vt) to call out (to); to call; to invoke. to summon (a doctor, etc.).
to invite. to designate; to name; to brand. to garner (support, etc.); to
gather. (arch) to take as one's wife

呼びかける よびかける (v1,vt) to call out to; to accost; to address (crowd); to
appeal; .

呼び出す よびだす (v5s,vt) to summon; to call (e.g. phone); to convene; to decoy;
to lure. (comp) to invoke (e.g. subroutine); to call; to open (e.g. a file); .

評 : evaluation, comment

言, 平

'Fair and balanced' (even) words are evaluation or comments.

批評 ひひょう (n,vs,adj-no) criticism; review; commentary

評す ひょうす (v5s,vt) to evaluate; to appraise; to comment on.

批評家 ひひょうか (n) critic.

売 : sell

士, 冫, 儿

The Samurai shop: as if the Samurai weren't already taking enough money from peasants, he's selling crowns and legs of his enemies (which includes people who don't pay 'taxes').

売る うる (v5r,vt) to sell

売れる うれる (v1,vi) to sell (well). to be well known; to be popular; to be famous

売店 ばいてん (n) shop; stand

読 : read

言, 売

Nowadays, every word you read is marketing: even novels try to sell their sequels...

読む よむ (v5m,vt) to read. to count

読者 どくしゃ (n) reader

再 : again

玉, 冫

The fat French king Louis VI, nicknamed 'The Fat', needs a new belt, again!

再び ふたたび (adv) again; once more; a second time

再 さい (pref) re-; again; repeated; deuter-; deuto-; deuter-

再三 さいさん (adv,n) again and again; repeatedly

講 : lecture

言, funnel

Nested 'funnel' component: I just rote-learn the top part by writing it again and again (再三). A lecture is just a funneling of words (with a funnel-shaped megaphone) into the student's notebooks then into their heads.



講じる こうじる (v1,vt) to take measures; to work out a plan. to lecture; to read aloud. to confer.

講談 こうだん (n) story-telling

講 こう (n,n-suf) (Buddhist) lecture meeting. religious association. mutual assistance association (i.e. for financial assistance).

構 : set up, pose

木, funnel

Workers setting up the funnel-shaped tree.

構える かまえる (v1,vt) to set up (e.g. a building). to prepare in advance (e.g. a meal); to prepare to use something (e.g. a camera). to plan; to scheme. to fabricate in order to deceive. to stiffen; to become formal

構う かまう (v5u) to mind; to care about; to be concerned about. to care for; to look after. to prepare for. to interfere with; to meddle in. to tease; .

構え かまえ (n) posture (e.g. in martial arts); pose; style; stance.

訪 : to visit

言, 方

Visiting friends is sending words in their direction.

訪ねる たずねる (v1,vt) to visit

訪れる おとずれる (v1,vt) to visit; to call on; (v1,vi) to arrive; to come; to appear

来訪 らいほう (n,vs) visit; call

討 : to attack, to avenge

言, 寸

You can safely attack a coworker with words and glue on his seat and he can safely avenge.

討つ うつ (v5t) to shoot (at). to attack; to defeat; to destroy; to avenge; .

検討 けんとう (n,vs) consideration; examination; investigation; study; scrutiny; discussion; analysis

返り討ち かえりうち (n) killing a would-be avenger. having the tables turned on someone (e.g. by a challenger); being beaten at one's own game.

信 : faith, confidence

人, 言

Have faith in Segata Sanshiro's words, spend all your life playing Sega games!

信じる しんじる (v1,vt) to believe; to believe in; to place trust in; to confide in; to have faith in

自信 じしん (n,vs) self-confidence; confidence (in oneself)

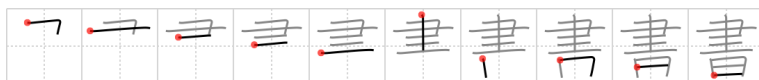
信 しん (adv,n) honesty; fidelity. trust; reliance. (religious) faith; (ctr) counter for received messages

To write

書 : write

brush, 日

Nested primitive for brush. You're sure gonna write it a few times to remember it, but if you hadn't bought this book, you'd be writing kanji all day long like some kind of Parisian writer just to remember them!



書く かく (v5k,vt) to write; to compose; to pen. to draw; to paint

書 しよ (n,n-suf) document; book; (n) penmanship; handwriting; calligraphy (esp. Chinese).

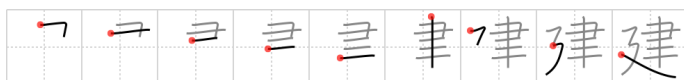
書類 しよるい (n) documents; official papers

延 : stretch

建 : brush

延, ?

As any engineer or architect can tell, building is all about stretching a sketch into reality.



建物 たてもの (n) building

建てる たてる (v1,vt) to build; to construct

健 : healthy

人, 建

A healthy person like Segate Sanshiro is one who builds things both intellectually and physically.

健在 けんざい (adj-na,n) in good health; well; going strong

健やか すこやか (adj-na,n) vigorous; healthy; sound

及 : reach, extend

I like this gymnastics pictogram.



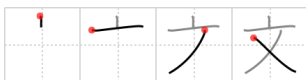
及ぶ およぶ (v5b,vi) to reach; to amount to; to befall; to happen to; to extend.
to be up to the task; to come up to. to compare with; to be a match (for).
to commit (a crime). to require (to do) (usu. used in the negative)

及び および (conj) and; as well as

及ぼす およぼす (v5s,vt) to exert; to cause; to exercise

文 : letter, sentence

Pictogram of handwriting.



文 あや (n) figure; design.

文字 もじ (n) letter (of alphabet); character; (adj-no) literal

文化 ぶんか (n) culture; civilization; civilisation. Bunka era (1804.2.11-1818.4.22);

対 : vis-a-vis

文, 寸

Vis-a-vis is a sentence glue (= link) word.

に対して にたいして (exp) towards; against; regarding; in contrast with.

に対する にたいする (exp) regarding; in; to; towards; with regards to.

反対 はんたい (adj-na,n,vs,adj-no) opposition; resistance; antagonism; hostility; contrast; objection; dissension; reverse; opposite; vice versa

Maths

The intersection of kanji that are used in maths and kanji that are important in real life :).

角 : angle

勺, 冂, 丨, 二

Picture any device you want to measure an angle.

角 かく (n,n-suf) angle. square (or cube). bishop (shogi). third degree (of the Japanese & Chinese pentatonic scale). (astron) Chinese "horn" constellation (one of the 28 mansions). jiao (monetary unit of China; one-tenth of a yuan);

方角 ほうかく (n) direction; way; compass point

一角 いっかく (n) corner; section; point; part. one horn. (uk) narwhal (Monodon monoceros)

解 : to untie, to solve

角, 刀, 牛

Let's solve our tribe's hunger problem by cutting the cow with a dagger at the right angles.

理解 りかい (n,vs) understanding; comprehension; appreciation; sympathy

解く とく (v5k,vt) to untie; to unfasten; to unwrap; to undo; to unbind; to unpack. to unsew; to unstitch. to solve; to work out; to answer. to dispel (misunderstanding, etc.); to clear up; to remove (suspicion); to appease. to dissolve (a contract); to cancel; to remove (a prohibition); to lift (a ban); to raise (a siege). to release (from duty); to relieve; to dismiss. to comb (out);

to card; to untangle (hair)

解る わかる (v5r,vi) to understand; to comprehend; to grasp; to see; to get; to follow. to become clear; to be known; to be discovered; to be realized; to be realised; to be found out

止 : stop

floor, ト

You didn't respect one of those 止 floor signs, so a police officer is stopping you with his magic wand.

止める とどめる (v1,vt) to stop; to stay (e.g. the night); to cease; to put an end to. to contain; to keep (in position, in place); to limit. to record (e.g. a fact); to retain.

止まる とどまる (v5r,vi) to remain; to abide; to stay (in the one place). to be limited to; to be confined to

立ち止まる たちどまる (v5r) to stop; to halt; to stand still

歴 : curriculum

厂, 林, 止

(Mowgli/Tarzan/Some Crazy Otaku) at a job interview: 'I spent my whole academic curriculum stopping animals in a grove at the base of a cliff...' '...Good luck with your job search!'

歴史 れきし (n,adj-no) history

歴史的 れきしてき (adj-na) historic; historical; traditional

歴 ぶ (v2h-k,vi) (arch) to pass; to elapse; to go by. (arch) to pass through; to go through. (arch) to experience; to go through.

正 : right

一, 止

Japanese way of life: if you do something right the first time, you only have to do it once; if you screw it up, you have to start over until you get it right. Really true about kanji too, hope you're happy with this book!

正しい ただしい (adj-i) right; just; correct; righteous; honest; truthful; proper; straightforward; perfect

正直 しょうじき (adj-na,n) honesty; integrity; frankness; (adv) honestly; frankly;

正 しょう (n,n-pref) greater (of equal court ranks); upper; senior. director (highest of the four administrative positions of the ritsuryo period); chief; (pref) (before a number) exactly; precisely.

証 : evidence

言, 正

Evidence is words that are absolutely right. In Japan, you can never go back on an admission and of course perjury is scolded.

証明 しょうめい (n,vs,adj-no) proof; verification

証言 しょうげん (n,vs) evidence; testimony

保証 ほしょう (n,vs) guarantee; security; assurance; pledge; warranty

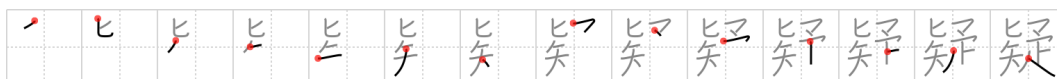
厰 : zoo

A Zoo logo.

疑 : doubt

ヒ, 矢, ム, 厰

At the suspicious 厰 oo, they give you a spoon, darts and make you sign a liability waver if anything happens to your elbows... You're reaaally doubting.



疑う うたがう (v5u,vt) to doubt; to distrust; to be suspicious of; to suspect

疑い うたがい (n) doubt; question; uncertainty; skepticism; scepticism; suspicion; distrust

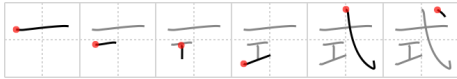
容疑者 ようぎしや(n) suspect (person)

弋 : arrow

式 : equation

弋, 工

Engineers are calculating an arrow's ballistic equations.



式 しき (n,n-suf) equation; formula; expression. ceremony. style. (arch)
enforcement regulations (of the ritsuryo)

正式 せいしき (adj-na,adj-no,n) due form; official; formality

方式 ほうしき (n) form; method; system; formula

試 : to try

言, 式

Try a blank exam with a verbal part and a maths (equations) part.

試みる こころみる (v1,vt) to try; to attempt; to have a go (at something)

試験 しけん (n,vs) examination; test; study; trial; experiment

試す ためす (v5s,vt) to attempt; to test; to try out

米 : grain of rice

求 : request

米, 弋

A highway robber requests that you give him your grains of rice and other products, threatening you with a bow and arrows.



求める もとめる (v1,vt) to want; to wish for. to request; to demand. to seek;
to search for; to pursue (pleasure); to hunt (a job). (pol) to purchase; to buy

要求 ようきゅう (n,vs) demand; firm request; requisition; requirement; desire

球 : sphere

王, 求

The Queen asks to see your family jewels... You have legal obligation to show your balls, as in South Park.

地球 ちきゅう (n,adj-no) the earth; the globe

球 きゅう (n) (math) sphere; (suf,ctr) (baseb) counter for balls

必 : always

心,

Your heart always eventually becomes slashed/divided.

必要 ひつよう (adj-na) necessary; needed; essential; indispensable; (n) necessity; need; requirement

必ず かならず (adv) always; without exception; necessarily; certainly; without fail; positively; invariably

必ずしも かならずしも (adv) (not) always; (not) necessarily; (not) all; (not) entirely; .

不 : negation prefix

一, 人, 丶

I just remember it as a pictogram where every stroke negates the previous one.

不安 ふあん (adj-na,n) anxiety; uneasiness; insecurity; suspense

不幸 ふこう (adj-na,n) unhappiness; sorrow; misfortune; disaster; accident; death; .

不可能 ふかのう (adj-na,n) impossible

否 : no, reject

不, 口

The previous kanji was just a prefix, this is 'NO' or rejection, that is, a negation out of your mouth.

否 いいえ (int) (uk) no; nay. (uk) well; er; why

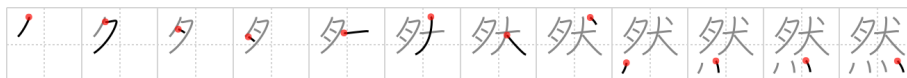
安否 あんぴ (n) safety; welfare; well-being

否や いなや (exp) as soon as; no sooner than; one way or another; (n) objection.

然 : moreover, nature

flesh, 犬, 𤝵

Nested primitive for flesh, looking like 'evening'. Well, for Chinese, boiling the flesh of a small dog is just nature, evolution.



当然 とうぜん (adj-na,adj-no) natural; as a matter of course; justified; deserved; reasonable

突然 とつぜん (adj-na,adj-no,adv) abrupt; sudden; unexpected; all at once

自然 しぜん (adj-na,n) nature; spontaneity; (adv,adv-to) naturally; spontaneously; .

無 : nothing

corpse bundle, 𣦵

Just picture a bundle of dead soldiers and skulls being incinerated... To be or not to be?

無理 むり (adj-na,n,vs) unreasonable; impossible; overdoing

無い ない (adj-i) (uk) nonexistent; not being (there). unpossessed; unowned; not had. unique. indicates negation, inexperience, unnecessariness or impossibility; (aux-adj) not to not be...; to have not ...

無言 むごん (n) silence

半 : half

Symetric pictogram.



半分 はんぶん (n-adv,n) half

半 はん (n,n-pref) half; semi-; (n,n-suf) half-past; (n) odd number. (arch) unit of land area (595.8 m2)

半ば なかば (n-adv,n,n-suf) middle; half; semi; halfway; partly

判 : judgement

半, リ

Think about Salomon's judgement: two women claim a baby, for 'fairness' sake, it should be cut in half with a saber.

判る わかる (v5r,vi) to understand; to comprehend; to grasp; to see; to get; to

follow. to become clear; to be known; to be discovered; to be realized; to be realised; to be found out

判断 はんだん (n,vs) judgement; judgment; decision; adjudication; conclusion; decipherment; divination

評判 ひょうばん (n,adj-no) fame; reputation; popularity. rumour (rumor); talk;

采 : animal tracks



番 : ordinal numbers, lookout

采, 田

Japanese counters are awful, but for reading, you don't need to know when '第' and '番' are used. To know how painful they are, just count animal tracks in a rice field... 一番、二番、三番...

一番 いちばん (n-adv) best; first; number one. game; round; bout; fall; event (in a meet)

番 つがい (n) (uk) (one) pair (e.g. of birds); brace; couple. joint; hinge.

番頭 ばんとう (n) (head) clerk.

審 : understanding, hearing

家, 番

A courthouse is like a house of numbers: paying lawyers \$xx,xxx, convicting y,yyy black people for drug use, having a probability of 1/z to win, ...

不審 ふしん (adj-na,n) incomplete understanding; doubt; question; distrust; suspicion; strangeness; infidelity

審判 しんぱん (n,vs) refereeing; trial; judgement; judgment; umpire; referee.

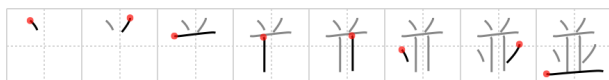
審理 しんり (n,vs) trial

Business

Business

並 : line up

Pictogram of a Roman temple with II columns and two horns on the capital (top).



並ぶ ならぶ (v5b,vi) to line up; to stand in a line. to rival; to match; to equal

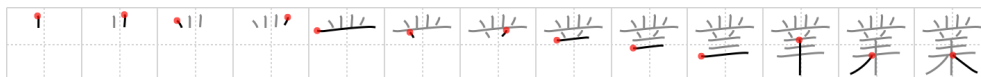
並べる ならべる (v1,vt) to line up; to set up. to enumerate; to itemize

並んで ならんで (adv) alongside; side-by-side; abreast.

業 : business

double row upside down, 未

The abattoir business: slay not-exactly-dead-yet animals turned upside down in a double row. This nested component is tricky but you don't need to remember every stroke because this kanji is extremely common.



授業　じゅぎょう　(n,vs) lesson; class work; teaching; instruction

業 ぎょう (n,suf) work; business. study.

営業 えいぎょう (n,vs) business; trade; sales; operations

事 : circumstances, problem, matter 一, 口, 事

The circumstances: one opposite sex person you hate just took one rake in his/her face and needs mouth to mouth before an ambulance comes... How problematic... or not, depending what you imagine!

事 こと (n) thing; matter. incident; occurrence; event; something serious; trouble; crisis. circumstances; situation; state of affairs. work; business; affair. after an inflectable word, creates a noun phrase indicating something the speaker does not feel close to; (n-suf) nominalizing suffix. pretending to ...; playing make-believe ...; (n,n-suf) (uk) alias; aka; nickname; alternative name; also known as

仕事 しごと (n,vs,adj-no) work; job; business; occupation; employment; vocation; task. (physics) work

事実 じじつ (n-adv,n) fact; truth; reality

件 : case, affair 人, 牛

Current case: Some-Movie-Star-You-Hate sued for having an affair with a cow in the Washington state, where it's illegal to have sex with a >40lbs animal (Wikipedia Zoophilia and the law).

事件 じけん (n) event; affair; incident; case; plot; trouble; scandal

件 くだり (n) passage; paragraph.

条件 じょうけん (n) condition; conditions; term; terms; requirement; requirements;

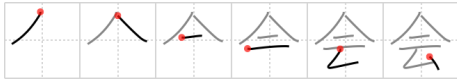
Meeting

△ : meeting (primitive)

Under one umbrella

会 : to meet △, wall

A meeting between 4 walls. If the four wall met, humm... that would solve our productivity problem!



会う あう (v5u,vi) to meet; to encounter; to see. (uk) to have an accident; to have a bad experience

会 え (n,arch) gathering (esp. Buddhist, festive, etc.).

会話 かいわ (n,vs) conversation

合 : to match, to combine

厶, 口

Dating site: matching people for a meeting, guaranteed you'll have a French kiss. Only \$29/month.

場合 ばあい (n-adv,n) case; situation

合う あう (v5u,vi) to come together; to merge; to unite; to meet. to fit; to match; to suit; to agree with; to be correct. to be profitable; to be equitable; (suf,v5u) (after the -masu stem of a verb) to do ... to each other; to do ... together

合わせる あわせる (v1,vt) to match (rhythm, speed, etc.). to join together; to unite; to combine; to add up. to face; to be opposite (someone). to compare; to check with. to cause to meet (e.g. an unpleasant fate). to place together; to connect; to overlap. to mix; to combine. to put blade to blade; to fight; .

答 : reply, answer

竹, 合

At architecture school: blahblahblah... match and the bamboo here and everything holds, that's the right answer.

答える こたえる (v1,vi) to answer; to reply

答え こたえ (n) response; reply; answer; solution

返答 へんとう (n,vs) reply

今 : now

厶,

Looks like a cowboy with a cool hat and stretched arms: he's shooting NOW! He's won the duel.

今 いま (n-adv,n) now; the present time; just now; soon; immediately; (one) more; .
 今日 きょう (n-t) today; this day
 今まで いままで (adv) until now; so far; up to the present

Note: As a component, we'll use meaning 'clock' as a meaning.

含 : include

今, 口

Cuckoo! Cuckoo! The cuckoo clock contains a mouth that says what time it is now.

含む くくむ (v5m,vt) to contain; to comprise; to have; to hold; to include; to embrace. to hold in the mouth. to bear in mind; to understand; to harbor (grudge, etc.); to harbour. to express (emotion, etc.); to imply.

含める ふくめる (v1,vt) to include (in a group or scope). to instruct; to make one understand. to include (a nuance); to put in (an implication). to put in (someone's) mouth. to permeate with flavor

含み ふくみ (n) implication; hidden meaning; latitude; atmosphere; tone; sentiment; inclusion

企 : to scheme

へ, 止

To design a business plan, you need to stop every floating idea and gather them under an umbrella during a brainstorming session first.

企業 きぎょう (n) enterprise; undertaking; corporation; business

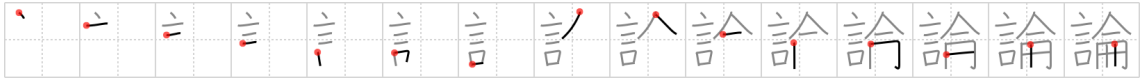
企む たくらむ (v5m,vt,uk) to scheme; to plan; to play a trick; to invent; to conspire; to frame up

企てる くわだてる (v1,vt) to plan; to plot; to propose; to design; to intend; to contemplate. to attempt (e.g. suicide, murder); to undertake (e.g. business). (arch) to stand on tip-toes

論 : debate, discussion

言, meeting, scrapbook

An academic discussion with words and scrapbooks (nested pictogram) to write down the complex ideas.



論 ろん (n,n-suf) argument; discussion; dispute; controversy; discourse; debate.
theory (e.g. of evolution); doctrine. essay; treatise; comment.

勿論 もちろん (adv,uk) of course; certainly; naturally

理論 りろん (n) theory

卩 : stamp

令 : order

meeting, chop-seal

The chop-seal nested pictogram is a longer stamp. In a Japanese company, whenever you want to change anything, you need to meet at least 3 people and have their chop-seal approval (order) on an official form called a 'rishingo'.



令 りょう (n,arch) administrative and civil code.

家令 かれい (n) steward; butler.

辞令 じれい (n) notice of personnel change (appointment, dismissal, etc.). word-
ing; choice of language; phraseology

領 : jurisdiction

令, 頁

A jurisdiction is the scope in which one head (Samurai, President, NSA...) can give orders. When there's a conflict, the weaker heads are cut.

領 えり (n) neck; collar; lapel; neckband.

領主 りょうしゅ (n) feudal lord.

占領 せんりょう (n,vs,adj-no) occupation; capture; possession; have a room to one-
self; .

ㄚ : ice

Water minus one drop.

冷 : cold, cool

ㄣ, 令

To cool off water, order ice.



冷たい つべたい (adj-i) cold (to the touch); chilly; icy; freezing. coldhearted; unfeeling.

冷える ひえる (v1,vi) to grow cold (from room temperature, e.g. in refrigerator); to get chilly; to cool down

冷める さめる (v1,vi) to become cool (e.g. from a high temperature to room temperature); to come down (fever). to cool down (interest); to abate; to subside; to dampen; .

命 : life, to appoint

合, 卩

Determinism: your life is matched to a fate with main events (appointments) stamped on a small book like a passport, except it's about your future.

命 いのち (n) life; life force. lifetime; lifespan. most important thing; foundation; core. (arch) paired tattoos of the "life" kanji on the upper arms of a man and woman (indicating unwavering love). (arch) fate; destiny; karma; .

命令 めいれい (n,vs) order; command; decree; directive. (comp) (software) instruction; statement

命じる めいじる (v1,vt) to order; to command; to appoint

Gold

全 : whole

へ, 王

The king wants to get the Whole Earth under his umbrella (his kingdom). He's so totalitarian!

全部 ぜんぶ (n-adv,n-t,adj-no) all; entire; whole; altogether

全く まったく (adv) really; truly; entirely; completely; wholly; perfectly. indeed; (int) (abbr) good grief (expression of exasperation)

全身 ぜんしん (n,adj-no) whole (body); full-length (e.g. portrait); (adj-f) systemic; .

金 : gold, money

全, 丶, 丶

Same 'totalitarian king' with two bags of money.

金 かな (ok,n) money. metal.

お金 おかね (n,pol) money

金額 きんがく (n) amount of money

食 : to eat

へ, 良

Since many tourist throw umbrellas on the streets in London, we made eatable good-looking ones to save the environment! Hard Gay could be saying this...

食べる たべる (v1,vt) to eat. to live on (e.g. a salary); to live off; to subsist on

食う かう (v5u,vt) (male,vulg) to eat. to live; to make a living; to survive. to bite; to sting (as insects do). to tease; to torment; to taunt; to make light of; to make fun of. to encroach on; to eat into; to consume. to defeat a superior; to threaten a position. to consume time and-or resources. (col) to receive something (usu. an unfavourable event). (male,vulg) to have sexual relations with a woman, esp. for the first time

食事 しょくじ (n) meal; (vs) to eat

銀 : silver, metal

金, 銀

Money is rooted and forged in metals such as silver.

銀 かね (oK,n) money. metal.

銀行 ぎんこう (n,adj-no) bank

銀河 ぎんが (n) (astron) Milky Way. (astron) galaxy

針 : needle, wire

金, 針

The real needle kanji. Made of gold, it's worth ten fake needles and extensible into thin a long wire.

針 はり (n) needle; pin. hook. stinger; thorn. hand (e.g. clock, etc.); pointer. staple (for a stapler). needlework; sewing. malice; (ctr,n-suf) counter for stitches

方針 ほうしん (n) objective; plan; policy

針金 はりがね (n,adj-no) wire

鏡 : mirror

金, stand, see

Mirror is 'metal' in front of which you can stand and see yourself.

鏡 かがみ (n) mirror; looking-glass. barrel head

水鏡 みずかがみ (n) reflective water surface; reflecting water.

境 : boundary

土, 鏡

If you put mirrors at the boundary of your land, it will seem much bigger!

環境 かんきょう (n,adj-no) environment; circumstance

境 きょう (n) border; boundary. area; region; spot; space; environment. psychological state; mental state. (Buddh) cognitive object; something perceptible by the sense organs or mind.

録 : record

金, ㄅ, grain of rice

A banker records money and grain of rice (another currency) transactions, writing with a broom...

記録 きろく (n) record; minutes; document. a record (e.g. in sports); results; score; (vs) to record; to document. to set a record (e.g. in sports); to show a result; to reach a value

録 ろく (n,suf) record; transcript.

目録 もくろく (n) catalogue; catalog; inventory; index; list. certificate indicating an impending gift

Arrows, Sheep

武 : warrior

一, 弋, 止

In 300, Warriors are stopped by ONE arrow. In D&D, archer elves rule!

武士 ぶし (n) warrior; samurai

武 ぶ (n) (arch) the art of war; martial arts; military arts. military force; the sword. valor; bravery. military officer; military man.

武装 ぶそう (n,vs) arms; armament; armed

域 : land, area

土, 戈

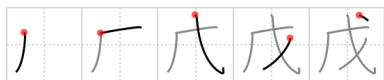
When soil was within range, explorers/pirates would throw a party.

地域 ちいき (n) area; region

領域 りょういき (n,adj-no) area; domain; territory; field; range; region; regime; .

域 いき (n) region; limits; stage; level.

戊 : march



戊 つちのえ (n) 5th in rank; fifth sign of the Chinese calendar.

戊子 つちのえね (n) twenty-fifth of the sexagenary cycle.

成 : turn into

戊, 刀

In a dictatorship or during a civil war, controversial marches can turn into dagger fights or much worse.

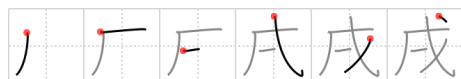
成立 せいりつ (n) coming into existence; arrangements; establishment; conclusion; completion; (vs) to come into existence; to be true; to hold (i.e. hold true); .

構成 こうせい (n,vs,adj-no) organization; organisation; configuration; composition; .

成る なる (v5r,vi) (uk) to become; to get; to grow; to be; to reach; to attain. to result in; to prove to be. to consist of; to be composed of. to succeed; to be complete. to change into; to be exchanged for. to play a role. to be promoted (shogi); (v5r) (hon) to do ...

戌: demonstration, protest

A union party with people holding signs.



減: decrease

水, 戌, 口

Middle age revolt: a bunch of starving mouth protesting? Throw them some boiled water and their number will decrease!

減る へる (v5r,vi) to decrease (in size or number); to diminish; to abate

加減 かげん (n,adj-na) addition and subtraction. allowance for. degree; extent; measure. condition; state of health. seasoning; flavor; flavour; moderation; adjustment. influence (of the weather). chance

いい加減 いいかげん (adj-na) (uk) irresponsible; perfunctory; careless. luke-warm; half-baked; halfhearted; vague. reasonable; moderate (usu. in suggestions or orders); (adv) considerably; quite; rather; pretty

歳: year-end, -years-old

止, 戌, 小

In the North Pole Warehouse, small Santa Claus lutins stop the assembly line and protest against the atrocious year-end working conditions.

歳 さい (suf) -years-old

歳月 さいげつ (n-t) time; years

二十歳 はたち (n) 20 years old

裁 : to cut, to judge

Thanksgiving, 衣

Before Thanksgiving (the Soil Party), the tailor is cutting cutttting cuttttting clothes just as fast as Santa lutins.

裁判 さいばん (n,vs,adj-no) trial; judgement; judgment

裁判所 さいばんしょ (n) court; courthouse

裁く さばく (v5k,vt) to judge

Sheep

羊 : sheep

Pictogram of a sheep seen from above.



羊 ひつじ sheep

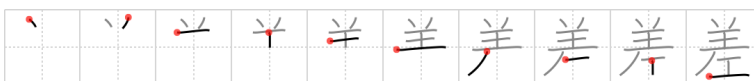
羊 : wool

The sheep (羊) exiting an abattoir.

差 : difference, to stand out

差, 工

Wood Craft? This game would certainly stand out since it would be very different from any other game.



差し出す さしだす (v5s,vt) to present; to submit; to tender; to hold out

差 さ (n,n-suf) difference; variation

差す さす (v5s,vi) to shine. to be visible. to be tinged with. to rise (of water levels); to flow in. to be felt (i.e. as an emotion); to come over one; (v5s,vt) to hold up (an umbrella, etc.); to put up; to raise. to extend one's arm straight ahead (in dance). to insert; to put in. to wear (a sword) in one's belt; to wear at one's side; to carry under one's arm. (sumo) to insert one's arm under an opponent's arm. to pole (a boat). to pour; to add (liquid); to serve (drinks). to put on (lipstick, etc.); to apply; to colour; to dye. to light (a fire); to burn. to shut; to close; to lock; to fasten; (suf,v5s) to stop in the midst of; to leave undone

着 : to wear, to reach

𠂔, 目

Wearing wool all over my body, except over the eyes. Ready for the perfect crime!

着る きる (v1,vt) to wear (in modern Japanese, from the shoulders down); to put on. to bear (guilt, etc.)

着く つく (v5k) to arrive at; to reach. to sit on; to sit at (e.g. the table); .

落ち着く おちつく (v5k,vi) to calm down; to compose oneself; to regain presence of mind. to calm down; to settle down; to die down; to become stable; to abate. to settle down (in a location, job, etc.); to settle in. to be settled; to be fixed; to have been reached. to harmonize with; to harmonise with; to match; to suit; to fit. to be unobtrusive; to be quiet; to be subdued

鮮 : fresh

魚, 羊

A merchant is selling 'fresh fishes and sheep'. Yeah, but his fishes are as fresh as his sheep!

朝鮮 ちょうせん (n) Korea

鮮やか あざやか (adj-na) vivid; bright; brilliant; clear; fresh; vibrant. skillful; skilful; adept; adroit; deft; brilliant; beautiful; fine; excellent

新鮮 しんせん (adj-na) fresh

美 : beauty

羊, 大

A primitive culture venerating the beauty of big sheep.

美しい うつくしい (adj-i) beautiful; lovely

美 び (n,n-suf) beauty

美人 びじん (n) beautiful person (woman)

我 : ego

戈, 手

Egotic Nerd/Otakus like me (and you maybe) prefer 'hand parties' over real parties.

我々 われわれ (pn,adj-no) we

我 あ (ok,pn,adj-no) I; me.

我が わが (adj-pn) my; our; one's own

義 : righteous

羊, 我

Righteous religious people are sheep with enough ego to think they're right and the rest will burn in hell for eternity.

義 ぎ (n,adj-no) morality; righteousness; justice; honour (honor). meaning.
(Buddh) teachings; doctrine; (n,n-pref) nonconsanguineous relationship (i.e. of in-laws). prosthesis.

主義 しゅぎ (n) doctrine; rule; principle

正義 せいぎ (n) justice; right; righteousness; correct meaning

議 : deliberation

言, 義

In functional groups, deliberations lead to righteous words. In dysfunctional groups, you can only say 'righteous words' in deliberations.

不思議 ふしぎ (adj-na,n) wonder; miracle; strange; mystery; marvel; curiosity

会議 かいぎ (n,vs,adj-no) meeting; conference; session; assembly; council; convention; congress

議論 ぎろん (n,vs) argument; discussion; dispute; controversy

示 : altar

A table on which you show (示).

社 : company, shrine

示, 土

With lifetime employment, a Japanese company is (or used to be) like a shrine: your desk is an altar and the company's soil is a sacred place where you stay 24/7.



会社 かいしゃ (n) company; corporation. workplace

社会 しゃかい (n) society; public; community; the world. (abbr) social studies; .

視 : observe

示, 見

Tourists (eyes on legs) observe an altar in a cathedral. Christians believe God sees through it (as through everything else).

無視 むし (n,vs) disregarding; ignoring

視る みる (v1,vt) to see; to look; to watch; to view; to observe. to look over; to look on; to assess; to examine; to judge. (uk) to look after; to keep an eye on; to take care of. to view (e.g. flowers, movie). (uk) to try; to try out. (uk) to see that...; to find that...

視点 してん (n) opinion; point of view; visual point

示 : cloak

初 : first, new

示, 刀

Brand new cloak, has just been tailored.



初めて はじめて (adv,adj-no) for the first time; (adv) only after ... is it ...; only when ... do you ...

初め ぞめ (suf) first doing of ... (ever, in one's life, in the new year, etc.).

初 うい (adj-no,n-pref,n) first; new.

補: supplement

ネ, 再, ヌ

Note that the central stroke for again is longer here. But I just see the right component as a full weird costume supplementing the cloak.

補う おぎなう (v5u,vt) to compensate for; to supplement

補 ほ (suf) assistant ...; probationary ...

補強 ほきょう (n,vs) compensation; reinforcement

被: wear, put on

ネ, 皮

Wearing a cloak as an additional skin layer... nice on some animals but really weird on a human!

被る かぶる (v5r,vt) to put on (one's head); to wear; to have on; to pull over (one's head); to crown (oneself). to be covered with (dust, snow, etc.); to pour (water, etc.) on oneself; to dash on oneself; to ship water. to bear (e.g. someone's debts, faults, etc.); to take (blame); to assume (responsibility); to shoulder (burden). to overlap (e.g. sound or color). to be similar; to be redundant; (v5r,vi) to be fogged (due to overexposure, etc.). to close; to come to an end. to get a full house; to sell out. (arch) to blunder; to bungle; to fail. (arch) to be deceived

被 ひ (pref) indicates the target of an activity; -ee (e.g. employee, examinee, trustee).

被疑者 ひぎしや(n) suspect (person)

祭: festival

flesh, 又, ネ

A 'religious' festival where you sacrifice flesh and crotches on an altar? Interesting...

祭り まつり (n) festival; feast

祭 まつり (n) festival; feast

際 : occasion

ㄣ, 祭

City walls are blocked, that is gates are closed on the occasion of a city-wide festival. To determine which festival, you can draw inspiration from the previous story...

実際 じっさい (adj-no,adv,n) practicality; practical. reality; actuality; actual conditions. (Buddh) bhutakoti (limit of reality)

際 きわ (n,n-suf) edge; brink; verge; side. time; moment of.

実際に じっさいに (adv) virtually; practically; in practice. currently; presently.

察 : guess

ㄣ, 祭

The Police (警察) is trying to guess in which suburban house is hidden the suspicious ritual...

察す さっす (v5s,vt) to guess; to sense; to presume; to judge. to sympathize with; to sympathise with.

察し さっし (n) consideration; guess; conjecture; judgment; judgement.

察知 さっち (n,vs) sense; infer

告 : announcement

牛, 口

Oracle: everyone praying for a good announcement from the gods via the cow's mouth.

告げる つげる (v1,vt) to tell; to inform; to announce. to indicate; to signal; to mark

告白 こくはく (n,vs,adj-no) confession; acknowledgement; acknowledgment. profession of love. confession of sins (e.g. the confessional)

被告 ひこく (n) defendant; the accused

造 : create

告, ?

A company cycle from top-right to bottom-left: you create a product then announce it then ship it via roads.

造る つくる (v5r,vt) to make; to produce; to manufacture; to build; to construct.
to prepare (food); to brew (alcohol). to raise; to grow; to cultivate; to train.
to till. to draw up (a document); to make out; to prepare; to write. to
create (an artistic work, etc.); to compose. to coin (a phrase); to organize; to
organise; to establish; to found. to have (a child). to make up (one's face,
etc.). to fabricate (an excuse, etc.). to form (a line, etc.). to set (a record).
to commit (a sin, etc.)

構造 こうぞう (n) structure; construction

造り つくり (n) make-up; structure; physique

商 : deal

立, 冂, 儿, 口

A deal involving a standing man and a hole under a belt and legs? Hmmm...

商売 しょうばい (n,vs) trade; business; commerce; transaction; occupation

商人 あきうど (n,adj-no) trader; shopkeeper; merchant.

商会 しょうかい (n) firm; company

販 : marketing

貝, 反

Company marketing, especially for luxurious products, is anti-consumer-money.

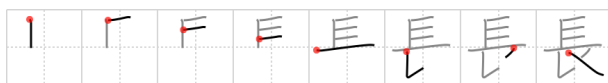
販売 はんばい (n,vs) sales; selling; marketing

市販 しはん (n,vs) selling on the market (in the marketplace, in stores, etc.); mak-
ing something commercially available; (adj-no) commercial (e.g. software);
over-the-counter; off-the-shelf; store-bought

販売店 はんばいてん (n) store; shop.

長 : long

Long-haired woman with a comb and an equally long scarf.



長い ながい (adj-i) long (distance). long (time); lengthy

長 おさ (n) head; chief; leader; elder. the greatest of all; the most excellent.

社長 しやちょう (n) company president; manager; director

張 : to paste, to lenghten

弓, 長

Heroic-fantasy context: send telepathic spam to elves to market a 'bow-lengthening service'...

張る はる (v5r) to stick; to paste; to affix; to link (e.g. in WWW forums). to stretch; to spread; to strain; to tighten; to put up (tent). to form (e.g. ice on a pond). to fill; to swell. to stick out; to put; to slap. to be expensive; (v5r,vi) to become one tile away from completion (mahjong)

主張 しゅちょう (n,vs) claim; request; insistence; assertion; advocacy; emphasis; contention; opinion; tenet

富 : wealth

冨, 富

Total peasant net worth: one house and one rice field, minus one mouth to feed.

富 とみ (n) riches; wealth; fortune. resources. (abbr) lottery

富む とむ (v5m,vi) to be rich; to become rich

富士山 ふじさん (n) Mount Fuji; Mt. Fuji; Fujiyama; Fuji-san

副 : assistance, vice-

冨, リ

The Shogun hires assistant Samurais to collect taxes with sabers, because he's the 'one mouth controlling all the rice fields'.

副 とりわけ (adv,n) (uk) especially; above all. inter alia; among others.

副社長 ふくしやちょう (n,abbr) executive vice-president

副長 ふくちょう (n) deputy head; deputy director; vice chief (of something). executive officer (navy).

別 : separated

冨, bound to, リ

You can see the guy on the left has a weak neck: his head is poorly bound to the rest of his body. With the saber on the right, it's obvious that his head is gonna be separated. He probably failed to pay his taxes.

別 べち (ok,adj-no,adj-na,n,n-suf,n-pref) distinction; difference; different; another; particular; separate; extra; exception.

別れる わかれる (v1,vi) to be divided; to part from; to separate; to bid farewell; .

別に べつに (adv) (not) particularly; nothing. separately; apart

員 : employee

口, 貝

A Japanese salaryman is an employee that puts a shell on his mouth whenever he's talking to a superior.

全員 ぜんいん (n-adv,n) all members (unanimity); all hands; the whole crew; everyone; everybody

員 いん (n,n-suf) member

社員 しゃいん (n) company employee. company stockholders (esp. in legal contexts); members of a corporation

案 : business plan

安, 木

The company's viiisionaryy business plan is to be the cheapest wood supplier/tree cutter! Shut your mouth if you wanna keep your job!

案内 あんない (n) information; guidance; leading; (vs) to guide; to show (around); to conduct

思案 しあん (n,vs) thought; consideration; deliberation; reflection; rumination; pondering

案外 あんがい (adj-na,n-adv) unexpectedly

策 : plan, policy

竹, 木, 冂

And our efficiency plan is to cut bamboo and trees with a belt-shaped saw. Don't question the security of this policy! (if you don't see the problem, just sketch the situation...)

策 さく (n,n-suf) plan; policy

対策 たいさく (n) counter-plan; counter-measure

方策 ほうさく (n) plan; policy

介 : to support, to mediate umbrellalla, pair of legs

The umbrella is supported by a pair of legs.

介す かいす (v5s,vt) to use as an intermediary; to mediate; to assist. to worry; to mind; to care.

介入 かいにゅう (n,vs) intervention

一介 いっかい (n,adj-no) mere; only a ...

界 : world

田, 介

Just imagine the bottom part moving up, shaping the rice field into a globe that the bottom part supports. If you have trouble visualizing, you can Google-Image 'FF4 mode 7'.

視界 しかい (n) field of vision

界 かい (n) (biol) kingdom. (geol) erathem (rock layer corresponding to the era in which it was deposited). partition of land; (suf) the world of (some category).

限界 げんかい (n,adj-no) limit; bound

世 : generation, society

十, 十, 十

十 + 十 + 十 + 十 = 30 years = 1 generation = time Japanese society needs to change a little bit.

世界 せかい (n) the world; society; the universe. sphere; circle; world; (adj-no) renowned; world-famous; well-known outside of Japan; (n) (Buddh) realm governed by one Buddha; space

世 せい (ctr) counter for generations; (n-suf) (geol) epoch.

葉 : leave

++, 世, 木

Sketch a family tree: leaves are flowers at the end of the generational branches.

言葉 けとば (ok,n) language; dialect. word; words; phrase; term; expression;

remark. speech; (manner of) speaking.

葉 は (n) leaf

千葉 ちば (n) Chiba (city).

協 : cooperate

十, 𠂔

Cooperate, 3 strong people are worth 10 individuals. $1 + 1 = 3$ and $1 + 1 + 1 = 10$

協会 きょうかい (n) association; society; organization; organisation

協議 きょうぎ (n,vs) conference; consultation; discussion; negotiation

協議会 きょうぎかい (n) conference; convention.

Accounting

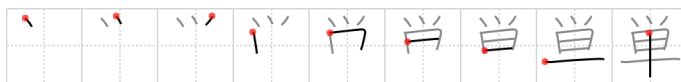
𠂔

: owl

単 : simple

𠂔, 田, 十

An owl (with binoculars) can 'easily' find a needle in a rice field.



単に たんに (adv) simply; merely; only; solely

単なる たんなる (adj-pn) mere; simple; sheer

単語 たんご (n,adj-no,ling) word; vocabulary; (usually) single-character word

戈 : party

A party where people have arrows and long words like Samurai.

戦 : fight, war

単, 戈

A party gathering two rival groups (eg. football club supporters) turns into a simple fight then gradually into a war... IRL, war is simply a big fiesta for the weapon and oil industries!



戦争 せんそう (n,vs) war

戦う たたかう (v5u,vi) to fight; to battle; to combat; to struggle against; to wage war; to engage in contest

戦 いくさ (n) war; battle; campaign; fight. (arch) troops; forces

曾 : formerly

夨, 田, 日

Formerly, ploughs with horny animals ploughed rice fields all day long because it was slowww...

曾 そう (pref) great (i.e. great-grandson, great-grandmother).

未曾有 みそう (adj-no,adj-na) unprecedented; unheard of.

木曾馬 きそうま (n) var. of horse raised in Nagano and Gifu.

増 : increase

土, 増

Ah, real estate: prices of lands that used to be cheap have crazily gone up... <http://dilbert.com/strips/comic/1989-04-18/>.

増える ふえる (v1,vi) to increase; to multiply

増す ます (v5s,vi,vt) to increase; to grow

増やす ふやす (v5s,vt) to increase; to add to; to augment

円 : one

円, 一, 一

Pictogram of a yen coin. Kanji aren't round!

円 えん (n) yen; Japanese monetary unit. circle

一万円 いちまんえん (n) 10,000 Yen.

円い まるい (adj-i) round; circular; spherical. harmonious; calm

次: next

ㄣ, 欠

An ice skating casting jury. Nexxtt... Nexxxxttttt.. Nexxxxxxt!!!

次 じ (pref) next. hypo- (i.e. containing an element with low valence); (ctr) order; sequence; time; times.

次に つぎに (conj) next; then; after that.

次第に しだいに (adv) gradually (progress into a state). in sequence; in order; in turn

資: capital

次, 貝

Capital is the money you put in the bank and reinvest next.

資料 しりょう (n,adj-no) materials; data; document

資格 しかく (n) qualifications; requirements; capabilities

資金 しきん (n) funds; capital

姿: appearance, figure

次, 女

Tip to avoid being intimidated by attractive women: the next one will have an even better figure.

姿 すがた (n) figure; form; shape. appearance; dress; guise. state; condition; picture; image. form (of a waka); (n-suf) dressed in ...; wearing ...

容姿 ようし (n) (physical) appearance (of a person); one's face and figure

スーツ姿 スーツすがた (n) suited figure; person in a suit.

価: price, value

人, 西

Unarmed Segata Sanshiro kicking a cowboy villain's ass and bringing the reward back to Sega.

評価 ひょうか (n) valuation; estimation; assessment; evaluation; (vs) to value; to assess; to estimate value. to appreciate; to value highly; to acknowledge the value (of something)

高価 こうか (adj-na,n) high price

価格 かかく (n) price; value; cost

票: ballot, vote

西, ネ

In the beginning of the US, ballots were on altars because cowboys wouldn't attack in a church.

票 ひょう (n,n-suf,ctr) vote; ballot; (n-suf,n) label; ticket; tag; stub

票数 ひょうすう (n) vote tally.

値: price

人, 直

Chuck Norris: Tell me the price straightaway you stupid expensive thing salesman!

価値 かし (n) value; worth; merit

値 あたい (n,adj-no) price; cost. value; worth; merit. (math) value; count; number. (comp) variable (computer programming, programing)

値する あたいする (vs-s) to be worth; to deserve; to merit

朱: vermillion

、, 未

In autumn, leaves that have fallen are yellow and those who have not yet are vermillion.

朱 あか (n) red; crimson; scarlet. red-containing colour (e.g. brown, pink, orange). (col) Red (i.e. communist). (abbr) red light. (abbr) red ink (i.e. in finance or proof-reading); (in) the red; (adj-no,n-pref) complete; total; perfect; obvious.

朱子学 しゅしがく (n) neo-Confucianism (based on the teachings of Zhu Xi and his followers).

一朱銀 いっしゅぎん (n) type of silver coin in the Edo period.

株: stock

木, 朱

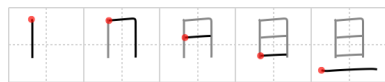
Do you prefer to buy stock in a green tree like Google or a vermilion tree like Kodak?

株 かぶ (n,ctr) stock; share; (n) stump; (n,ctr) root; rootstock. strain (of bacteria, etc.); (n,n-suf) tradeable rank; goodwill; (n) one's forte; .

株式会社 かぶしきがいしゃ (n) public company; corporation; KK; formula for an incorporated public company

株主 かぶぬし (n) shareholder; stockholder

旦: nightbreak



一旦 いったん (adv) (uk) once. for a moment; temporarily; (n) (arch) one morning; .

旦夕 たんせき (n-adv,n-t) on the brink of. morning and evening; day and night.

月旦 げったん (n-adv,n-t) first day of the month; commentary.

得: to aquire, to get

行, 旦, 寸

Reading this column of pseudoscientific books and magazine columns, I'm gonna aquire knowledge and get smarter... Oh shit, already nightbreak and I've been glued to it all day?

得る うる (suf) (after the -masu stem of a verb) to be able to ...; can ...; (exp) to get; to acquire; to obtain; to procure; to earn; to win; to gain; to secure; to attain

心得る こころえる (v1,v,t) to know; to understand; to be aware of; to regard as; to take for. to consent; to agree

得 う (v2a-s,v,t) to get; to acquire; to obtain; to procure; to earn; to win; to gain; to secure; to attain. to be possible.

担 : to carry, burden, responsibility

扌, 旦

Atlas had to carry the world with a finger until nightbreak... what a burden!

担当 たんとう (n,vs) (in) charge (of an area of responsibility, but not necessarily supervision of staff)

担ぐ かつぐ (v5g,vt) to shoulder; to carry on one's shoulder. to take (someone) for a ride; to deceive; to take in

負担 ふたん (n,vs) burden; charge; responsibility

Bureaucracy**吏 : officer**

history, long stroke

Police officers that look like they're from old history carrying a big sword.

吏 り (n,arch) an official.

吏員 りいん (n) official.

使 : use

人, 吏

Yet Segata Sanshiro can use them as a punching ball...

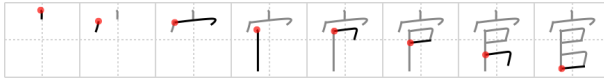
使う つかう (v5u,vt) to use (a thing, method, etc.); to make use of; to put to use. to use (a person, animal, puppet, etc.); to employ; to handle; to manage; to manipulate. to use (time, money, etc.); to spend; to consume. to use (language); to speak

使える つかえる (v1) to be usable; to be serviceable; to be useful.

官 : bureaucracy

𠂇, secret agent

Nested component for a discrete secrete agent whose whole body looks like sun-glasses. At home and in a governmental agency, he's just a seemingly-normal bureaucrat.



官 かん (n) government service; the bureaucracy.

士官 しかん (n) officer (military)

長官 かん (n,adj-no,arch) director (highest of the four administrative positions of the ritsuryo period); chief.

館 : building

食, 官

This ridiculously huge building? Noooo, that's not where the bureaucrat work, that's just their cafeteria. Don't complain about your taxpayer money.

館 かん (n,suf) house; hall; building.

旅館 りょかん (n) Japanese hotel; inn; ryokan

図書館 ずしょかん (ok,n) library.

師 : expert

secret agent (+ drop), 一, 巾

The secret agent wears a towel, turns it into a white coat so he can look like a nuclear physic expert to the Ruuûsianns.

師 し (n) teacher; master; one's mentor; (n,suf) religious leader; (suf) specialist; (n) (arch) five-battalion brigade comprising 2500 men (Zhou-dynasty Chinese army).

医師 いし (n,adj-no) doctor; physician

教師 きょうし (n,adj-no) teacher (classroom)

位 : rank, social status

人, 立

Picture a ranking with all people standing up in order.

位置 いち (n,vs) place; situation; position; location

位 い (ctr) rank; place (e.g. first place). decimal place. counter for ghosts

地位 ちい (n) (social) position; status

元 : original

二, 儿

The Origins according to the Genesis: two pair of legs.

元 げん (n) (math) unknown (e.g. in an equation). (math) element (of a set).
yuan (monetary unit of China). Yuan dynasty (China).

口元 くちもと (n) the mouth; shape of the mouth; near an entrance.

地元 じもと (n) home area; home town; (adj-no) local

完 : perfection

家, 元

Make fun of a ridiculous sect (or big religion if you're an atheist): 'This is the House of Perfection since the Beginning and with no End... Blahblahblah blahblahblaaah... Aaamennn'.

完全 かんぜん (adj-na,n,adj-no) perfection; completeness

完成 かんせい (n,vs) complete; completion. perfection; accomplishment

完 かん (n) The End (book, film, etc.); Finis.

院 : institution

冫, 完

An academic/politic/... institution of your choice is Perfection inside city walls.

院 いん (n) house of parliament (congress, diet, etc.). graduate school; postgraduate school; (suf) institution (often medical); institutional building; government office. (Buddh) sub-temple; minor temple building; temple; cloister; (n) (hon) imperial palace. (hon,arch) title bestowed on empresses, princesses, etc.; (suf) former (esp. of emperors, daimyos, etc.); late.

入院 にゅういん (n,vs) hospitalization; hospitalisation

院長 いんちょう (n) director

禁 : forbidden

林, ネ

All sized forbidden plants burnt on an altar by the police or a religion.

禁じる きんじる (v1,vt) to prohibit

禁止 きんし (n,vs) prohibition; inhibition; ban

禁 きん (n) ban (e.g. on smoking); prohibition.

委 : comitee

禾, 女

Committee design: put 50 men in a room to get a timorous incompetent woman's decision. Let's decide what to do with our wheat that way...

委員会 いいんかい (n) committee; commission; board; panel; committee meeting

委員 いいん (n) committee member

委員長 いいんちょう (n) committee chairman

写 : to duplicate, to imitate

冫, 与

In the UK the right to print a copy of the KJV Bible is bestowed by the crown:
http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/King_James_Bible#Copyright_status

写る うつる (v5r,vi) to be photographed; to be projected

写す うつす (v5s,vt) to transcribe; to duplicate; to reproduce; to imitate; to trace.
 to describe. to film; to picture; to photograph

写し うつし (n) copy; duplicate; facsimile; transcript

号 : password

口, snare

The bottom part is not a 与. Say the right password with your mouth or the snare's gonna cut your throat.

号 ごう (n,n-suf) number; edition; make; model; issue; part of that group.
 sobriquet; pen-name

番号 ばんごう (n) number; series of digits

信号 しんごう (n,vs) traffic lights; signal; semaphore

管 : pipe

竹, 官

The MPAA and bureaucrats who make stupid Internet laws seem to think the Internet is a network of bamboo pipes... Maybe that's what they use to avoid the

NSA?

管 かん (n,n-suf) pipe; tube

管理 かんり (n,vs) control; management (e.g. of a business)

管理人 かんりにん (n) manager; administrator; supervisor. custodian; concierge; superintendent; janitor.

算 : compute

竹, 目, 井

Compute with a bamboo abacus with an eye and your two hands.

計算 けいさん (n,vs) calculation; reckoning; count. forecast

算 さん (n) divining sticks; (n,vs) counting; calculation.

打算 ださん (n,vs) calculation; self-interest; selfishness.

制 : system

牛, 冂, リ

Our abattoir system: cows are strangled with belts then sliced with sabers.

制す せいす (v5s,vt) to control; to command; to get the better of.

制 せい (n,n-suf) system; organization; organisation; imperial command; laws; regulation; control; government; suppression; restraint; holding back; establishment; .

強制 きょうせい (n,vs,adj-no) obligation; coercion; compulsion; enforcement

団 : group

口, 寸

Japanese live pent in small real estate and glued in social groups like coworkers.

団 だん (n) body; group; party; company; troupe.

師団 しだん (n,adj-no) (army) division

一団 いちだん (n,adj-no) body; group; party; gang; troupe

因 : cause(d by)

口, 大

The cause of the kitchen mess is that you pent a big hunter dog in it all day as if it were a puppy...

原因 げんいん (n,vs) cause; origin; source

因果 いんが (adj-na,n,adj-no) cause and effect; karma; fate

要因 よういん (n,adj-no) main cause; primary factor

守 : to guard

家, 寸

A guard is glued to the house he watches.

守る まもる (v5r,vt) to protect; to guard; to defend. to keep (i.e. a promise); to abide (by the rules); to observe; to obey; to follow

守 かみ (n) director (of the provincial governors under the ritsuryo system).

見守る みまもる (v5r,vt) to watch over; to watch attentively

政 : politics, government

正, 夊

The original aim of politics is to find the right taskmaster to govern citizens.

政府 せいふ (n) government; administration

政 せい (n) rule; government.

政策 せいさく (n) political measures; policy

攻 : assault

工, 夊

The taskmaster assaults workers not doing their craft as fast as he wants them to.

攻める せめる (v1,vt) to attack; to assault; to assail

攻め せめ (n) attack; offence; offense. (uk,col) dominant partner of a homosexual relationship; (suf) a barrage of; a flood of

専攻 せんこう (n,vs,adj-no) major subject; special study

放 : to release

方, 又

When you're released, you can go any direction you want and be your own taskmaster.

放つ はなつ (v5t,vt) to fire (e.g. an arrow); to hit (e.g. baseball); to break wind. to free; to release. to give off (e.g. a scent); to emit (e.g. light); .

解放 かいほう (n,vs) release; unleashing; liberation; emancipation; setting free. (comp) deallocation (of computer memory)

放す はなす (v5s,vt) to release; to let go; to free; to set free; to let loose; to turn loose. to add (pieces of eggplant, potato, etc.) to water, broth, etc.; .

収 : income, supply

clitoris, 又

Picture the left part as a clitoris: prostitution is supplying a clitoris and crotches for an income.

収める おさめる (v1,vt) to dedicate; to make an offering; to pay (fees). to supply. to store. to finish; to bring to a close. to restore (something to its place). to achieve (e.g. a result)

収まる おさまる (v5r,vi) to be in one's place; to be installed; to settle into. to be delivered; to be obtained; to be paid. to be settled; to be sorted out. to lessen (e.g. of storms, pain); to calm down. to be fit tightly into (e.g. a frame); to be sheathed (in a scabbard)

収入 しゅうにゅう (n) income; receipts; revenue

故 : therefore

古, 又

Confucian philosophy in Asian companies: you're old therefore you become taskmaster.

事故 ことゆえ (ok,n) accident; incident; trouble. circumstances; reasons.

何故 なぜ (adv,uk) why; how

故 こ (pref) the late (deceased).

敗 : failure

貝, 攴

If an entrepreneur runs out of money, that's complete failure: he has to work for the taskmaster at the lowest-levestrangle and poison taskmasterl position.

失敗 しっぱい (n,adj-no,vs) failure; mistake; blunder

敗北 はいぼく (n) defeat; (vs,vi) to be defeated

敗れる やぶれる (v1,vi) to be defeated; to be beaten; to be unsuccessful; to lose; .

改 : reform

己, 攴

Communist Revolution, errr, Reform in newspeak: strangle and poison taskmasters with snakes.

改めて あらためて (adv) another time; again; over again; once again; anew.
formally; especially; intentionally; deliberately

改造 かいぞう (n,vs) (comp) remodeling; remodelling; restructuring. modding; .

改める あらためる (v1,vt) to change; to alter; to revise; to replace. to reform;
to correct; to mend; to improve. to examine; to check; to inspect. to do
properly; to do formally

敬 : honorific, repect

卩, 句, 攴

Use honorific language (敬語), that is, flowery phrases when talking to the taskmas-
ter or get fired.

敬 けい (n) reverence; respect.

失敬 しっけい (adj-na,int,n,vs) rudeness; saying good-bye; acting impolitely; steal-
ing; impoliteness; disrespect; impertinence

敬愛 けいあい (n,vs) respect and affection.

敬言 : police

敬, 言

Only speak honorific to the police or go to jail.

警察 けいさつ (n,adj-no) police

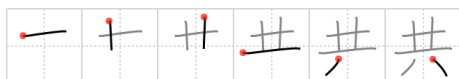
警部 けいぶ (n) police inspector

警官 けいかん (n,adj-no) policeman

共: together

salad, animal legs

Salad (nested pictogram) and animal legs often go together in fast foods.



と共に とともに (exp) together with.

共に とともに (adv) (uk) together; jointly. (uk) at the same time; with; as ...; including; along with. (uk) both

共 ぐち (ok,suf,uk) including...; with ...; inclusive of ..and all.

異: unusual, to differ

田, 共

It's unusual to have brains linked together as computers are. Maybe it will be different when neuroscience is advanced enough...

異常 いじょう (adj-na,n) strangeness; abnormality; disorder

異なる ことなる (v5r,vi) to differ; to vary; to disagree

異 い (n,adj-na) difference (of opinion); (adj-na) strange; odd; unusual; (pref) different.

供: companion, followers

人, 共

Segata Sanshiro together with his samurai/karateka followers.

子供 こども (n) child; children

子供たち こどもたち (n) children.

供 とも (n,vs) companion; follower; attendant; retinue

選: elect

己, 己, 共, 己

A bunch of snakes gathered on the road to elect their President.

選ぶ えらぶ (v5b,vt) to choose; to select

選 せん (n,n-suf) selection; choice; choosing; picking; election

当選 とうせん (n,vs) being elected. being selected (to win a prize, etc.). winning
(in a lottery, raffle, etc.)

状 : shape suffix

犭, 犬

A little dog fitting in a turtle shell's shape.

状況 じょうきょう (n,adj-no) state of affairs (around you); situation; circumstances;

状 さま (suf) (hon) Mr.; Mrs.; Miss; Ms.. (pol) makes words more polite (usu. in
fixed expressions); (n) state; situation; appearance.

状 じょう shape; state;

将 : commander

犭, 𠂇, 寸

To a commander, war is a game with turtles (tanks), vultures (planes) and lemuri-
ans glued to the ground (soldiers).

将来 しょうらい (n-adv,n-t) future (usually near); prospects

大将 たいしょう (n,adj-no) general; admiral; (n) boss; leader; local kingpin.
(fam) old chap; mate; boss; chief; man. athlete who competes in the last
match of a team competition (kendo, judo, etc.)

将校 しょうこう (n) commissioned officer

訴 : lawsuit

言, 斤, 丶

A lawsuit is the white-collar wordy equivalent of taking an axe and split drops of
blood.

訴える うったえる (v1,vt) to raise; to bring to (someone's attention). to appeal
to; to call for. to complain. to sue (a person); to take someone to court.
to resort to (e.g. arms, violence)

訴え うったえ (n) lawsuit; complaint

告訴 こくそ (n,vs,adj-no) accusation; complaint; charge; legal action

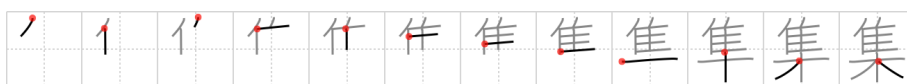
Turkey

隹 : turkey

集 : to gather

隹, 木

Turkeys gathered on a tree for whatever reason you imagine.



集まる あつまる (v5r,vi) to gather; to collect; to assemble

集める あつめる (v1,vt) to collect; to assemble; to gather

集中 しゅうちゅう (n,vs,adj-no) concentration; convergence; centralization; integration; gathering together

準 : to follow, to conform to

水, 隹, 十

Ten laboriously swimming turkeys follow the exact same path like cute little ducks on a stream.

水準 すいじゅん (n) level; standard. water level

準 じゅん (pref) semi-; quasi-; associate

規準 きじゅん (n,adj-no) standard; basis; criterion; norm; reference; datum

仙 : hermit

人, 山

A person in a mountain? A hermit, speaks by itself.

仙 せん (n) hermit; wizard.

仙台 せんだい (n) Sendai (city).

仙人 せんじん (n) immortal mountain wizard (in Taoism); mountain man (esp. a

hermit). one not bound by earthly desires or the thoughts of normal men

催 : event, conference

仙, 佳

You can imagine the Turkey Con full of hermits, but doesn't this remind you of any otaku/geek/dev conference? Full of hermits and their laptops/toys (turkeys).

催す もよおす (v5s,vt) to hold (a meeting); to give (a dinner); to show signs of. to feel (sensation, emotion, etc.)

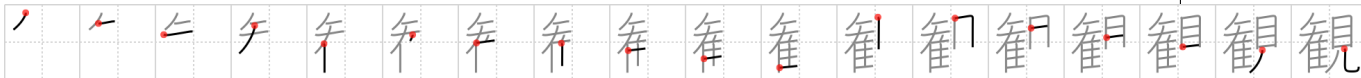
主催 しゅさい (n,vs) sponsorship (i.e. conducting under one's auspices); promotion; organizing; organising; hosting; staging

催眠 さいみん (n,adj-no) hypnotism

観 : to look over, to observe

Pegasus, 見

Nested pictogram of a flying horse or turkey. Once you get the pictogram, it's clear that from the Pegasus, you can look over the big picture.



観察 かんさつ (n,vs) observation; survey

観る みる (v1,vt) to see; to look; to watch; to view; to observe. to look over; to look on; to assess; to examine; to judge. (uk) to look after; to keep an eye on; to take care of. to view (e.g. flowers, movie). (uk) to try; to try out. (uk) to see that...; to find that...

観 かん (n,n-suf) look; appearance. spectacle; sight. (Buddh) observation meditation; (n-suf) outlook on ...; view of ...

権 : authority

木, Pegasus

Google Eric Cartman's 'Respect my authority!' and add a wooden Pegasus.

権 けん (n-suf,n) right (to do something); (n,n-suf) authority; power

政権 せいけん (n) (political) administration; political power

権限 けんげん (n) power; authority; jurisdiction

確 : certainly

石, 宀, 隹

Just to be certain, we'll throw a big boulder over the turkey house...

確かに たしかに (adv) surely; certainly.

確か たしか (exp,n,adj-na) certain; sure; definite; (adv) if I'm not mistaken; if I remember correctly

正確 せいかく (adj-na,n) accurate; punctual; exact; authentic; veracious

進 : to advance, progress

隹, 辶

A turkey is advancing on the road... slowly but surely, like a Japanese student or worker.

進む すさむ (v5m,vi) to grow wild; to run to waste.

進めるすすめる (v1,vt) to advance; to promote; to hasten

突進 とっしん (n,vs) rush; charge

推 : conjecture, deduction

扌, 隹

The Finger-Turkey conjecture: if fingers had turkeys, THEN they'd be able to count. Picture it...

推理 すいり (n,vs,adj-no) reasoning; inference; mystery or detective genre (movie, novel, etc.)

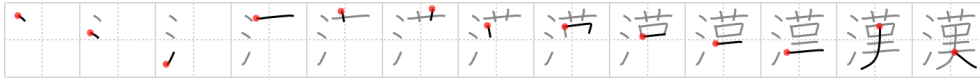
推察 すいさつ (n,vs) guess; conjecture; surmise.

推す おす (v5s,vt) to recommend; to endorse (e.g. a candidate); to nominate. to infer; to conclude; to conjecture; to surmise. to think something through; to ponder deeply

漢 : Han, Kanji

水, antic Asian scarecrow

The right part is composed of flower, mouth and husband and actually does look like an antic Asian scarecrow. Now Google-Image an ancient Asian map: they look like just a bunch of rivers/oceans and kanji.



漢字 かんじ (n) Chinese characters; kanji

漢文 かんぶん (n) Chinese classical literature. literature written entirely in kanji

難 : difficult

China/Kanji, 隹

Learning Kanji is difficult for Turkeys.

難しい むずかしい (adj-i) difficult; hard; troublesome; complicated; serious (disease, problem, etc.). fussy; particular; fastidious; hard to please; displeased. gloomy; glum; sullen; serious (look). (arch) dirty; unclean; filthy; detestable. (arch) unpleasant; uncomfortable; creepy; spooky

難い かたい (adj-i) difficult; hard

有難い ありがたい (adj-i) grateful; thankful; welcome; appreciated; evoking gratitude; .

曜 : week(-end-)day suffix

day, feathers, 隹

Week(-end-)days are a modern invention to lessen the monotony of life. In the past, farmers would pluck feathers from turkey every day.

日曜日 にちようび (n-adv,n-t) Sunday

土曜日 どようび (n-adv,n-t) Saturday...

隻 : vessel

隹, crotch

Imagine how long it used to be to cross the Atlantic on a vessel, without even a computer. Sailors could only eat turkeys and play with their crotches (homosexuality was considered a sin).

隻 せき (ctr) counter for ships (large boats). counter for half of a pair (e.g. half of a folding screen). counter for fish, birds, arrows, etc..

数隻 すうせき (n) several (boats).

護 : safeguard

言, 艹, 隹

Some vessels from some game or manga are welcome back with flowers and thankful words for having safeguarded the village/kingdom/world.

保護 ほうご (n,vs) care; protection; shelter; safeguard; guardianship; favor; favour; patronage.

守護 しゅご (n,vs,adj-no) protection; safeguard; (n) shugo (Kamakura or Muromachi period military governor).

護る まもる (v5r,vt) to protect; to guard; to defend. to keep (i.e. a promise); to abide (by the rules); to observe; to obey; to follow.

Wheat

秋 : autumn

禾, 火

It's often painful to rake fire-red leaves in autumn, why not just burn everything?

秋 あき (n-t) autumn; fall

千秋 せんしゅう (n) thousand years; many years.

秋月 しゅうげつ (n) autumn moon; harvest moon.

移 : to move, transfer

禾, 多

When you move out or when banks transfer cash, that's many many grains of wheat to move.

移る うつる (v5r,vi) to move (house); to transfer (department). to change the target of interest or concern. to elapse (passage of time). to be permeated by a colour or scent. (uk) to be infected; to be contagious; to spread (as in fire)

移す うつす (v5s,vt) to change; to swap; to substitute; to transfer. to change the object of one's interest or focus. to spend or take time. to infect. to permeate something with the smell or colour of something. to move on to the next or different stage of (a plan, etc.)

移住 いじゅう (n,vs,adj-no) migration; immigration

私 : private, I

禾, ム

A wheat protection box that cuts your elbow if you try to steal the private wheat without the right password.

私 あたい (pn,adj-no,fem) I; me.

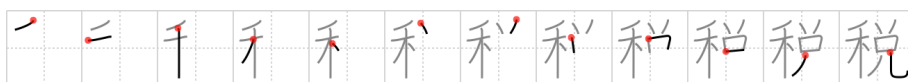
私たち わたくしたち (pn,adj-no) we; us.

私自身 わたくしじしん (n) myself.

税 : tax

禾, devil

The right part is a funny devil nested pictogram. Puritan Republican farmers think taxing their wheat is evil.



税金 ぜいきん (n) tax; duty

税 ぜい (n,suf) tax.

課税 かぜい (n,vs) taxation

説 : opinon, theory, rumor

言, devil

The farmer opines that the evolution theory is the word of the devil.

説明 せつめい (n,vs,adj-no) explanation; exposition

小説 しょうせつ (n,adj-no) novel; (short) story

説 せつ (n,n-suf) theory; doctrine; (n) opinion; view. rumour; rumor; gossip; hearsay

利 : to be effective, profit

禾, リ

Effective profit: cut wheat with a saber and sell. Today, it actually works with cooper.

権利 けんり (n) right; privilege

利く きく (v5k,vi) to be effective; to show effect. to do its work; to carry out its function well. to be possible to use

有利 ゆうり (adj-na,n) advantageous; better; profitable; lucrative

呈 : presentation

口, 王

The CEO/King's big mouth presenting a deeply stupid power point.

呈す ていす (v5s,vt) to present; to offer; to give. to show; to display; to exhibit. to assume (e.g. a shape).

呈する ていする (vs-s,vt) to present; to offer. to show; to display; to exhibit. to assume (e.g. a shape).

進呈 しんてい (n,vs,adj-no) presentation (e.g. of a gift)

程 : process, extent

禾, 呈

During this presentation: '#Buzzword, #Buzzword, our company wheat #process is to put it all in the King's mouth only.'

程 ほど (n-adv,n) degree; extent; bounds; limit; (prt) (uk) indicates approx. amount or maximum; upper limit

先程 さきほど (n-adv,n-t) some time ago; not long ago; just now

成程 なるほど (exp,adv,uk) I see; That's right!; Indeed

和 : calm, peace

禾, 口

Throughout French History, Paris was calm and peaceful only when every mouth had wheat, otherwise there was a revolt.

平和 へいわ (adj-na,n) peace; harmony

大和 やまと (n) Yamato; ancient province corresponding to modern-day Nara Prefecture. (ancient) Japan; (adj-f) Japanese

和 なぎ (n) calm (at sea); lull.

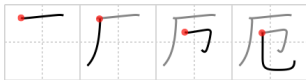
Dirty Schemes

 : fingerprint

厄 : bad luck

厂, 厄

Giant fingerprint at the bottom of a cliff? Bad luck.



厄介 やっかい (adj-na,n) trouble; burden; nuisance; bother; worry. care; dependence; support; kindness; obligation; staying (with a person)

厄 やく (n) misfortune; bad luck; evil; disaster

厄介者 やっかいもの (n) dependent; parasite; hanger-on; burden.

危 : danger

勺, 厄

Danger is bound to unlucky people's fate.

危険 きけん (n,adj-no) danger; peril; hazard; (adj-na) dangerous; hazardous; .

危ない あぶない (adj-i) dangerous; risky; hazardous; perilous; precarious. in danger; in jeopardy; critical; grave; at risk. uncertain; unreliable; insecure; unsteady; doubtful. close (i.e. a close call); narrow; (int) look out!; watch out!

印 : stamp, mark

staple, stamp

Stapling stamps that won't stick.

印 いん (n) seal; stamp; mark; print. (Buddh) mudra (symbolic hand gesture); (n,n-suf,n-pref) (abbr) India.

目印 めじるし (n) mark; sign; landmark

矢印 やじるし (n) arrow (mark or symbol); directional marker or indicator

迎: welcome

㏊, ㏓, ㏔

This moment when a transporter rings at your bells and you welcome this long-awaited stamped box that's made its way from the shop...

迎える むかえる (v1,vt) to go out to meet. to receive; to welcome. to accept (e.g. as a member of a group or family). to call for; to summon; to invite. to approach (a certain time, a point in one's life, etc.)

出迎える でむかえる (v1,vt) to meet; to greet

お迎え おむかえ (n,adj-no,vs) (pol) receiving; welcoming; going to meet; (n) final call; call of fate; approach of death.

犯: crime

㏕, ㏖

The FBI solves crimes with a pack of wild dogs and sometimes fingerprints.

犯人 はん にん (n) offender; criminal

犯す おかす (v5s,vt) to commit (e.g. crime); to perpetrate. to transgress; to contravene. to violate; to ravish; to rape; to deflower

犯行 はん こう (n) crime; criminal act; offence; offense

報: news, gossip

幸, ㏗, 又

Some people are happy to 'inform' themselves with gossip tabloids with for example lady Gaga wearing only a stamp on her crotch.

報告 ほうこく (n,vs) report; information

報道 ほうどう (n) information; report; journalism; news; (vs) to report

報 ほう (n,n-suf) information; news; report

則: rules

貝, ㏘

The #1 feudal rule is that peasants give their money to the guys with sabers.

規則 きそく (n) rules; regulations; conventions

原則 げんそく (n) principle; general rule

規則正しい きそくただしい (adj-i) regular; well-regulated; systematic.

側 : side

人, 則

Strong people's rules are that you should always be on their side.

側 かたわら (adj-no, n-adv, n-t) side; edge; beside; besides; nearby; (n-adv) while (doing).

内側 うちがわ (n, adj-no) inside; interior; inner part

両側 りょうがわ (n, adj-no) both sides

任 : duty, responsibility

人, 士, ヌ

Feudal system again: the vassal Samurai is a drop of Lord Segata Sanshiro and is thus completely liable to him.

任せる まかせる (v1, vt) to entrust (e.g. a task) to another; to leave to. to passively leave to someone else's facilities. to leave to take its natural course. to continue (something) in a natural fashion (without particular aim). to rely fully on one's (full strength, great ability, long time taken) to get something done

主任 しゅにん (n) person in charge; responsible official; senior staff

任 にん (n) obligation; duty; charge; responsibility

佐 : help, assistant

人, 左

An Important Person's left-hand man is an assistant that gets even less credit and pay than the right-hand man.

少佐 しょうさ (n) major; lieutenant commander; wing commander

大佐 たいさ (n) colonel; (navy) captain

中佐 ちゅうさ (n) lieutenant colonel; commander (navy)

倍 : double

人, 音

A double is muzzled Hollywood Star.

倍 ばい (n) twice; double; (suf) times; -fold

人一倍 ひといちばい (adv,n) more than others; redoubled; unusual

何倍も なんばいも (adj-no) manyfold.

代 : substitute

人, 弋

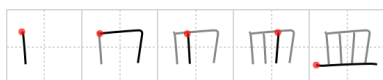
A shooting target is a substitute for a person on which you can shoot arrows.

代 しろ (n) substitution. material. price. margin (e.g. for stapling, etc.); area required for something. (arch) shiro (unit of land area equal to one-fiftieth of a tan; 19.83 m.sq.).

代わりに かわりに (adv) instead of; for; as; in exchange for; in return (for); to make up for.

古代 こだい (adj-na,n-adv,n-t) ancient times

皿 : plate



皿 さら (n) plate; dish; platter; disc; (n,n-suf,ctr) serving; helping; course; (n) kanji radical 108 (at the bottom)

大皿 おおざら (n) large plate; platter.

お皿 おさら (n) plate; dish.

血 : blood

丩, 皿

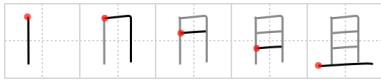
A Vampire goes to a Haute Cuisine restaurant and orders blood. He waits one hour, only has a drop of it on a plate and is charged a ridiculous price. Now he's both hungry and angry at the Chef...

血 ち (n) blood; consanguinity

出血 しゅっけつ (n,vs) bleeding; haemorrhage; hemorrhage. bleeding money; red ink; selling below cost

血管 けっかん (n,adj-no) blood vessel; vein

且 : shelf



且つ かつ (adv,conj,uk) yet; moreover; and.

且又 かつまた (conj,uk) besides; furthermore; moreover.

且つ又 かつまた (conj,uk) besides; furthermore; moreover.

査 : investigate

木, 且

A bunch of French scientists receives millions from their government to investigate whether trees can grow on shelves... Because trees are made of wood too, right?

検査 けんさ (n,vs) inspection (e.g. customs, factory); examination; scan (e.g. MRI, PET, etc.)

審査 しんさ (n,vs) judging; inspection; examination; investigation; review

審査員 しんさいん (n) examiner; judge.

盛 : peak, boom

成, 皿

In the 'First World', economic booms turned empty plates into more-than-full ones.

盛 もり (n,n-suf,ctr) serving (of food); helping; (n) (abbr) chilled soba served on a dish (often on a wicker basket or in a shallow steaming basket) with dipping sauce.

盛る さかる (v5r,vi) to prosper; to flourish. to copulate (animals).

盛ん さかん (adj-na) popular. prosperous. enthusiastic. energetic; vigorous; .

益 : advantage

ㄣ, 一, animal legs, 皿

Think evolution: sharp horns and long legs are an advantage to fill your dish.

利益 りえき (n,vs) profit; gains. benefit; advantage; interest (of the public, etc.)

益 えき (n) benefit; use; good; advantage; gain. profit; gains

無益 むえき (adj-na,n,adj-no) useless; futile; vain

衆 : masses, crowd

血, 丶, 丶, 人, rag

The bottom part is a mix of 'person' and 'rag' (as in 旅) but just imagine masses of squashed zombies covered with blood.

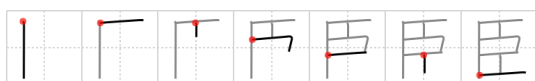
衆 しゅ (n,n-suf) masses; great number; the people.

民衆 みんしゅ (n,adj-no) people; populace; masses

大衆 たいしゅ (n,adj-no) general public; the masses

臣 : slave

Pictogram of a chained guy.



大臣 おとど (n,hon,arch) nobleman's residence.

家臣 かしん (n,adj-no) vassal; retainer.

監 : supervision

臣, lying down, 一, 皿

Slaves are lying down to clean the floor where the master dropped a dish. Supervisor: 'Ruulezz arre rulless: No lying down, you'll be scolded with solitary confinement.'

監視 かんし (n,vs) observation; guarding; inspection; surveillance

監禁 かんきん (n,vs,adj-no) confinement

Chapter 6

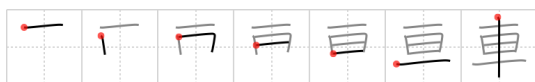
Transport

At this point, you've hopefully made a lot of connections between kanji and daily life objects. Keep up the good work with means of transport and roads!

Means of transport

車 : car, vehicle

Pictogram of a car seen from above.



車 くるま (n) car; automobile; vehicle. wheel

馬車 ばしや(n) (horse-drawn) coach; carriage; wagon; cart

戦車 せんしや(n) tank (military vehicle)

軍 : army

𠂔, 車

The British army is just a bunch of tanks (cars with crowns) serving the Crown.

軍 いくさ (n) war; battle; campaign; fight. (arch) troops; forces.

将軍 しょうぐん (n) general; shogun

海軍 かいぐん (n,adj-no) navy

運: carry, transport

軍, 云

Imagine the army used as a transporter on the road in peacetime... Or compare transporters to the army.

運ぶ はこぶ (v5b) to carry; to transport; to move; to convey. (hon) to come; to go. to wield (a tool, etc.); to use; (v5b,vi) to go (well, etc.); to proceed; to progress

運命 うんめい (n) fate; destiny; lot

運 うん (n) fortune; luck

云: rising cloud

You can picture a dust cloud; I just imagine a Naruto jutsu.



云う いう (v5u) to say. to name; to call. to go (e.g. the alarm went "ping"); to make a noise.

云云 うんぬん (exp) and so on; and so forth; (n,vs) comment; criticism.

転: to turn, to shift

車, 云

When you turn a car in a dusty area like a mountain, clouds of dust rise.

転がる ころがる (v5r,vi) to roll; to tumble. to fall over; to roll over. to lie down. to be scattered about; to be common. (of a situation or outcome) to change; to turn out

自転車 じてんしゃ (n) bicycle

運転 うんてん (n,vs,adj-no) operation; motion; driving

月: butcher

月, 月

Picture flesh instead of moon: a butcher cuts meat with a saber.

輸 : transport, freight

車, 会, 別

A vehicle transporting animals ('merchandise') to a butcher meeting...

輸入 しゅにゅう (n,vs,adj-no) importation; import; introduction.

輸出 しゅしゅつ (n,vs,adj-no,adj-na) export. efferent (medical).

運輸 うんゆ (n) transportation

爰 : missile

撃 : beat

車, 爰, 手

In Dilbert Cartoon S1E04 'The Takeover', Dilbert's car has a hand-activated missile to beat other cars in traffic jams!



攻撃 こうげき (n,vs) attack; strike; offensive. criticism; censure; denunciation; condemnation

撃つ うつ (v5t) to shoot (at). to attack; to defeat; to destroy; to avenge; .

一撃 いちげき (n,vs) blow; hit; poke.

飛 : fly

wing, wing, thousand, 十

Picture a flying bird with two wings and a thousand needles instead of needles.

飛ぶ とぶ (v5b,vi) to jump; to leap; to spring; to bound; to hop. to fly; to soar

飛び出す とびだす (v5s,vi) to jump out; to rush out; to fly out. to appear (suddenly). to protrude; to project. to butt in

飛ばす とばす (v5s,vt) to fly; to fire; to hurl; to launch; to make fly. to skip over; to omit; to drop (e.g. stitch). to run or drive fast; to gallop. to spread a rumour (rumor); to tell a story; to tell a joke. to remove; to get rid of; to transfer. to attack; to jeer at

港 : harbor, port

水, together, snake

A harbor, especially a marina, is a place with water (duh!) and a lot of boats together. When one starts off, water looks like snails behind it.

港 こう (suf) harbour.

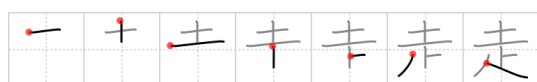
空港 こうこう (n) airport

出港 しゅっこう (n,vs) departure; clearance (of a ship)

走 : run

十, mending

Nested pictogram for mending. Salves, please mend a 10 miles track before tomorrow for a running race!



走る はしる (v5r,vi) to run. to travel (movement of vehicles); to drive. to hurry to. to retreat (from battle); to take flight. to run away from home. to elope. to tend heavily toward

走り出す はしりだす (v5s) to begin to run; to start running

走り はしり (n) the first (harvest, catch) of the season or year

About roads

従 : to obey, to accompany, therefore mending

彳, ヨ,

I accompanied a horny girl to her dorm room in a dorm row therefore I could mend her.

従う したがう (v5u,vi) to abide (by the rules); to obey; to follow; to accompany; .

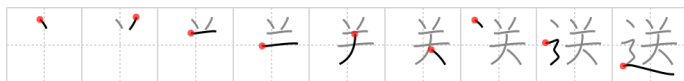
に従って にしたがって (exp) in accordance with; according to

従業員 じゅうぎょういん (n) employee; worker

送 : to send, to dispatch

Satan, 讎

Nested primitive for Satan: something with horns that lives in the sky (or the opposite thereof...). He basically dispatches and escorts people on the entry road to hell. Maybe he also ships things to the earth.



送る おくる (v5r,vt) to send (a thing); to dispatch; to despatch; to transmit. to take or escort (a person somewhere); to see off (a person). to bid farewell (to the departed); to bury. to spend (time); to live one's life. to pass (down the line). to affix okurigana

見送る みおくる (v5r,vt) to see off (e.g. to the station, an airport, etc.); to escort (e.g. home); to farewell. to see out; to send off. to let pass; to wait and see; to continue (e.g. in legal contexts). to let a pitch go by (baseball); to watch a batted ball go into the stands

放送 ほうそう (n,vs,adj-no) broadcast; broadcasting

去 : to leave

土, 厶

If your elbow and the rest of your body is under the soil, it means your time has elapsed and that you're gone.

去る さる (v5r,vi) to leave; to go away. to pass; to elapse. to be distant; (v5r,vt) to send away; to drive off; to divorce; (suf,v5r) (after a -masu stem, esp. of a suru verb) ... completely; (adj-pn) last ... (e.g. "last April"); .

立ち去る たちさる (v5r,vi) to leave; to depart; to take one's leave

消え去る きえさる (v5r) to disappear; to vanish.

法 : method, law

水, 去

If Al Gore had been elected (or any Green Party anywhere), the government would have granted \$1B to scientists to find ways of surviving if all water were gone...

方法 ほうほう (n) method; process; manner; way; means; technique

法 ほう (n,n-suf) law; act; principle. method. (ling) mood. (Buddh) dharma; .

法則 ほうそく (n) law; rule

伝: to transmit

人, 云

A ninja or a Native American transmitting message via Smoke Clouds™.

伝える つたえる (v1,vt) to convey; to report; to transmit; to communicate; to tell; to impart; to propagate; to teach; to bequeath

伝わる つたわる (v5r,vi) to be handed down; to be introduced; to be transmitted; to be circulated; to go along; to walk along

伝説 でんせつ (n) tradition; legend; folklore

芸: technique, art

++, 云

Too many possible metaphors: farts, ninja justsu, kung-fu, art, etc. Chose your own.

芸 げい (n) art; craft; accomplishment; artistic skill; technique; performance; .

芸者 げいしや (n) geisha; Japanese singing and dancing girl

文芸 ぶんげい (n,adj-no) literature; art and literature; belles-lettres

追: to follow, to run after

secret agent, 追

The secret agent following or chasing some bad guy on the road.

追う おう (v5u,vt) to chase; to run after; to pursue. to follow (i.e. a set order, a trend). to drive out; to oust; to expel. to drive (i.e. a herd). (in passive voice) to be pressed (for time, etc.)

追いかける おいかける (v1,vt) to chase; to run after; to pursue

追って おって (adv,conj) later on; shortly; presently; afterwards; in due course; by and by. P.S..

遣: dispatch

purse, 追

You stole Mrs Domyoji (evil billionaire woman)'s purse? Tons of cars with secret agents have been dispatched to chase and finnnddd youuuu...

派遣 はけん (n,vs) dispatch; despatch; deployment

遣る やる (v5r,vt) (uk) to send; to dispatch; to despatch. (uk) to put; to move; to turn (one's head, glance, etc.). (uk) to give (esp. to someone of equal or lower status); to let have; to present; to bestow; to confer. (uk) to make (a vehicle) go faster. (uk,col) to do; to undertake; to perform; to play (a game); to study. (uk) to run (a business); to keep; to be engaged in; to practice (law, medicine, etc.); to practise. (uk) to have (food, drink, etc.); to eat; to drink; to smoke. (uk) to hold (a performance); to perform; to show. (uk) to ease (one's mind). (col,uk) to harm; to injure; to kill. (uk,sl) to have sex with; (v5r,vi) (uk) to live; to get by; to get along; (suf,v5r) (uk) to do ... completely. (uk) to do ... broadly; to do ... to a great distance; (aux-v,v5r) (uk) to do ... for (someone of equal or lower status); to do ... to (sometimes with negative nuance). (uk) to make active efforts to

遣う つかう (v5u,vt) to use (a thing, method, etc.); to make use of; to put to use. to use (a person, animal, puppet, etc.); to employ; to handle; to manage; to manipulate. to use (time, money, etc.); to spend; to consume. to use (language); to speak.

込 : crowded, overloaded

入, 込

This Tokyo road is so crowded I can't even enter the roadway...

込む こむ (v5m,vi) to be crowded; to be packed. to be complex; (aux-v) to go into; to put into; to remain (seated); to be plunged into (silence); to do thoroughly. to do intently. to continue in the same state

飛び込む とびこむ (v5m,vi) to jump in; to leap in; to plunge into; to dive

突っ込む つっこむ (v5m) to thrust something into something. to plunge into; to go into deeply. to meddle; to interfere. to retort. to riposte

足 : non-human leg, step, to be sufficient 口, mend

A pirate got his leg 'mended' by a whale's mouth' and has a wooden leg instead. His opinion of it? 'Good enough.'

足 あし (n) foot. leg. gait. pace. bottom structural component (i.e. radical) of a kanji. means of transportation. (arch) money; coin

満足 まんぞく (adj-na,n,vs) satisfaction; contentment; complacency; (adj-na,n) sufficient; enough; adequate; proper

足りる たりる (v1,vi) to be sufficient; to be enough. to be worth doing; to be worthy. to be sufficient; to answer; to do

路: path

足, 各

A path/route is formed of many legs and each combination of legs forms a different path.

道路 どうろ (n) road; highway

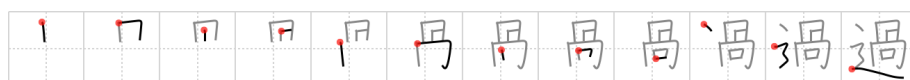
路 じ (suf) route; road. distance travelled in a day. (with decade) one's; age

路地 ろじ (n) alley; alleyway; lane. teahouse garden. path through a gate (or through a garden, etc.)

過: to pass through, to overdo

jawbone, 𠂔

Nested jawbone primitive. An idiotic biker has really done too much shit and ends up with his jawbone flat on the road.



過ぎる すぎる (v1,vi) to pass through; to pass by; to go beyond. to pass (i.e. of time); to elapse. to have expired; to have ended; to be over. to exceed; to surpass; to be above. to be no more than ...; (v1,vi,suf) to be excessive; to be too much; to be too ...

過去 かこ (n-adv,n) the past; bygone days; the previous. a past (i.e. a personal history one would prefer remained secret); one's past. (ling) past (tense); preterit; preterite. (Buddh) previous life

過ごす すごす (v5s,vt) to pass (time); to spend. to overdo (esp. of one's alcohol consumption); to drink (alcohol). (arch) to take care of; to support; (suf,v5s) to overdo; to do too much. to ... without acting on it

達: to reach, plural suffix

土, 羊, 𠂔

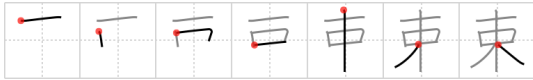
A sheep is carrying some muddy vase and has reached the end of his way.

達 たち (suf) pluralizing suffix (esp. for people & animals; formerly honorific); .

友達 ともだち (n) friend; companion

達す たっす (v5s) to reach; to get to.

束 : bundle



束 そく (n,n-suf) (math) lattice; (n,n-suf,ctr) counter for large bundles (e.g. 10 sheafs of rice, 200 sheets of calligraphy paper, 20 whistling arrows, 100 fish). handbreadth (unit for measuring the length of arrows).

花束 はなたば (n) bunch of flowers; bouquet

束ねる たばねる (v1,vt) to tie up in a bundle (e.g. straw, hair, bills, letters); to bundle; to sheathe. to govern; to manage; to control; to administer

速 : fast, speed

束, 讠

The truck in front of you on the road dropped a bundle of shit? Brake FAAASTT!!

速い はい (adj-i) fast; quick; hasty; brisk. early (in the day, etc.); premature. (too) soon; not yet; (too) early. easy; simple; quick

早速 さっそく (adv) at once; immediately; without delay; promptly

加速 かそく (n,vs) acceleration; speeding up

頼 : to rely on, to beg

束, 頭

If you found your roommate is hiding a bundle of heads, you could no longer trust him... You might even have to beg him...

頼む たのむ (v5m) to request; to beg; to ask. to call; to order; to reserve. to entrust to. to rely on

信頼 しんらい (n,vs) reliance; trust; faith; confidence

頼り たより (n) reliance; dependence

整 : organize

束, 攴, 正

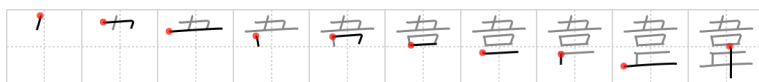
You're a war prisoner worker and you'd better arrange bundle correctly because the German taskmaster is watching...

整理 せいり (n,vs) sorting; arrangement; organization; putting in order; adjustment; regulation; liquidation

整える ととのえる (v1,vt) to put in order; to arrange; to adjust. to get ready; to prepare. to raise money

整う ととのう (v5u,vi) to be prepared; to be in order; to be put in order; to be arranged

韋 : locket



違 : difference

韋, 讠

A road paved of lost lockets... but you know how your one is different and can find it!

違う たがう (v5u,vi) to differ; to be different. to run counter to. to change (into something out of the ordinary).

違い ちがい (n,n-suf) difference; discrepancy

相違 そうい (n,vs) difference; discrepancy; variation

衛 : defense, guard

行, 韋

Imagine a magic locket in the middle of a boulevard with monsters pupping out of it and defending it. Would be a good T-RPG fight.

兵衛 ひょうえい (n) middle palace guard (ritsuryo system).

近衛 このえ (n) Imperial Guards

護衛 ごえい (n,vs) guard; convoy; escort

韓 : Korea

mist, 韋

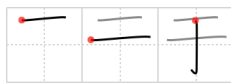
Nested mist component (the same as in 朝): what's between 'early' and 'ten o'clock'. Picture the South Korean flag as a locket surrounded by mist.

韓国 からくに (n,arch) China; Korea.

韓 から (n,n-pref,arch) China (sometimes also used in ref. to Korea or other foreign countries).

韓国人 かんこくじん (n) Korean person.

于 : potato



余 : to save money, in excess

へ, 于, 小

All my savings are little potatoes hidden under an umbrella.

余 よ (n,suf) over; more than; (pn,adj-no) (arch) formal or oratory first person pronoun; I.

余計 よけい (adj-na,n) too many; too much; excessive; superfluous; superabundant; extra; spare; surplus; (adj-na,adj-no,n) unnecessary; needless; uncalled-for; otiose; (adv) abundantly; excessively; needlessly; all the more

余り あまり (adj-na,adv,adj-no,n,n-suf) (uk) remainder; rest; balance; remains; scraps; residue; remnant; (adv) not very (with negative sentence); not much; (adv,adj-no) surplus; excess; fullness; too much; (adv) overjoyed; overwhelmed; (n-suf) more than; over

途 : route, destination

余, 讠

If you stay too long on the road, you get to another destination and need to plan a backroute.

途中 とちゅう (n-adv,n-t) on the way; en route. in the middle of; midway

途方 とほう (n) way; destination; reason

途 と (n) way

除 : scales

冫, 余

Immigration control: throw those in excess outside city walls.

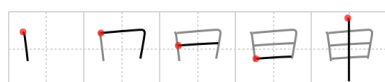
除く のぞく (v5k,vt) to remove; to eliminate; to eradicate. to exclude; to except;

解除 かいじょ (n,vs) cancellation; rescinding; release; calling off; lifting (sanctions); delisting

除外 じょがい (n,vs) exception; exclusion

申 : to say (honorific), monkey sign

Picture a weird monkey saying honorific things.



申す もうす (v5s,vt) (hum) to say; to be called. (hum) to do

申し上げる もうしあげる (v1,vt) (hum) to say; to tell; to state; (aux-v) (hum) to do for

伸 : to stretch, to grow

人, 申

Segata Sanshiro stretching a monkey.

伸ばす のばす (v5s,vt) to grow long (e.g. hair, nails). to lengthen; to extend; to stretch. to reach out; to hold out. to straighten; to smooth out. to spread evenly (dough, cream, etc.). to dilute; to thin out. to postpone. to prolong. to strengthen; to develop; to expand

伸びる のびる (v1,vi) to stretch; to extend; to lengthen; to spread. to make progress; to grow (beard, body height). to grow stale (soba). to be straightened; to be flattened; to be smoothed. to be exhausted

伸び のび (n,vs) growth; development. stretching (e.g. body when waking up). spread; elongation; extension; carry (e.g. of sound); sustain

用 : use, task suffix

月, 丨

Use a walking stick to support your flesh.

用 よう (n,n-suf) task; business. use; duty; service. call of nature; excretion; .

利用 りよう (n,vs) use; utilization; utilisation; application

信用 しんよう (n,vs) confidence; dependence; credit; faith; reliance; belief; credence; trust

通 : traffic

勺, 用, 込

Traffic is when the road is used by a bunch of bound up people/cars.

通り とおり (n-adv,n) avenue; street; way; road. coming and going; street traffic. flow (of water, air, etc.). transmission (of sound); reach (e.g. of voice). fame; reputation; popularity. the same status or way; as (e.g. as expected, as I said). understanding; comprehension; (ctr) counter for sets of things; counter for methods, ways, types

通る とおる (v5r,vi) to go by; to go past; to go along; to travel along; to pass through; to use (a road); to take (a route); to go via; to go by way of. to run (between); to operate (between); to connect. to go indoors; to go into a room; to be admitted; to be shown in; to be ushered in; to come in. to penetrate; to pierce; to skewer; to go through; to come through. to permeate; to soak into; to spread throughout. to carry (e.g. of a voice); to reach far. to be passed on (e.g. of a customer's order to the kitchen); to be relayed; to be conveyed. to pass (a test, a bill in the House, etc.); to be approved; to be accepted. to go by (a name); to be known as; to be accepted as; to have a reputation for. to be coherent; to be logical; to be reasonable; to be comprehensible; to be understandable; to make sense. to get across (e.g. of one's point); to be understood. to be straight (e.g. wood grain). (arch) to be well-informed; to be wise; (suf,v5r) to do ... completely; to do ... thoroughly

通す とおす (v5s,vt) to stick through; to force through. to spread throughout; to thoroughly diffuse. to make a path between two points. to proceed in a logical manner. to let pass; to allow through. to lead (someone) into (a house, room, etc.); to show in. to go through (a middleman). to (look, listen) through (a window, wall, etc.). to pass (a law, applicant, etc.). to force to accept; to force agreement. to continue (in a state); to persist in. to do to the entirety of; to cover all of; to span the whole to do from beginning to end without a break. to convey (one's ideas, etc.) to the other party. (after the -te form of a verb) to do to the end; to carry through; to complete

Moving things

応 : to apply something to, to satisfy 広, 心

Think Zelda, Link enters a cave full of fairies that apply magic to fill up his hearts.

反応 はんおう (n,vs) reaction; response.

一応 いちおう (adv) once; tentatively; in outline; for the time being; just in case; so far as it goes

応じる おうじる (v1,vi) to respond; to satisfy; to accept; to comply with; to apply for

広 : spacious, wide 広, ム

An elbow alone in a cave? How spacious!

広い ひろい (adj-i) spacious; vast; wide

広がる ひろがる (v5r,vi) to spread (out); to extend; to stretch; to reach to; to get around; to fill (e.g. a space)

広げる ひろげる (v1,vt) to spread; to extend; to expand; to enlarge; to widen; to broaden. to unfold; to open; to unroll; to unwrap. to scatter about; to spread around. to make flourish; to cause to prosper

拡 : broadening 拵, 広

Broadening gum or whatever is making it wider with fingers.

拡大 かくだい (n,vs) magnification; enlargement; expansion

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動 : to move things 重, 力

Heavy things and muscles? Moving stuffs in a warehouse or a house.

動く うごく (v5k,vi) to move; to stir; to shift; to shake; to swing. to operate; to

run; to go; to work. to be touched; to be influenced. to change; to vary; to fluctuate; to waver. certain; factual. to be transferred

行動 こうどう (n,vs,adj-no) action; conduct; behaviour; behavior; mobilization; mobilisation; .

動かす うごかす (v5s,vt) to move; to shift; to operate; to set in motion; to mobilize; to mobilise. to inspire; to rouse; to move (e.g. feeling); to influence. to deny; to change

働 : labor

人, 動

Labor: picture Chinese people moving things in whatever factory you like 80 hours a week.

働く はたらく (v5k,vi) to work; to labor; to labour. to function; to operate; to be effective; to work (i.e. ... works); to come into play. to commit (e.g. a crime); to perpetrate; to do; to act; to practise; to practice. (ling) to be conjugated

働き はたらき (n) work; labor; labour. achievement; performance; ability; talent. salary; income; earnings. action; activity; workings; function; operation; movement; motion. (ling) conjugation; inflection

労働 ろうどう (n,vs,adj-no) manual labor; manual labour; toil; work. (abbr) Labour Party

種 : kind, species

禾, 重

If there weren't botanists, we'd classify wheat varieties by how heavy their grains are.

種 くさ (n,n-suf) cause; seed; origin; (n) variety; kind; (n,ctr) counter for varieties.

一種 いっしゅ (adv,n) species; kind; variety

種類 しゅるい (n) variety; kind; type; category; (ctr) counter for different sorts of things

品 : merchandise

口, 口, 口

Pictogram of stocked merchandises. You can imagine three homeless mouths pouncing on them.

品 しな (n) article; item; thing; goods; stock. quality. (uk) flirtatiousness; coquetry

品物 しなもの (n) goods; article; thing

商品 しょうひん (n) commodity; article of commerce; goods; stock; merchandise

器 : utensil, tool

口, 口, 大, 口, 口

A Chinese family of four is using kitchen utensils to eat a big dog.

武器 ぶき (n) weapon; arms; ordnance

受話器 じゅわき (n) (telephone) receiver

器 うつわ (n) bowl; vessel; container. ability; capacity; calibre; caliber; .

量 : quantity

旦, 里

You and I are/were learning such a high quantity of kanji that we're used to fall asleep late at night and wake up behind a computer at nightbreak. Keep up the good work!

量 りょう (n,n-suf) quantity; amount; volume; portion (of food)

大量 たいりょう (adj-na,n,adj-no) large quantity; massive (quantity); mass (e.g. mass production, mass transit, mass destruction)

器量 きりょう (n) looks; features; personal beauty. ability; talent; calibre; caliber; capability; capacity. dignity; credit; estimation.

乗 : to take part in, to board

禾, 口

I'm taking part in this Communism thing by passing my wheat container to the Collective farm... Uhoh...

乗る のる (v5r,vi) to get on (train, plane, bus, ship, etc.); to get in; to board; to take; to embark. to get on (e.g. a footstool); to step on; to jump on; to sit on; to mount. to reach; to go over; to pass. to follow; to stay (on track); to go with (the times, etc.). to take part; to participate; to join. to get into the swing (and sing, dance, etc.). to be deceived; to be taken in. to be carried; to be spread; to be scattered. to stick; to attach; to take; to go on

乗せる のせる (v1,vt) to place on (something). to give (someone) a ride; to give a lift; to pick up; to help on board. to load (luggage); to carry; to take on

board. to send out (on the airwaves, etc.). to deceive; to take for a ride.
to (sing) along with (musical accompaniment). to let (someone) take part.
to excite (someone)

名乗る なのる (v5r,vi) to call oneself (name, label, etc.); to give one's name (as); to impersonate or claim (to be someone)

Chapter 7

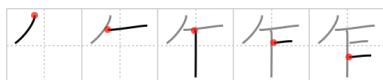
Factory

From now on, every chapter is going to be very short. This one is about kanji related to making things.

Manufacturing

乍 : however

Pictogram of a saw; used as a figurative linking word.



乍ら ながら (prt) (uk) while; during; as. while; although; though; despite; in spite of; notwithstanding. all; both. as (i.e. "as always", "as long ago"); in (i.e. "in tears")

然し乍ら しかしながら (adv,conj,uk) however; nevertheless.

乍らも ながらも (prt,uk) though; notwithstanding; although

作 : make

人, 乍

Segata Sanshiro is making things with a saw.

作る つくる (v5r,vt) to make; to produce; to manufacture; to build; to construct. to prepare (food); to brew (alcohol). to raise; to grow; to cultivate; to train. to till. to draw up (a document); to make out; to prepare; to write. to create (an artistic work, etc.); to compose. to coin (a phrase); to organize; to organise; to establish; to found. to have (a child). to make up (one's face, etc.). to fabricate (an excuse, etc.). to form (a line, etc.). to set (a record).

to commit (a sin, etc.)

作品 さくひん (n) work (e.g. book, film, composition, etc.); opus; performance; production; .

作戦 さくせん (n) tactics; strategy. military or naval operations

昨 : yesterday

日, 乍

Imagine seeing your calendar each day. Yesterday is the day you saw every morning.

昨日 きのう (n-adv,n-t) yesterday

一昨日 いっさくじつ (n-adv,n-t) day before yesterday

昨今 さくこん (n-adv,n-t) nowadays; recently.

予 : previously, beforehand

ム, 丁

Previously in history, there were no hammers and you had to hit on nails with your elbow. See the nail is slightly deformed after this.

予言 かねごと (n,vs,adj-no) prediction; promise; prognostication.

予 よ (pn,adj-no,arch) formal or oratory first person pronoun; I.

予算 よさん (n,vs,adj-no) estimate; budget

野 : beforehand

里, 予

Today we work with computers in cities. Previously in history, there were still empty plains in Japan and people worked in fields.

野 ぬ (ok,n) plain; field.

野郎 やろう (n,pn,male,derog) bastard; asshole; arsehole; son of a bitch

野球 やきゅう (n) baseball

務 : service, task

ム, 丁, 文, 力

Foxconn is a service factory that has strong taskmasters hitting on workers that hit nails with their elbows 'for efficiency'.

事務所 じむしょ (n) office

義務 ぎむ (n,adj-no) duty; obligation; responsibility

任務 にんむ (n) duty; function; office; mission; task

持 : to hold, to own

扌, 寺

Buddhist shrines work: priests can hold themselves on one finger and walk with two.

持つ もつ (v5t) to hold (in one's hand); to take; to carry. to possess; to have; to own. to maintain; to keep. to last; to be durable; to keep; to survive. to take charge of; to be in charge of

持ち出す もちだす (v5s,vt) to take out; to carry out; to bring out from where it belongs. to mention something; to broach a topic; to bring up (a subject); to raise (an issue); to mention

持ち主 もちぬし (n) owner; proprietor; possessor (e.g. of talent, beauty, etc.)

革 : leather

twenty, 口, 十

For this leather jacket, the seller wanted £20 but with both my big mouth and my dog's, he sold it for £10.

革命 かくめい (n,adj-no) revolution. 58th year of the sexagenary cycle (in onmyou-dou); .

革 かわ (n) leather

改革 かいかく (n,vs,adj-no) reform; reformation; innovation

具 : tool

目, 一, leg

Picture a tool that separates a shellfish or lobster's legs from its shell with a sharp metal bar.

具合 ぐあい (n) condition; state; manner; health

道具 どうぐ (n) tool; implement; instrument; utensil; apparatus; device. means;

真 : truth

十, 目, ?

This lying/truth detector tool is just a stupid needle in a box and nothing else!
Can't believe how much I paid for it...

写真 しゃしん (n) photograph; photo. movie

真 しん (adj-na,n,adj-no) truth; reality; genuineness. seriousness; (n) logical
TRUE. printed style writing. (abbr) star performer

真実 さな (adj-na,adv,n,adj-no) truth; reality.

備 : to provide, to equip

人, 艹, 厂, 用

You're gonna climb a cliff with Chuck Norris. When you check his equipment, all
you see is flowers! 'That's all we'll use!', he says...

準備 じゅんび (n,vs) preparation; setup; arrangements; provision; reserve

備える そなえる (v1,vt) to furnish; to provide for; to equip; to install. to have
ready; to prepare for. to possess; to have; to be endowed with; to be armed
with

警備 けいび (n,vs) defense; defence; guard; policing; security

助 : power

且, 力

Someone needs a muscled guy to help with a shelf... Urgently, because he's under
it.

助 じょ (pref) help; rescue; assistant.

助ける たすける (v1,vt) to help; to save; to rescue; to give relief to; to spare (life);
to reinforce; to promote; to abet

助かる たすかる (v5r,vi) to be saved; to be rescued; to survive. to escape harm;
to be spared damage. to be helped; to be saved trouble

製 : made in, manufacture

制, 衣

The economic system allows you to manufacture clothes in China for almost nothing besides writing 'made in China' on it.

製 せい (n,n-suf) -made; make

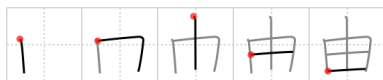
製造 せいぞう (n,vs,adj-no) manufacture; production

製品 せいひん (n) manufactured goods; finished goods; product

Performance

由 : reason, cause

Pictogram of the 'root' of the rice field, its cause. As a component, it will also mean 'sprout'.



理由 りゆう (n) reason; pretext; motive

自由 じゆう (exp,adj-na,n) freedom; liberty; as it pleases you

由 よし (n) reason; significance; cause

黄 : yellow

salad, 由, legs

Disgusting dish: yellow salad, yellow weird sprouts and yellow animal legs...

黄金 おうごん (n,adj-no) gold

黄 き (n,adj-na) yellow

黄ばむ きばむ (v5m,vi) to turn yellow; to yellow with age.

横 : to lie down, horizontal

木, 黄

A yellow tree... it's about to stop staying vertical and lie down.

横 よこ (n) horizontal (as opposed to vertical); lying down. side-to-side (as opposed to front-to-back); width; breadth. side (of a box, etc.). beside; aside; next to. unconnected

横たわる よこたわる (v5r,vi) to lie down; to stretch out

横浜 よこはま (n) Yokohama (city).

寅: (Zodiac sign of the) tiger

㏃, 黄

When you open your door back home, you realize a tiger has eaten all of your disgusting yellow salad, and now Grrrrr!!!

捜: to search for, to look for

扌, 申, 又

With his fingers, the monkey looks for bug food on his crotches.

捜査 そうさ (n,vs,adj-no) search (esp. in criminal investigations); investigation; inquiry; enquiry

捜す さがす (v5s,vt) to search (for something lost); to seek (a suspect in a crime). to search (for something desired, needed); to look for

油: oil

水, 由

Oil is like water at the root of the Earth.

油 あぶら (n) oil

油断 ゆだん (n,vs) negligence; unpreparedness

石油 せきゆ (n) oil; petroleum; kerosene

演: performance

水, 寅

The factory wants you to be as performant as a tiger swimming or else they'll fire you.

演じる えんじる (v1,vt) to perform (a play); to play (a part); to act (a part); to commit (a blunder)

演技 えんぎ (n,vs,adj-no) acting; performance

演説 えんぜつ (n,vs) speech; address

Chapter 8

Gates

Primitive 門 and the kanji it forms.

Gates

門 : gate

Gates: picture an Old West Saloon's doors.



門 かど (n,n-suf) gate

専門 せんもん (n,adj-no) speciality; specialty; subject of study; expert

専門家 せんもんか (n) specialist; expert; professional; authority; pundit

間 : gap, time interval

門, 日

Sungates help you cross the gap between stars in a very short time interval with teleportation.

人間 じんかん (n,arch) the world.

間 あいだ (n-adv,n) space (between); gap; interval; distance; (n-adv,n-t) time (between); pause; break; (n-adv,n,n-t) span (temporal or spatial); stretch; period (while); (n-adv,n) relationship (between, among). members (within, among); (conj) (arch) due to; because of

間違い まちがい (n) mistake; error; blunder. accident; mishap; trouble. im-proper conduct (e.g. between man and woman); indiscretion

問 : question

門, 口

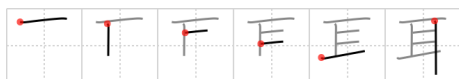
Security gate with vocal recognition that asks you random secret questions.

質問 じつもん (n,vs,adj-no) question; inquiry; enquiry

疑問 ぎもん (n) question; problem; doubt; guess

問う とう (v5u-s,vt) to ask; to question; to inquire. to charge (i.e. with a crime); to accuse. to care (about). without regard to (with negative verb); .

耳 : ear



耳 みみ (n) ear. hearing. edge; crust. selvedge (non-fray machined edge of fabrics); selvage

耳元 みみもと (n) close to the ear; into someone's ear

取 : take

耳, 又

Take her ears and her crotch at the same time! Errr, I mean cover her mouth and take her crotch at the same time...

取る とる (v5r,vt) to take; to pick up; to harvest; to earn; to win; to choose. to steal. to eat; to have (a meal). to remove (one's glasses, etc.). to compete (in sumo, cards, etc.); to play

取り出す とりだす (v5s,vt) to take out; to produce; to pick out. to fetch; to retrieve; .

受け取る うけとる (v5r,vt) to receive; to get; to accept. to take; to interpret; to understand

最 : most, extremely

日, 取

Carpe diem - take the most out of your day.

最初 さいしょ (adj-no,n-adv,n-t) beginning; outset; first; onset

最近 さいきん (adj-no,n-adv,n-t) most recent; these days; right now; recently; nowadays; .

最も もっとも (adv) most; extremely

聞 : to hear, to ask

門, 耳

Listening is opening your ears and attention gates.

聞く きく (v5k,vt) to hear. to listen (e.g. to music). to ask; to enquire; to query. to learn of; to hear about. to follow (advice); to comply with. to smell (esp. incense); to sample fragrance

聞こえる きこえる (v1,vi) to be heard; to be audible. to be said to be; to be reputed; .

新聞 しんぶん (n,adj-no) newspaper

開 : open

門, 井

To open the Saloon's doors, you need your both hands.

開く あく (v5k,vi) to open (e.g. doors). to open (e.g. business, etc.). to be empty. to be vacant; to be available; to be free. to be open (e.g. neckline, etc.). to have been opened (of one's eyes, mouth, etc.). to come to an end; (v5k,vt) to open (one's eyes, mouth, etc.); (v5k,vi) to have a hole; to form a gap; to have an interval (between events)

開ける あける (v1,vt) to open (a door, etc.); to unwrap (e.g. parcel, package); to unlock. to open (for business, etc.). to empty; to clear out; to make space; to make room; (v1,vi) to dawn; to grow light. to end

開始 かいし (n,vs) start; commencement; beginning; initiation

発 : departure

𠂔, 一, 井

You (a male) invite her in your teepee but when it's time to get your two hands on her you're so clumsy she screams and gets out!

発見 はっけん (n,vs) discovery; detection; finding

出発 しゅっぱつ (n,vs) departure

発 はつ (n,n-suf) departure; departing (from ...); departing (at time ...). send-
ing; sent (by ...); sent (at ...). (abbr) engine; (n) (abbr) green dragon tile
(mahjong); (ctr) counter for gunshots, bursts of gas, etc.; counter for bullets,
bombs, etc.; counter for blows (punches)

登 : to rise

升, 豆

South-park-esque image: you eat a magic voodoo bean and your fart propels you out of the teepee, making a hole in its roof.

登る のぼる (v5r,vi) to ascend; to go up; to climb. to ascend (as a natural process, e.g. the sun); to rise. to go to (the capital). to be promoted. to add up to. to advance (in price). to swim up (a river); to sail up. to come up (on the agenda)

登場 どうじょう (n,vs) entry (on stage); appearance (on screen). entrance; introduction (into a market)

登場人物 どうじょうじんぶつ (n) the characters (in a play or novel).

閉 : close

門, 才

Only a genie can say 'Close Sesame' to close the cavern's gate.

閉じる とじる (v1) to close (e.g. book, eyes, meeting, etc.); to shut

閉める しめる (v1,vt) to close; to shut

閉ざす とざす (v5s,vt) to shut; to close; to lock; to fasten. to plunge (in grief); .

材 : material

木, 才

The main materials of Ikea furniture are wood and glue (chEApboard)...

取材 しゅざい (n,vs) news coverage; collecting data (e.g. for an article); covering (something for media). interview

材料 ざいりょう (n) ingredients; material

材 ざい (n,suf) wood; lumber; timber. man of talent. (raw) material; ingredients.

関 : connection

門, ？

Satan's gates are connected to all that's evil. Thus, be Good or go to Hell...

に関する にかんする (exp) related to; in relation to.

に関して にかんして (exp) related to; in relation to.

関心 かんしん (n) concern; interest

閣 : tower

門, 各

In Chinese factories, windows have safety nets to prevent suicide. In Wall Street towers, quite the reverse, every floor has a saloon door so you can kill yourself if you lose money or secretly kill your opponents... Bizzzzness izz bizzzzness.

閣下 かつか (n,n-suf,hon) your Excellency; his (or her) Excellency

内閣 ないかく (n,adj-no) cabinet; (government) ministry

階 : storey

𠃵, 皆

All the buildings in The City and Wall Street (the city walls) have at least 40 stories or so.

階 かい (n,n-suf) storey; story; floor; (n) stairs; (n,n-suf) stage (in chronostratigraphy); (ctr) counter for storeys and floors of a building

階下 かいか (n) lower floor; downstairs. bottom of the stairs; foot of the stairs.

階建て かいだて (suf) an N-storey building.

局 : bureau, department

尸, 句

Some NSA department has email scanners that flag a lot of sentences.

局 きよく (n,n-suf) bureau; department. (abbr) office (e.g. post, telephone); broadcasting station (e.g. television, radio); channel; exchange. affair; situation; (n,n-suf,ctr) game (of go, shogi, etc.)

局長 きよくちょう (n) bureau director; office chief

当局 とうきよく (n,adj-no) authorities. this office

回 : time(-counter)

□, □

The number of times you recursively write a mouth inside a mouth - limited to two here for convenience reasons.

回 かい (ctr) counter for occurrences. counter for games, rounds, etc.; counter for innings (baseball); (n,n-pref) Islam; (n) (abbr) Hui (people)

回る まわる (v5r,vi) to turn; to revolve. to visit several places. to function well. to pass a certain time

今回 こんかい (n-adv,n-t) now; this time; lately

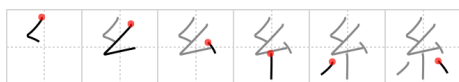
Chapter 9

Threads

Primitive 糸 and the kanji it forms.

Threads

糸 : thread, Spiderman



糸 いと (n,n-suf) thread; yarn; string

糸口 いとぐち (n) thread end. beginning. clue

金糸 きんし (n) gold thread.

約 : engagement

糸, 勺, ヌ

In a middle of a software licensing contract no one reads: 'if you break this engagement, a Spiderman clone will come beat you up with a ladle until you drop blood drops.'

約束 やくそく (n,vs) arrangement; promise; appointment; pact; engagement. convention; rule

約 やく (adv) approximately; about; (n) promise. shortening; reduction; simplification. (ling) contraction (in phonetics)

予約 よやく (n,vs,adj-no) reservation; appointment; booking; advance order. contract; subscription; pledge

統 : overall

糸, 充

Spiderman and other superheroes should be assigned overall police jurisdiction.

大統領 だいとうりょう (n) president; chief executive

統一 とういつ (n,vs) unity; consolidation; uniformity; unification; compatible

伝統 でんとう (n,adj-no) tradition; convention

総 : whole, general

糸, 公, 心

The NSA wants to control the whole country so they put threads (and microphones) in every public heart (place).

総 そう (n,pref) whole; all; general; gross; entire; overall

総長 そうちょう (n) (college) president; secretary-general

総合 そうごう (n,vs,adj-no) synthesis; coordination; putting together; integration; composite; (adj-f) comprehensive

続 : continue

糸, 売

Spiderman continues to sell even after decades.

続ける つづける (v1,vt) to continue; to keep up; to keep on

続く つづく (v5k,vi) to continue; to last; to go on. to continue (without a break); to be unbroken. to occur again and again. to lead to; to connect to; to adjoin. to come after; to follow; to succeed; to rank next to. to hold out; to keep; to last

続いて つづいて (conj) subsequently; next; (exp) after ...; following ...; in the wake of ...

終 : to end

糸, 冬

But here's the end of Spiderman [FAKE SPOILERS]: Spiderman dies in a winter New York snowstorm because his costume is too thin...

終わる おわる (v5r,vi) to finish; to end; to close

終る おわる (v5r,vi) to finish; to end; to close.

終える おえる (v1,vt) to finish. to graduate

吉 : good luck

Samurai, 口

In the Kaamelott TV show, the Samurai's wife wishes good luck by to her husband by kissing him before a battle and asks 'Did it go well?' at the end of the day in the bed.

吉 きち (n,adj-no) good fortune (esp. omikuji fortune-telling result); good luck; auspiciousness.

不吉 ふきつ (adj-na,n) ominous; sinister; bad luck; ill omen; inauspiciousness; .

小吉 しょうきち (n) slightly good luck (as a fortune telling result).

結 : to tie, to link

糸, 吉

If Spiderman ties you, good luck to untie!

結果 けっか (n-adv,n-t) result; consequence; outcome; effect; (n,vs) coming to fruition; bearing fruit

結局 けっきょく (n-adv,n) after all; eventually; in the end

結構 けっこう (adj-na,n-adv,n) (uk) splendid; nice; wonderful; delicious; sweet; (adj-na) sufficient; fine (in the sense of "I'm fine"); (by implication) no thank you. well enough; OK; tolerable; (adv) reasonably; fairly; tolerably; (n) (arch) construction; architecture

組 : club, united

糸, 且

The Spiderman club is an Otaku association with shelves full Spiderman figurines.

組 くみ (n) set (of items). group (of people); class (of students); company (esp. construction); family (i.e. mafia); team. typesetting; composition

組む くむ (v5m) to cross (legs or arms); to link (arms). to put together; to construct; to assemble; to produce (e.g. TV program). to braid; to plait. to grapple; to wrestle. to unite; to link up; to form an alliance. to set (e.g. type). to issue (e.g. money order)

番組 ばんぐみ (n) program (e.g. TV); programme

線: train line, wire

糸, 泉

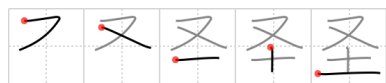
Centralized networks of railroads, subway lines or telephone wires are like threads coming out of one source (Tokyo, Paris, telephone exchange...).

視線 しせん (n) one's line of sight; one's gaze; one's eyes (looking); glance; gaze; look

線 せん (n,n-suf) line; stripe; stria. line (e.g. telephone line); wire. ray (e.g. X-ray); beam. line (e.g. of a railroad); track; route; lane. outline; contours; form. level. division. line (of action); position; approach; policy; principle. impression one leaves; air one gives off

線路 せんろ (n) line; track; roadbed

丩: sppol



経: time passing, experience

糸, 丩

Time passes like a thread wrapping around a spool and it's elapsed once the thread is completely coiled up.

経験 けいけん (n,vs) experience

経つ たつ (v5t,vi) to pass; to lapse

経営 けいえい (n,vs) management; administration

細: thin

糸, 田

One wheat ear (thread) in a whole field looks really really thin.

細い こまい (adj-i) small; fine; minute. stingy; cheap.

細める ほそめる (v1,vt) to make narrow.

細かい こまかい (adj-i) small. fine; minute. minor; trivial. sensitive; attentive;

紙 : paper

糸, 氏

Spiderman's business card is a bit of paper without his family name...

紙 かみ (n) paper

新聞紙 しんぶんし (n) newsprint; newspaper

用紙 ようし (n) blank form. sheets of paper; sheet of paper

編 : compilation

糸, 戸, scrapbook

You steal every Spiderman poster from every store door and compile it in a scrapbook.

編 へん (n,n-suf) compilation (of a text); editing; (n,n-suf,ctr) volume (of a text).
completed literary work

編集者 へんしゅうしゃ (n) editor (in publishing, etc.)

編集長 へんしゅうちょう (n) editor-in-chief.

給 : salary

糸, 合

Salaries don't fit Spiderman for many reasons.

給 きゅう (n,obsc) wage; recompense.

給仕 きゅうじ (n,vs) waiting on a table; serving (at dinner); (n) waiter; waitress;
waitperson; server; cabin boy; bellboy; page; pageboy. office boy; office girl.

給料 きゅうりょう (n) salary; wages

素 : elementary

grow up, 糸

Elementary, my dear Watson! Spiderman is grown up Peter Parker.

素直 すなお (adj-na,n) obedient; meek; docile; unaffected. honest; frank; upfront
(about one's feelings)

素早い すばやい (adj-i) fast; quick; prompt; nimble; agile. quick (to understand); sharp (judgement)

素 す (adj-no,n) plain; unadorned; undecorated; unadulterated; au naturel; (pref) (derog) (before a noun) mere; poor. (before an adjective) exceedingly.

系 : lineage

、, 糸

Lineage: one person is a drop at the end of the family thread.

系 けい (n,n-suf) system; lineage; group. (math) corollary. (geol) system (range of strata that correspond to a particular time period). (taxonomical) series

系統 けいとう (n) system. lineage; ancestry; family line. group (e.g. of colors) (colours); family (e.g. of languages); party; school (of thought). close (evolutionary) relationship. a population sharing a common ancestor (in genetics); strain (e.g. bacterial)

家系 かけい (n) family lineage

么 : cocoon

玄 : mysterious

一, 么

A mysterious man wearing a top hat and a cocoon on the rest of his body...



玄関 げんかん (n,adj-no) entranceway; entry hall; vestibule; foyer; entryway; mud room

玄関先 げんかんさき (n) entrance; front door.

玄関口 げんかんぐち (n) entrance door; front door.

率 : ratio, to lead

玄, four drops, 十

This kanji is a mysterious way to write 4 / 10.

率いる ひきいる (v1,vt) to lead; to spearhead (a group); to command (troops)

率直 そっちよく (adj-na,n) frankness; candour; candor; openheartedness; directness; .

確率 かくりつ (n) probability; likelihood; chances

後 : behind

彳, 幺, 夂

When a caterpillar goes out of its cocoon, it leaves its walking legs behind and takes off.

後 あと (n,adj-no) behind; rear. after; later. after one's death. remainder; the rest. descendant; successor; heir. (arch) past; previous; (n-adv) more (e.g. five more minutes)

最後 さいご (n,adj-no) last; end; conclusion; latest; most recent; (exp) (after - tara form or -ta form followed by "ga") no sooner than; right after (often having negative consequences). (arch) one's final moments

その後 そのあと (n-adv,n-t) after that; afterwards; thereafter.

係 : person in charge

人, 系

Nepotism/Inheritance: the person in charge is at the end of a lucky lineage.

関係 かんけい (n,vs,adj-no) relation; relationship; connection. participation; involvement; concern. influence; effect; (n,vs) sexual relations; sexual relationship; (n-suf) related to ...; connected to ...

係 かかり (n) charge; duty; person in charge; official; clerk. (ling) connection; linking

関係者 かんけいしゃ (n) authorized people; authorised people; person(s) concerned; officials; staff

済 : finish

水, 亠, crossed legs, scale

Nested scale pictogram. Imagine a clown with a big top hat covering most of his body climbing a scale and weirdly diving in the small pool's water when he's finished.



済む すむ (v5m,vi) to finish; to end; to be completed. to merely result in something less severe than expected. to feel at ease. to feel unease or guilt for

troubling someone; to be sorry

経済 けいざい (n,vs) economics; business; finance; economy

済ませる すませる (v1,vt) to finish; to make an end of; to get through with; to let
end

Chapter 10

Feelings

Kanji that are related to feelings.

Heart

想 : concept

相, 心

Concepts are inter-heart (brains) things.

予想 よそう (n,vs,adj-no) expectation; anticipation; prediction; forecast; conjecture;

思想 しそう (n) thought; idea; ideology

理想 りそう (n,adj-no) ideal; dream

念 : feeling, desire

今, 心

Feelings are what you feel in your heart right now! When you desire something, you generally want it NOW.

念 ねん (n) sense; idea; thought; feeling. desire; concern. attention; care; .

観念 かんねん (n,adj-no) idea; notion; conception. sense (e.g. of duty); (n,vs,adj-no) resignation; preparedness; acceptance. (Buddh) observation and contemplation; .

念のため ねんのため (adv) (just) making sure; just to be sure.

感 : to feel, sentiment

戌, 口, 心

When you're emotional, words protest (demonstrate) from your heart to your mouth.

感じる かんじる (v1) to feel; to sense; to experience

感じ かんじ (n) feeling; sense; impression

感覚 かんかく (n,vs) sense; sensation; feeling; intuition

急 : urgent, crisis

勺, ㄣ, 心

Urgent: the crisis has degenerated: they're now fighting with bound up sharp metal brooms (note: not rakes) and one of them already has his heart stripped...

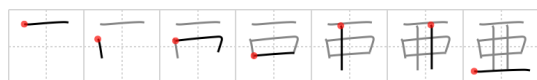
急 きゅう (adj-na) urgent; sudden; abrupt. sharp; steep; precipitous. rapid; swift; fast; (n) emergency; crisis. hurrying; haste. (in gagaku or noh) end of a song

急ぐ いそぐ (v5g,vi,vt) to hurry; to rush; to hasten; to make something happen sooner; .

急速 きゅうそく (adj-na,n) rapid (e.g. progress)

亜 : Asia

Asia: picture a barred mouth (China, North Korea, USSR) or a mouth with two chopsticks.



亜 あ (pref) sub-. -ous (indicating a low oxidation state); -ite.

東亜 とうあ (n) East Asia; the Orient

亜空間 あくうかん (n) hyperspace; subspace.

悪 : purpose, attitude

能, 心

Self-help book: 'Purpose and attitude are abilities of the heart blah blah blah...'

悪い にくい (adj-i) hateful; abominable; poor-looking; detestable. amazing; fantastic; admirable; lovely; wonderful.

悪 あく (n) evil; wickedness

最悪 さいあく (adj-na,n) the worst

非: un-, faulty

Pictogram of a jail bars, we'll use 'jail cell' as a component meaning. People in jail cells are faulty, un-educated, un-safe, un-sociable, un-ruly, un-whatever-stereotype...



非常に ひじょうに (adv) very; extremely; exceedingly

非難 ひなん (n,vs,adj-na) criticism; blame; censure; attack; reproach

非常 ひじょう (n,adj-na,adj-no) emergency; (adj-na,adj-no) extraordinary; unusual; .

罪: crime, guilt

目, 非

The NSA has an Eye to watch all of your 'crimes' like illegal download and lying on an Internet form and soon they'll put you in a jail cell for that. I do hope you feel guilty!

罪 つみ (adj-na,n) crime; fault; indiscretion; sin

犯罪 はんざい (n,adj-no) crime

罪人 ざいにん (n) criminal; sinner

悲: sad

非, 心

If you went to jail for such a stupid reason, you'd sure be heartbroken and terribly sad.

悲しい かなしい (adj-i) sad; sorrowful

悲しみ かなしみ (n) sadness; sorrow; grief

悲しむ かなしむ (v5m,vt) to be sad; to mourn for; to regret

赤 : red

土, 刀, 丶, 丶

Note: The dagger component is not written as usual. Someone is stabbed with a dagger and red drops fall on the ground.

赤い あかい (adj-i) red. Red (i.e. communist)

赤 あか (n) red; crimson; scarlet. red-containing colour (e.g. brown, pink, orange).
(col) Red (i.e. communist). (abbr) red light. (abbr) red ink (i.e. in finance or proof-reading); (in) the red; (adj-no,n-pref) complete; total; perfect; obvious; (n) copper.

真っ赤 まっか (adj-na,n) bright red; deep red; flushed (of face); (adj-na) down-right (e.g. lie); complete; utter

湾 : bay, gulf

水, apple, 弓

Nested apple component: a part of 赤. William Tell still shoots apples with his bow, but this time separated by the water of a whole gulf... and shoots the apple anyway!



湾 わん (n,n-suf) bay; gulf; inlet

台湾 たいわん (n,adj-no) Taiwan

東京湾 とうきょうわん (n) Tokyo Bay; Bay of Tokyo.

恋 : passion

apple, 心

This kanji means a non-necessarily reciprocal love. The love between Snow White and the Prince Charming begins when Snow White eats the apple and her heart stops beating.

恋 こい (n) love; tender passion

恋人 こいびと (n) lover; sweetheart

恋愛 れんあい (n,vs,adj-no) love; love-making; passion; emotion; affections

憂 : sorrow

夏, crown, heart

In the middle of the summer, Hamlet (father) loses his crown and his heart! Of course he feels sorrow as a ghost, and so does his son.

憂い うい (adj-i) unhappy; sad; gloomy.

憂える うれえる (v1,vt) to grieve; to lament; to be anxious; to be distressed

物憂げ ものうげ (adj-na) languorous; weary; listless. somber; sombre; gloomy; despondent.

優 : kind

人, 憂

A kind person can help you overcome sorrow over time.

優しい やさしい (adj-i) tender; kind; gentle; graceful; affectionate; amiable

女優 じょゆう (n,adj-no) actress

優れる すぐれる (v1,vi) to surpass; to outstrip; to excel

忍 : endure

刀, 丶, 心

What the manga's bad guy is enduring is a dagger in his heart from which emotional blood drops are flowing... So he's really really evil.

忍ぶしのぶ (v5b,vt) to conceal oneself; to hide. to endure

忍者 にんじゃ (n) ninja (persons in feudal Japan who used ninjutsu for the purposes of espionage, assassination, sabotage, etc.)

忍しのぶ (n) (uk) Davallia mariesii (species of fern). Lepisorus thunbergiana (species of fern). color of clothing layers under one's overcoat (light green on blue). (abbr) ancient women's hairstyle. (abbr) clothing patterned using the fern Davallia mariesii.

認 : acknowledge

言, 忍

Japanese government: we hereby acknowledge with fancy words that what the Chinese people have been enduring during WWII because of us is badddd (20M+ deaths)...

認める したためる (v1,vt,uk) to write up.

確認 かくにん (n,vs) confirmation; verification; validation; review; check; affirmation; identification

認知 にんち (n,vs,adj-no) acknowledgement; acknowledgment; recognition; cognition; .

Grow into

生 : life

、, grow up

Nested primitive 'grow up'. All forms of life have grown up from a single drop (a cell).



先生 せんじょう (ok,n) (hon) teacher; master; doctor; (suf) (hon) with names of teachers, etc. as an honorific; (n) (arch) previous existence.

生きる いきる (v1,vi) to live; to exist. to make a living; to subsist. to be in effect; to be in use; to function. to come to life; to be enlivened. to be safe (in baseball, go, etc.)

生活 せいかつ (n,vs) living; life (one's daily existence); livelihood

青 : moon

grow up, 月

Scientists: we took a bit of the moon and grew it up, it ended up blue.

青い あおい (adj-i) blue; green. pale. unripe; inexperienced

青 あお (n,adj-no,adj-na) blue. green; (n) (abbr) green light. black (horse coat color); (pref) immature; unripe; young

青白い あおじろい (adj-i) pale; pallid. bluish-white

清 : pure

水, 青

Pure ocean water is blue.

清 さや (adv) (arch) clearly; brightly. cleanly; purely.

清水 きよみず (n) spring water. clear (pure) water.

清い きよい (adj-i) clear; pure; noble

請 : to request, to invite

言, 青

Asking for a favor is spraying words until your opponent's face turns blue

要請 ようせい (n,vs) appeal; call for something; request; claim; demand; (n) axiom

請求 せいきゅう (n,vs) claim; demand; charge; application; request; billing (for a service)

申請 しんせい (n,vs) application; request; petition

責 : blame

?, 貝

'Daaad, why do Grown-ups blame money for everything?' #kawaii

責任 せきにん (n) duty; responsibility (incl. supervision of staff). liability; onus

責める せめる (v1,vt) to condemn; to blame; to criticize; to criticise; to reproach; to accuse. to urge; to press; to pester. to torture; to torment; to persecute. to break in (a horse)

責任者 せきにんしゃ (n) person in charge (including a supervisory role for other staff); person responsible for ...; responsible party; supervisor; manager

積 : volume, pile up

禾, 責

This year's volume of wheat is low. Who should we blame? The ruling politicians of course!

積む つむ (v5m) to pile up; to stack. to load (car, ship, etc.); to pack. to acquire; to accumulate

積み上げる つみあげる (v1,vt) to pile up; to make a heap; to lay bricks.

積もる つもる (v5r) to pile up; to accumulate. to estimate

害 : harm

家, grow up, 口

If you have kids growing up in your house, you remove anything they can put in their mouth so they don't hurt themselves.

被害者 ひがいしや (n) victim; injured party; sufferer

被害 ひがい (n) (suffering) damage; injury; harm

害 がい (n) injury; harm; evil influence; damage

割 : proportion, to divide

害, 口

The proportion of people harmed by sabers is really really low compared to guns or cars.

割る わる (v5r,vt) to divide; to cut; to break; to halve; to separate; to split; to rip; to crack; to smash; to dilute

割 わり (n,n-suf) rate; ratio; proportion; percentage. profit. assignment. 10%; unit of ten percent. (sumo) match; schedule of matches; (n-suf) diluted with (of drinks); mixed with

割れる われる (v1,vi) to break; to be smashed. to split; to crack; to fissure; to be torn. to be divided; to cleave. to come to light; to be identified; to be established; to become clear

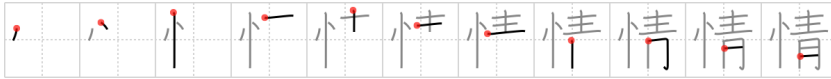
State of mind

忪 : state of mind

情 : emotion, sentiment

忪, 青

The blue state of mind is... whatever emotion you want, this depends on you and your nationality.



感情 かんじょう (n,adj-no) emotion; feeling; feelings; sentiment

情報 じょうほう (n) news; gossip; (military) intelligence. information (data contained in characters, signals, code, etc.)

事情 じじょう (n) circumstances; consideration; conditions; situation; reasons; state of affairs

性 : sex, nature

忄, 生

Sex is the 'state of mind' that gives birth to life. It's also the only state of mind of some men...

女性 じょせい (n,adj-no) woman; female. (ling) feminine gender

可能性 かのうせい (n) potentiality; likelihood; possibility; availability

性 さが (n) one's nature; one's destiny. custom; tradition; habit.

亡 : deceased

亠, 乙

Pictogram of an unfinished coffin. Maybe the maker just fell and died in it before finishing it.

亡くなる なくなる (v5r,vi) to die

未亡人 みぼうじん (n) widow

亡き なき (adj-pn,n) the late; the deceased.

忙 : busy

忄, 亡

Busy = mindless = deceased state of mind. Think about any manga/drama salary-man.

忙しい いそがしい (adj-i) busy; hectic; occupied; engaged

多忙 たぼう (adj-na,n) busy; pressure of work

忙しげ せわしげ (adj-na) looking busy; appearing busy; looking restless.

望 : desire

亡, 月, 王

The king's desires often result in a ton of dead flesh, think about any example in your country history.

望む のぞむ (v5m,vt) to desire. to wish for; to expect. to see; to command (a view of)

望み のぞみ (n) wish; desire; hope. prospect; expectation; (one's) hopes

失望 しつぼう (n,vs) disappointment; despair

億 : 100000000

人, 意

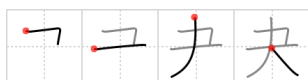
A mere manga character idea can sell more than 100 million copies, 1,0000,0000, 1 万万.

億 おく (num) 108; 100,000,000; hundred million

億万長者 おくまんちょうじゃ(n) billionaire; multimillionaire; very rich person.

数億円 すうおくえん (n) several hundreds of millions of yen.

決 : guillotine



決 : to decide

水, 決

Waterboarding to death or guillotine? Decide.

決して けして (ik,adv) never; by no means; not in the least; in no way.

決める きめる (v1,vt) to decide; to choose; to determine; to make up one's mind; to resolve; to set one's heart on; to settle; to arrange; to set; to appoint; to fix. to clinch (a victory); to decide (the outcome of a match). to persist in doing; to go through with. to always do; to have made a habit of. to take for granted; to assume. to dress up; to dress to kill; to dress to the nines. to carry out successfully (a move in sports, a pose in dance, etc.); to succeed in doing. (MA) (sumo) to immobilize with a double-arm lock (in sumo, judo, etc.); .

決まる きまる (v5r,vi) to be decided; to be settled. to look good in (clothes); .

快 : pleasant

忄, 夬

New Monty Python movie about the French revolution! Alllwaayyss loook onnn the briiiight side of life... If you hate Monthy Python, just put yourself into the executioner's shoes: how convenient the guillotine is to him!

不快 ふかい (adj-na,n) unpleasant; displeasure; discomfort

快い ころよ (adj-i) pleasant; agreeable

快感 かいかん (n) pleasant feeling

Entertainment

興: entertainment

[illegible]

興味深い きょうみぶかい (adj-i) very interesting; of great interest

術 : art

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芸術 げいじゅつ (n) (fine) art; the arts

述 : to mention

resin, 沁

Late at work: 'But no media mentioned there was resin on the road!' 'Not my problem, you're fired.'

述べる のべる (v1,vt) to state; to express; to mention

記述 きじゆつ (n,vs) description; descriptor

供述 きようじゆつ (n,vs) affidavit; deposition; testimony

流 : to flow, stream

水, infant, 川

The infant falls in water and is flowing on the stream.

流れる ながれる (v1,vi) to stream; to flow (liquid, time, etc.); to run (ink); to be washed away

流す ながす (v5s,vt) to drain; to pour; to spill; to shed (blood, tears). to wash away. to distribute (e.g. electricity over wires, music over a PA system, etc.); to circulate; to broadcast; to beam. to cruise (e.g. taxi). to float; to set adrift. to call off (a meeting, etc.)

流れ ながれ (n) stream; current; flow

育 : to bring up, to raise

infant, 月

Raising an infant requires months of work, to say the least.

教育 きょういく (n,adj-no,vs) training; education

育つ そだつ (v5t,vi) to be raised (e.g. child); to be brought up; to grow (up); .

育てる そだてる (v1,vt) to raise; to rear; to bring up

Movies, Drawing**央 : central**

大, 口

You can imagine a target pictogram or a person with a big mouth.

中央 ちゅうおう (n,adj-no) centre; central; center; middle

央 おう (suf) middle; centre; center.

中央部 ちゅうおうぶ (n) centre; center; middle.

英: center

㊦, 央

Englishmen think London is the flower at the center of the world eg. Greenwich, Commonwealth...

英語 えいご (n,adj-no) English (language)

英 えい (n,n-pref,n-suf,abbr) Britain; British.

英国 えいこく (n) Great Britain; the United Kingdom.

映: to reflect, to display

日, 央

The Sun is the center of the solar system and virtually everything else reflects its light.

映る うつる (v5r,vi) to be reflected; to harmonize with (harmonise); to come out (photo); to be projected; to be displayed (on a screen)

映す うつす (v5s,vt) to project; to reflect; to cast (shadow)

映し出す うつしだす (v5s,vt) to project; to reflect

面: face

一, 丶, 口, 目

Trivial mask pictogram.

面 おも (n) face. surface.

面白い おもしろい (adj-i) interesting; amusing

地面 じめん (n,adj-no) ground; earth's surface

𠂔: shovel

画 : to draw

一, 由, 冂

Personally, I just see a drawing pictogram, but the components are explicit too: imagine drawing on the ceiling with a sprout and a shovel...



計画 けいかく (n,vs) plan; project; schedule; scheme; program; programme

映画 えいが (n,adj-no) movie; film

画面 えづら (iK,n) the impression given by a painting or image.

漫 : vague

水, 日, eye, crotch

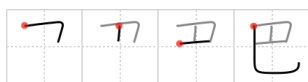
When you're waking up, you often see fuzzy, like you have water in eyes and the sun light hurts them. For some men, touching their crotch is a helpful stimulant.

漫画 まんが (n) cartoon; comic; comic strip

漫才 まんざい (n) two-person comedy act (usu. presented as a fast-paced dialogue, occ. presented as a skit); comic dialogue

漫画家 まんが家 (n) cartoonist; manga artist

巴 : mosaic



巴 ともえ (n) huge comma design

巴里 パリ (ateji,n,adj-no,uk) Paris (France).

三つ巴 みつどもえ (n) 3 fat-comma shapes arranged to form a circle. (abbr)
3-way struggle (wrestling, etc.).

色 : color

勺, 巴

The Rubik's cube is a cubic mosaic with six colors bound up.

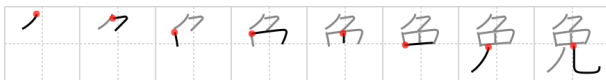
色 いろ (n) colour; color. complexion. appearance; look. love; lust; sensuality; love affair; lover. kind; type; variety

色々 いろいろ (n,adj-na,adj-no,adv,adv-to) various. (arch) various colors (colours);

黄色い きいろい (adj-i) yellow. high-pitched (voice); shrill

免 : excuse

Pictogram of a funny rabbit. Have fun imagining him begging pardon.



免れる まぬかれる (v1,vt) to escape from; to be rescued from; to avoid; to evade; to avert; to elude; to be exempted; to be relieved from pain; to get rid of.

ご免 ごめん (int,n,uk) your pardon; declining (something); dismissal; permission; .

放免 ほうべん (n,vs) release (from custody); discharge; liberation; setting free; letting go; letting off; acquittal.

象 : elephant, phenomenon

免, 豕

A rabbit head on a sow body? Looks like a phenomenal elephant.

印象 いんしょう (n,vs) impression

対象 たいしょう (n,adj-no) target; object (of worship, study, etc.); subject (of taxation, etc.)

象 しょう (n) phenomenon

像 : picture, statue

人, 象

Your Favorite Artist drawing or sculpting an elephant

想像 そうぞう (n,vs,adj-no) imagination; guess

像 ぞう (n,n-suf) statue; image; figure; picture; portrait

映像 えいぞう (n,adj-no) reflection; image; picture (e.g. on a television); shot.

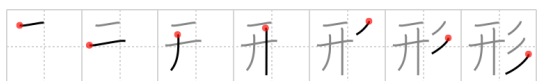
video; film; footage; clip; video recording. image in one's mind; mental picture; .

𠂇 : shape (primitive)

形 : shape

𠂇, 𠂇

Both a sculptor and a kid playing with Play-Doh need both hands to form a good shape.



形 かた (n,suf) shape; appearance. collateral. obverse of an old "zeni" coin.

人形 にんぎょう (n) doll; puppet; figure

形式 けいしき (n) form (as opposed to substance); formality. method; system; style. format; mode; appearance; form (something takes). math expression;

景 : scene, landscape

日, 京

The sun over some capital is a common movie/postcard scene.

光景 こうけい (n) scene; spectacle; sight; view

風景 ふうけい (n,adj-no) scenery; scene; landscape; view; sight. scene (e.g. of a crime)

景色 けいしょく (n,adj-no) scenery; scene; landscape.

影 : shadow

景, 𠂇

A shadow is a 2D shape of a 3D scene.

影 かげ (n) shadow; silhouette. reflection; image. presence; sign. light (stars, moon)

人影 じんえい (n) figure of a person; figures of people. shadow of a person.

面影 おもかげ (n) face; looks; vestiges; trace

参 : visit

ム, 大, 彡

A Democratic politician pays a visit to a redneck but his elbow ends up bitten by the redneck's big dog. It's gonna in a really bad shape for a while.

参る まいる (v5r,vi) (hum) to go; to come; to call. to be defeated; to collapse; to die. to be annoyed; to be nonplussed. to be madly in love. to visit (shrine, grave)

参加 さんか (n,vs,adj-no) participation

参考 さんこう (n,adj-no) reference; consultation

修 : discipline

人, 丨, 攴, 彡

Segata Sanshiro still teaches discipline (playing Sega Saturn), but this time he uses both a walking stick and his walking legs to reshape the undisciplined ones.

修理 しゅうり (n,vs,adj-no) repairing; mending; servicing

修行 しゅぎょう (n,vs) (Buddh) ascetic practices. training; practice; discipline; study

修道院 しゅうどういん (n) monastery; convent; cloister; abbey

Music

音 : sound

立, 日

This kanji is very similar to primitive 音 (muzzle) but means the opposite! Imagine a tongue wagging in the mouth of a standing tenor/soprano/whatever to get sound.

音 おと (n,n-suf) sound; noise; report. note (music). fame

足音 あしおと (n) footsteps (sound)

物音 ものおと (n) sounds

意 : idea

音, 心

Ideas are sounds from the heart, especially when you're so excited about them it makes your heart pound faster.

意味 いみ (n,vs) meaning; significance

用意 ようい (n,vs) preparation; arrangements; provision; getting ready; laying out (e.g. a meal)

注意 ちゅうい (n,vs) caution; being careful; attention (heed); warning; advice

楽 : enjoyable

白, , 木

An enjoyable white source surrounded by nice trees, wherever you imagine it.

楽しい たのしい (adj-i) enjoyable; fun

音楽 おんがく (n) music; musical movement

楽 らく (adj-na,n,n-suf) comfort; ease; (n) (abbr) raku pottery

薬 : legal drugs

艹, 樂

Antic and 'new-age' medicines only use flowers and music...

薬 くすり (n) medicine; pharmaceuticals; (legal) drugs. efficacious chemical (i.e. gunpowder, pesticide, etc.). (pottery) glaze. small bribe

火薬 かやく (n) gunpowder; powder

薬品 やくひん (n) medicine; chemicals

声 : voice

士, 尸,

A samurai splits the enemy's flight with his shrilling voice.

声 こえ (n) voice

大声 おおごえ (n,adj-no) loud voice

小声 こごえ (n,adj-no) low voice; whisper

歌 : song

可, 可, 欠

Yes we can! Yes we can! Yawnnnnn, so overused 'song'...

歌 うた (n) song. classical Japanese poetry (esp. tanka). modern poetry; .

歌う うたう (v5u,vt,vi) to sing; (v5u,vt) to sing (one's praises in a poem, etc.);
to compose a poem; to recite a poem

歌声 うたごえ (n) singing voice

Chapter 12

Body

The epic climax of Smart Kanji Book! Spoiler: at the end, the main character dies ;).

Parts

体 : body

人, 本

Chuck Norris exercises his body with piles of books because osmosis works with him!

体 からだ (n,adj-no) body; (n) torso; trunk. build; physique; constitution;
(n,adj-no) health; (n) corpse; dead body

身体 からだ (n,adj-no) body; (n) torso; trunk. build; physique; constitution;
(n,adj-no) health; (n) corpse; dead body

ゴシック体 ゴシックたい (n,comp) "Gothic" typeface (usu. sans-serif).

手 : hand

Pictogram of a 4-finger hand, such as Micky Mouse's.



手 て (n) hand; arm. (col) forepaw; foreleg. handle. hand; worker; help.
trouble; care; effort. means; way; trick; move; technique; workmanship.
hand; handwriting. kind; type; sort. one's hands; one's possession. ability
to cope. hand (of cards). direction; (n,n-suf,ctr) move (in go, shogi, etc.); .

相手 あいて (n) companion; partner; company. other party; addressee. opponent

(sports, etc.)

手紙 てがみ (n,adj-no) letter

拳 : to raise, to elevate

〆, tool, 手

A tool that helps you hold on an owl with your hand to elevate yourself as in Zelda OOT.

拳げる あげる (v1,vt) to raise; to elevate. to do up (one's hair). to fly (a kite, etc.); to launch (fireworks, etc.); to surface (a submarine, etc.). to land (a boat). to show someone (into a room). to send someone (away). to enrol (one's child in school); to enroll. to increase (price, quality, status, etc.); to develop (talent, skill); to improve. to make (a loud sound); to raise (one's voice). to earn (something desirable). to praise. to give (an example, etc.); to cite. to summon up (all of one's energy, etc.). to arrest. to nominate. (pol) to give. to offer up (incense, a prayer, etc.) to the gods (or Buddha, etc.). to bear (a child). to conduct (a ceremony, esp. a wedding); (v1,vi) (of the tide) to come in; (v1,vi,vt) ㉑ to vomit; (aux-v,v1) ㉒ (uk,pol) to do for (the sake of someone else); (suf,v1) ㉓ to complete ㉔ (hum) to humbly do ...

選挙 せんきょ (n,vs,adj-no) election

一拳に いっきょに (adv) at a stroke; with a single swoop

旨 : delicious

ヒ, 日

Hummm, this Nutella jar is soo delicious I put my spoon over and again in it as if it were the sun.

旨 むね (n) center (centre); pillar; principle. purport; gist; drift; meaning; .

旨い うまい (adj-i) skillful; clever; expert; wise; successful. delicious; appetizing; appetising. fortunate; splendid; promising

その旨 そのむね (exp,n) (words to) that effect.

指 : finger (full kanji)

扌, 旨

These mikado fingers are delicious too!

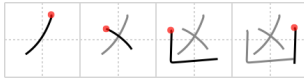
指 おゆび (n) finger; toe; digit.

指示 しじ (n,vs) indication; instruction; designation; directions

指さす ゆびさす (v5s,vt) to point at.

凶 : villain

I just picture a bad robot or a monster with a shovel.



凶器 きょうき (n) dangerous weapon; lethal weapon; deadly weapon

凶悪 きょうあく (adj-na) atrocious; fiendish; brutal; villainous

凶 きょう (n) bad luck; bad fortune. evil; wickedness.

脳 : brain

月, 〃, 凶

The brain is the flesh/part of the body that both wise owls and clever villains use.

脳 なずき (n,arch) brain; skull; head.

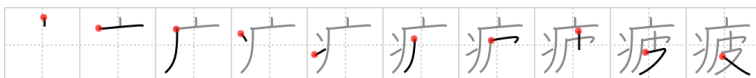
頭脳 ずのう (n) head; brains; intellect

疒 : illness (primitive)

疲 : tired, exhausted

疒, 皮

You're exhausted by your illness but oh God how much better it is to be under your fur quilt than working...



疲れる つかれる (v1,vi) to get tired; to tire. to be worn out (e.g. of well used objects). (arch) to starve

疲れ つかれ (n) tiredness; fatigue

疲労 ひろう (n,vs) fatigue; weariness

背 : stature, height

北, 月

Stature is the north part of your body.

背 セ (n) back; spine. reverse; rear side. height. ridge (of a mountain); .

背中 セなか (n) back (of body)

背後 はいご (n,adj-no) back; rear. background; behind the scenes

Illness

丙 : third class

一, 内

Travelling third class is like boarding a plane clandestinely: you're inside the baggage hold and the ceiling touches your head.

丙 ひのえ (n) 3rd in rank; third sign of the Chinese calendar.

丙種 ヘいしゅ (n) C-grade; third-class.

丙寅 ひのえとら (n) third of the sexagenary cycle.

病 : illness

疒, 丙

People with significant illnesses sort of live third-class lives.

病院 びょういん (n,adj-no) hospital

病 いたずき (n) (arch) pain; trouble. illness.

病人 びょうにん (n) sick person; patient; invalid

祭 : tent

大, 𠂔, 日, 小

Pictogram of a tent with fancy things in it.

僚 : co-workers

人, 寮

Segata Sanshiro, just like most Japanese salarymen, brings a tent at work to put all-nighters with his Sega coworkers.

官僚 かんりょう (n) bureaucrat; bureaucracy

閣僚 かくりょう (n) cabinet ministers

僚友 りょうゆう (n) colleague; workmate; comrade; coworker

療 : heal, treatment

疔, 寮

In Final Fantasy (up to 6 at least), tents heal HP's and illnesses.

医療 いりょう (n,adj-no) medical care; medical treatment

療法 りょうほう (n,adj-no) remedy; medical treatment

施療 せりょう (n,vs) free medical treatment; gratuitous treatment.

治 : cure, reign

水, 台

Poseidon reigns over all waters from his pedestal. Also, he's a lvl20 cleric so he can cure.

明治 めいじ (n) Meiji era (1868.9.8-1912.7.30)

政治 せいじ (n) politics; government

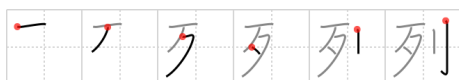
治療 じりょう (n,vs,adj-no) medical treatment; cure.

歹 : bone

列 : line, queue

歹, リ

RPG cliché: a line of skeletons with sabers.



列 れつ queue; line; row; column; sequence; string; train

例: example

人, 列

Segata Sanshiro is showing the example to kids by standing in line and scolding those who don't... Their bodies will remember!

例 れい 1: custom; practice; habit; usual; 2: said; aforementioned; 3: instance; example; case; illustration; usage; 4: precedent; 5: annual

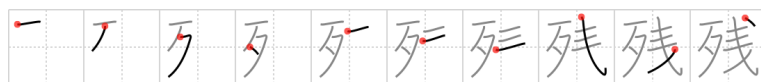
例え たとえ 1: example; 2: simile; metaphor; allegory; fable; parable

月例 げつれい monthly

残: to remain

𠂔, Cut into pieces.

Nested primitive 'cut into pieces' composed of 戈 and two sword slashes. When pirates and warriors lost, all that remained of them was a bunch bones cut into pieces...



残る のこる (v5r,vi) to remain; to be left

残す のこす (v5s,vt) to leave (behind, over); to bequeath; to save; to reserve; .

残念 ざんねん (adj-na,n) deplorable; bad luck; regret; disappointment

死: death

𠂔, ヒ

When you die, the Grim Reaper cuts your bones and eats you.

死ぬ しぬ (v5n,vn,vi,sens) to die

死 し (n,n-suf) death; decease. (arch) death penalty (by strangulation or decapitation)

死体 したい (n,adj-no,sens) dead body; corpse; cadaver

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