······· 漢字のはなし (Kanji Topics)

What does the kanji 「日」 mean? It means "the sun." What does the kanji 「月」 mean? It means "the moon." Then, what do you think the kanji 「明」 means? It means "bright!"

Some kanji are made by combining rather simple characters. Now, guess the meanings of the following kanji.

1.休 2.林 3.森 4.好 5.体 6.男

7. 間 8. 東

Look at the following examples and see how each character was combined and made into a new meaning.

Combination —► Kanji Meaning + 月 → 明 あか-るい 日 bright moon both the sun and the moon are 'bright' sun + 木 → 休 やす-む rest a man is 'resting' beside a tree man 本 → 体 からだ body

origin the origin of man is 'the body'

"KUN" "ON" Combination → Kanji Meaning 女+子 → 好 コウ like a woman 'loves' a child woman child 田 + カ → 男 おとこ man, male rice field power 'a man' is powerful in the rice field 木 + 木 → 林 はやし リン wood, grove two trees make 'a wood' 木 + 木 + 木 → もり forest three trees make 'a forest' → 間 十 日 あいだ カン between the sun can be seen 'between' the doors gate sun 畑 はたけ cultivated field 十 田 burn up the field and make 'a cultivated field' 山 + 石 → 岩いわ rock a big stone in the mountain is 'a rock' mountain stone

e.g. 鱈 (cod) 鰯 (sardine)

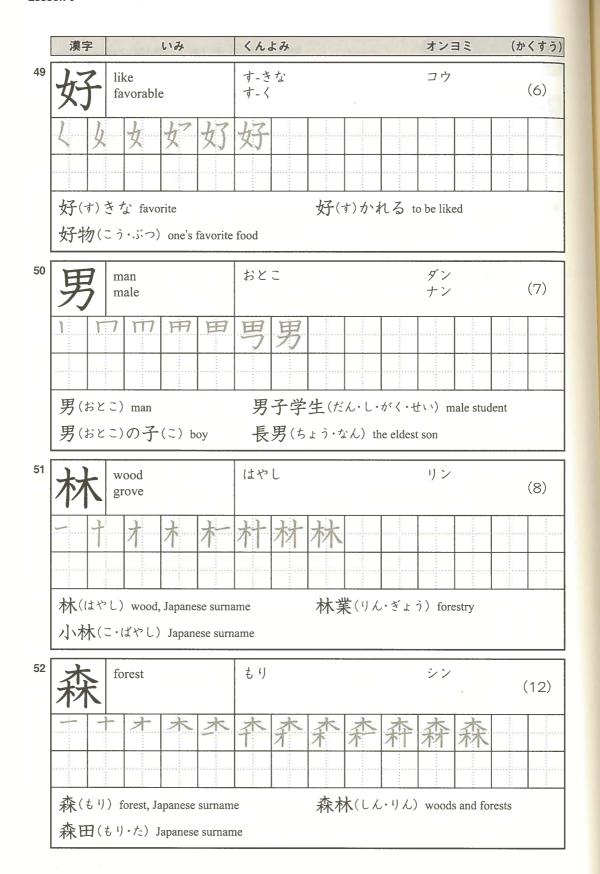
Most kanji were adopted from China, however, there are some kanji that originated in Japan. For example, 畑, 働 〈 (to work), 峠 (mountain pass) are of Japanese origin. Therefore, they do not have "ON YOMI" (Chinese Reading). Many kanji used to express the names of fish and plant are of Japanese origin.

ユニット2 -----------------第5課のきほん漢字 (Basic Kanji)

	漢字		いみ		< ho	よみ				オン	3 8	(か	(すう)
46	明	bright clear	-		あか- あ-け					メイ			(8)
54	1	H	日	即	明	明	明						
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	明(あか)るい bright, cheerful *明日(あした/あす/みょう・にち) tomorrow												
	明(あ)ける to break (to dawn) 説明(せつ・めい)する to explain												

47	休 rest				やす-む				キュウ				(6)	
	1	1	个	什	什	休								
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	休(やす) む to rest, to be absent 休(やす) み break, holiday						休日(きゅう·じつ) holiday							
	休(*	 ウす) <i>ス</i>	, break	k, holida	ıy									

48	体	body			から	だ				タイ			(7)
	1 1	个	什	什	休	体							
	体(から	た) body				+ 1 4 (2 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4	体資	育(たい	()	physic	al educ	ation	
	体力(だ)body たいりょ	〈) phy	sical st	rength		11 6	1 , -		Į J			

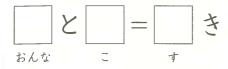


	漢字	いみ	くんよみ		オンヨミ	(かくすう)
53	間	between interval	あいだ ま		カン	(12)
		月月月月	門門	門門開	間間	
	間(あい	た) between		一年間(いち・れ	1ん・かん)one	year
	間(ま)	に合(あ)う to be on	time	時間(じ・かん)	time	
54	畑	cultivated field	はたけはた			(9)
	112	ナーナー大	灯灯	大H 大H		
	畑(はた	(†) cultivated field		田畑(た・はた)	field of rice and	crops
	花畑(はないばたけ)flower ga	rden			
55	岩	rock	いわ		ガン	(8)
	1 1	느느느	岩岩岩	岩		
e in a						
	岩(いわ) rock		岩石(がん・せき)	rocks and stor	nes
	岩田(いわ・た)Japanese surn	ame	火山岩(か・ざん	し・がん) volcar	nic rock

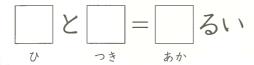
- I. Write the readings of the following kanji in Hiragana.
 - 1. 林 2. 森 3. 体 4. 男 5. 岩 6. 畑
- 7. 間 8. 明るい 9. 好きな 10. 休む 11. 男女
- 12. 時間
- II. Read the following words and sentences.
 - 1. 私は体育が好きです。I like physical education.
 - 2. 男子学生と女子学生 male students and female students
 - 3. 男の人と女の人 men and women
- 4. 森と森の間に川があります。 There is a river between the forests.
- 5. 明るい森の中で休みました。We took a rest in a bright forest.
- 6. あの小さい山まで一時間ぐらいかかります。
 It takes about one hour to reach that small mountain.
- 7. 岩田さんは明るい人です。Mr./Ms. Iwata is a cheerful man.
- 8. 山の上に畑があります。There are cultivated fields on the top of the mountain.

- I. Fill in the blanks with the appropriate kanji.
 - 1. tree \times 2 = wood

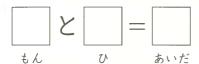
3. woman + child = like



5. sun + moon = bright



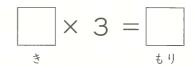
7. gate + sun = between



9. fire + field = cultivated field

11. boy

2. tree \times 3 = forest



4. rice field + power = man

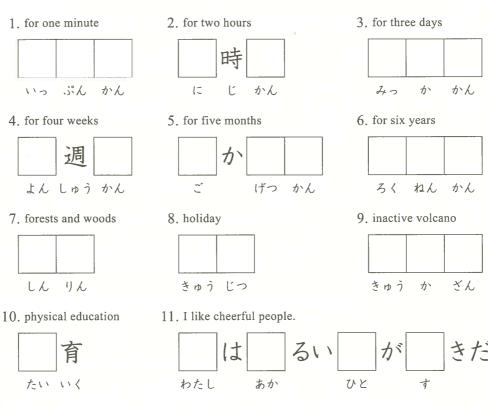
6. man + tree = to rest

8. mountain + stone = rock

10. man and woman

12. body's power = physical strength

${\rm 1\!\!I}$. Write the appropriate kanji based on the meaning of the word.



12. Those men are Mr. Kobayashi and Mr. Iwata.

