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# 日本語ペラペラニュースレター

For the Language Lovers!

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Once a month language-focused newsletter designed for both new and seasoned Japanese learners to use as a resource for study.

## Let's study! 勉強(べんきょう)しましょう!

### 今月の漢字

New

# 新

訓読み: あたら(しい)  
音読み: シン

新 新 新 新 新 新 新  
新 新 新 新 新 新

13 strokes

### Associated common words

新年 (しんねん) New Year  
新人 (しんじん) new face; newcomer  
新鮮 (しんせん) fresh



### 四字熟語 -よじじゅくご- (4 character idiom)

#### 新進気鋭 (しんしんきえい)

young and energetic; up-and-coming

Fresh talent up and coming in their career. The noun 新進 (しんしん) meaning rising or up and coming is paired with 気鋭 (きえい) meaning spirited or energetic. In this time of so many new beginnings there are sure to be plenty of those who embody 新進気鋭!

#### Example

彼女はデビュー作で、10万部を売り上げた新進気鋭の作家だ。  
Kanojo wa debyuuusaku de juumanbu wo urageta "shinshin kiei" no sakkada.

### ことわざ (proverb)

#### 故きを温ねて新しきを知る

(ふるきをたずねてあたらしきをしる)

To exam the past in order to gain the necessary knowledge to benefit one towards the future.

#### Example

故きを温ねて新しきを知ると思い、近所のおばあちゃんに赤ちゃんの育て方を教えてもらった。  
"Furuki wo tazunete atarashiki wo shiru" to omoi, kinjo no obaachan ni akachan no sodatekata wo oshiete moratta.



## 日本を旅しよう! -Exploring Japan- 青森 (あおもり) -Aomori-

#### Fast facts!

- Aomori literally means "blue forest"
- This forest was often used by fishermen as a landmark
- Northernmost prefecture on Japan's main island, Honshu
- Home of the famous "Nebuta Summer Festival"





Aomori City  
from Aomori Bay

## Dialect discovery with JET Alumni Abigail MacBain アビゲイル・マクベイン

- ・ へばね (hebane; goodbye) (じゃあね equivilant)
- ・ め (me; delicious)
- ・ たげ (tage; very)



For more from Abigail's experience living and teaching in Aomori, tune in to our general newsletter!



Answer key located at bottom of page.

### クイズタイム!

1. あのひとは ( ) ですか。

Who is that person over there?

A. どれ      C. なん  
B. いつ      D. だれ

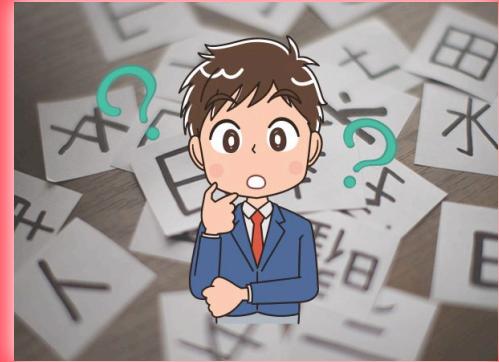
2. どの映画が おもしろい ( ) わかりません。

I'm not sure which movie will be entertaining.

A. か      C. は  
B. と      D. で

3. 漢字は、書き方といい ( ) といい、私にはとても難しい。

A. 話し方      C. 聞き方  
B. 読み方      D. 言い方



### 早口言葉(はやくちことば)!

Tongue twisters to improve your pronunciation.

\*ゆっくりでいいのでかくじつに言えるようにしましょう。



うらにはには にわ にわとりがいる  
(裏庭には二羽にわとりがいる)

おどりおどるなら おどりのどうりをならって おどりのどうりどおりに おどりをおどれ  
(踊り踊るなら踊りの道理を習って踊りの道理通りに踊りを踊れ)



Tongue Twister  
Challenge!

あるひのひるに にひるなあひるが ひるにひるんだ  
(ある日の昼に二ヒルなアヒルがヒルにひるんだ)

### You Can Do It!



Where are you from in Japan?

I am from Kyoto, born and raised in Central Kyoto City making me a real Kyotoite!

Where is your favorite place to go in Japan?

I like to visit "onsens" - natural hot springs - throughout the year. I especially love the open-air baths called "rotenburo". I truly enjoy relaxing in the big tub with a nice view.  
[onsen: 温泉(おんせん) rotenburo: 露天風呂 (ろてんぶろ)]

What is your hobby and who would you like to meet (dead or alive), and why?

I like to listen to music such as classical music, bossa nova and jazz. I also play the piano which is the most delightful time for me. I wish I could meet Kenji Miyazawa, who is one of my favorite authors as I am always inspired by his stories.

How would your friend describe you?

They would probably describe me as an "active and fun" person. I love traveling and I am good at making personal trip plans. My friends always count on me when it comes to travel arrangements!

### Instructor Spotlight!



Gokita Sensei

Gokita Sensei teaches  
Japanese Beginner 1 and  
Advanced Beginner 1

Answer key: 1.D 2.A 3.B

# ランゲージスクールのお知らせ! -Announcements-



Our Winter Japanese Group Lessons have kicked off!

Intermediate and Advanced classes are designed so that students can still sign up in the middle of the term.

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Looking for a fun and interactive way to introduce your children to Japanese language and culture?

If so, this is the workshop for you!

Join Hall Sensei in an educational fun time learning elementary Japanese alphabet, traditional stories, and crafts!

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