··········· 漢字のはなし(Kanji Topics)

組み合わせからできた漢字(Combining Meanings) ……

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.

| Com | binati | on – | —► Kanji | "KUN" | "ON" | Meaning |
|-----|--------|--------|----------|--------------------|------------------|---------|
| 日 | + | 月 | →明 | あかーるい | *1 | bright |
| sun | | moon | both th | ne sun and the mo | oon are 'bright' | |
| | | | | | | |
| 人 | + | | * * | | キュウ | rest |
| man | | tree | a man | is 'resting' besid | de a tree | |
| | | | 21. | | | |
| 人 | + | | • • | | 91 | body |
| man | | origin | the or | igin of man is 'th | e body | |

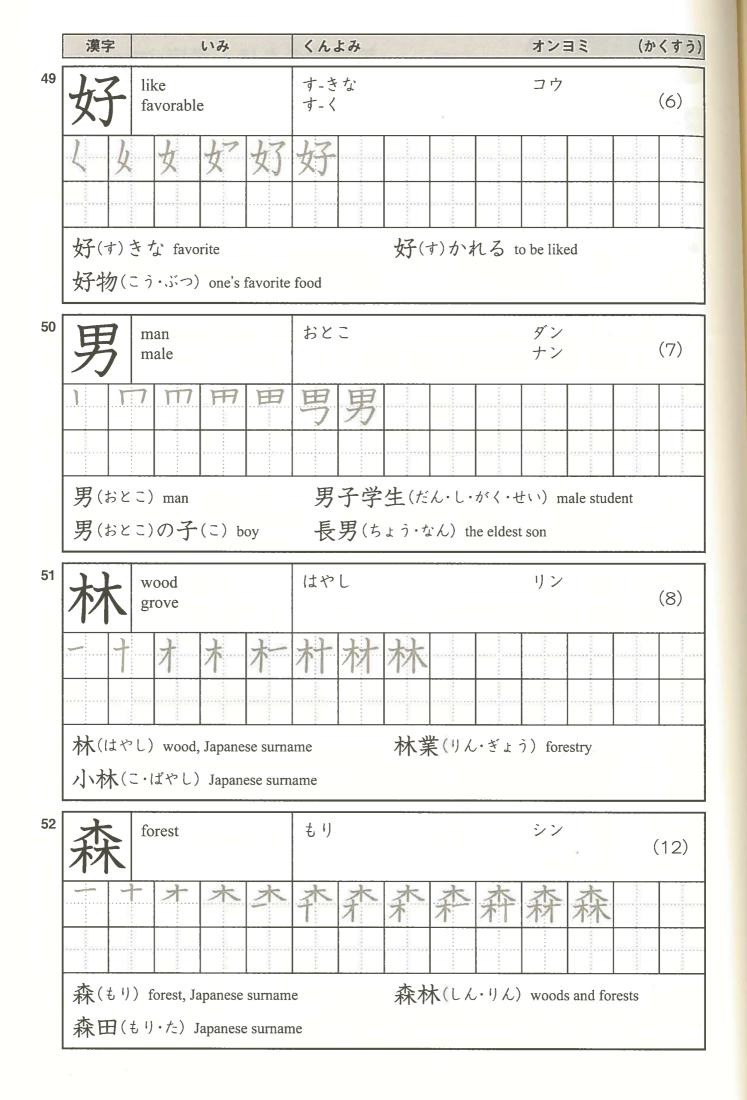
Combination → Kanji "KUN" Meaning 女+子 → 好 す-き コウ like a woman 'loves' a child woman child 田 + カ → 男 おとこ man, male rice field power 'a man' is powerful in the rice field 木 + 木 → 林 はやし リン wood, grove tree two trees make 'a wood' 木 + 木 + 木 → 森 もり シン forest three trees make 'a forest' tree 門+日→間 あいだ between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

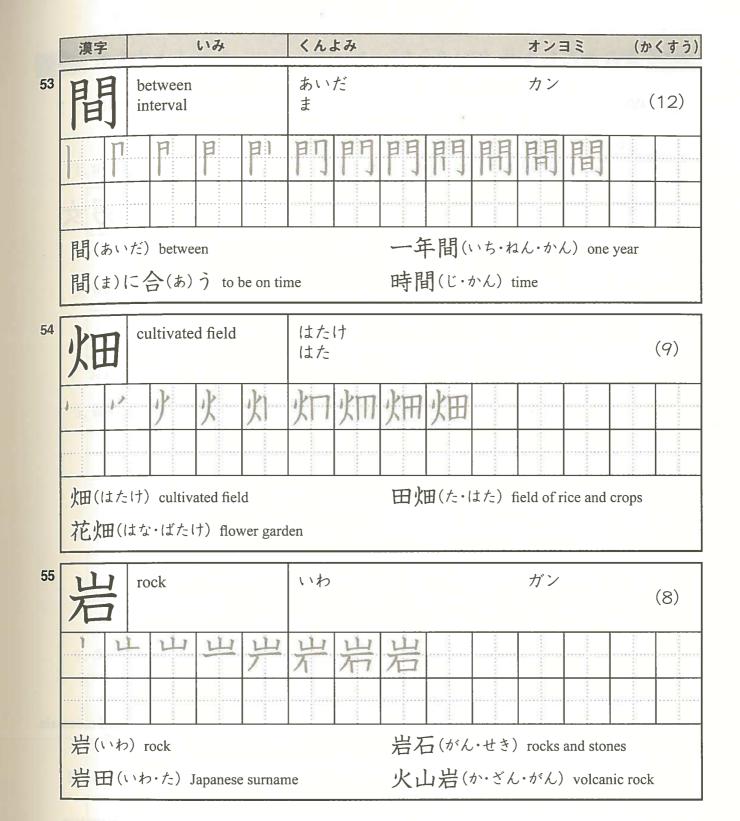
[☆] Most kanji were adopted from China, however, there are some kanji that originated in Japan. For example, 畑, 働 〈 (to work), 峠 (mountain pass) are of Japanese origin. Therefore, they do not have "ON YOMI" (Chinese Reading). Many kanji used to express the names of fish and plant are of Japanese origin.

| | 漢字 | <h.< th=""><th>よみ</th><th></th><th></th><th>オン</th><th>3 \$</th><th>(か</th><th colspan="3">(かくすう)</th></h.<> | よみ | | | オン | 3 \$ | (か | (かくすう) | | | | |
|----|--|--|----|---|---------------|----|------|----|--------|----|--|-----|--|
| 46 | 明 | 月 bright clear | | | あか-るい あ-ける | | | | | メイ | | (8) | |
| 54 | | F | 日 | 明 | 明 | 明 | 明 | | | | | 8 | |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | 明(あか)るい bright, cheerful *明日(あした/あす/みょう・にち) tomorrow | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | 明(あ)し | 明(あ)ける to break (to dawn) 説明(せつ・めい)する to explain | | | | | | | | | | | |

| 47 | 休 | re | est | | | やす. | -t | キュウ | | | | | (6) | |
|----|-----|------------------------------|--------|-----------|-------------|-----|----|-----|-------|------|--------|------|-----|--|
| | 1 | 1 | 个 | 什 | 什 | 休 | | | | | | | | |
| | 休(* | ウす) は ウす) よ | to res | st, to be | absent y | | | 休日 |] (きゅ | う・じっ |) holi | iday | | |

| 48 | 体 body | | | | からだ | | | | | | 91 | | | |
|----|--------|---------|----------|--------|-------|---|------|------|--------|--------|----------|--------|--|--|
| | 1 1 | 个 | 什么 | 十 | 休 | 体 | | | | | | | | |
| | 体(から | た) body | | | | | 体音 | 育(たい | ··· () | physic | cal educ | cation | * ************************************ | |
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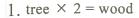


2-2 よみれんしゅう (Reading Exercises) …………

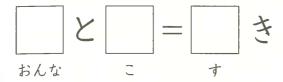
- I. Write the readings of the following kanji in Hiragana.
 - 1. 林 2. 森 3. 体 4. 男 5. 岩 6. 畑
 - 7. 間 8. 明るい 9. 好きな 10. 休む 11. 男女
- 12. 時間
- **II**. Read the following words and sentences.
 - 1. 私は体育が好きです。I like physical education.
 - 2. 男子学生と女子学生 male students and female students
 - 3. 男の人と女の人 men and 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.

2-3 かきれんしゅう (Writing Exercises)

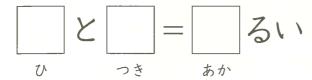
I. Fill in the blanks with the appropriate kanji.



3. woman + child = like



5. sun + moon = bright

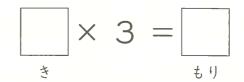


7. gate + sun = between

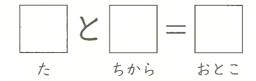
9. fire + field = cultivated field

11. boy

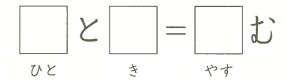
2. tree \times 3 = forest



4. rice field + power = man



6. man + tree = to rest



8. mountain + stone = rock

10. man and woman

12. body's power = physical strength

II. Write the appropriate kanji based on the meaning of the word.

