Lesson 9

A. Kanji Review

Write the appropriate kanji character in each box below. Use the mnemonic pictures for hints if necessary.

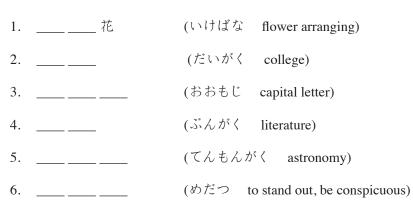
life, birth	previous	I, myself	friend	to learn	school	book
1.	2.	3.	4.	5.	6.	7.
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character	letters	opposite	writing	to change into	public	to stand
8.	9.	10.	11.	12.	13.	14.

B. Vocabulary Review

7. 行 ____

Try writing these vocabulary words with the appropriate kanji and okurigana characters.

(いきさき destination)



8	(しりつこう private school)
9	(まなぶ to learn)
10 正	(こうせい proofreading)
11 州	(ほんしゅう Honshū; main island)
12	(ぶんか culture)
13	(おばけ monster, ghost)
14. 自	(じりつ independence)
15	(いきる to live, exist)
16	(わたしたち we,us)
17	(がくせい college student)
18	(ローマじ Roman letter)
19	(にたいして towards)
20	(かく to write)
21	(こうりつの public)
22	(じんせい life)
23	(にほん Japan)
24	(しょうがっこう elementary school)
25	(しりつだいがく private university)
26	(せんげつ last month)
27	(ゆうじん friend – formal style)
28	(さきに ahead of, prior to)
29	(ともだち friend – plain style)
30	(がっこう school)
31	(せんせい teacher, doctor)

C. Japanese Last Names

Try reading these Japanese last names. Match them by writing the correct number on each line.

1.	二見さん	 Tomoda san
2.	友田さん	 Hitomi san
3.	公文さん	 Futami san
4.	人見さん	 Tsuchimoto san
5.	土本さん	Kumon san

D. Japanese School System

The Japanese school system names each level of school a bit differently than some of the Western systems do. The activity below compares the Japanese and US. In Japan the numbering of each grade starts over in each school division (i.e., 7th grade is 中学一年, and 10th grade is 高校一年). Match the Japanese grade levels below with the appropriate Western school grade. Write the name of the Japanese grade level on the line.

1	_ 1st grade	小学三年
2	_ 2nd grade	高三年
3	_ 3rd grade	大学三年
4	4th grade	小学一年
5	_5th grade	中学三年
6	_ 6th grade	大学四年
7	_7th grade	高一年
7 8	_	高一年
	_ 8th grade	
8	_ 8th grade _ 9th grade	小学二年
8 9	_ 8th grade _ 9th grade _ 10th grade	小学二年中学二年

13	college freshman	小学四年
14	college sophomore	中学一年
15	college junior	高二年
16.	college senior	小学五年

E. Commonly Mistaken Kanji

Which kanji correctly expresses the meaning of the English word? Circle the most appropriate kanji character.

1. School	木	父	校	六	交	林
2. Friend	ナ	友	名	右	左	I
3. Writing	事	早	東	雪	書	帰
4. To learn	子	字	家	学	蛍	虫
5. Previous	先	生	見	兄	午	牛
6. Opposite	村	寸	文	射	守	対
7. Book	木	休	本	体	大	小
8. Public	分	公	4	今	刀	カ
9. Character	虫	学	宇	家	字	子
10. Life	生	王	先	土	玉	午
11. To stand	豆	六	口	玉	文	立
12. Letters	交	立	文	父	校	木
13. To change into	花	北	比	化	カ	似
14. I, myself	科	私	4	禾	料	数

F. Review Questions

Try writing these sentences in Japanese using kanji whenever appropriate. Each sentence has at least one new kanji from this lesson. Then, compare your translations with the answer key.

1.	What kind of books do you like?
	Do you read books during vacation?
	Have you read any Japanese literature?
4.	What do you like about the Japanese culture?
5.	Have you ever seen a Japanese flower arrangement?
6.	Is the English teacher fast at correcting essays?
7.	What is the teacher's first name (下のなまえ)?
8.	Do you sometime write Japanese in Roman letters?
9.	Can old people learn a foreign language?
10.	Do you have any Japanese friends?
11.	Where were you born?
12.	Are there many private schools in this city?
13.	Which do you want to attend, a public university or private university?
14.	Do you know someone who owns a Honda automobile?

15.	Have you recently received any handwritten birthday cards?
16.	Do you write Christmas cards each year?
17.	Are you afraid of ghosts?
18.	Are western ghosts and Japanese ghosts the same?

G. Interview Your Partner

Take turns asking the above questions with your partner. Try to answer as fully and appropriately as you can. For best results, you should elaborate on your answers whenever possible.

H. Read and Respond: Letter from a Japanese Friend

The following is a letter from a home stay student named Hanako Yamada who attended your Japanese class last year. You don't have to understand all the Japanese, but try to read her letter and then respond to it in the space below. Be sure to include a greeting and answer her questions as best you can.

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日本語クラスのみなさんへ
〉こんにちは。お元気ですか。私が高校に入学して、もう1ヶ月です。友
≥ 達がたくさんできたので、学校はとても楽しいです。
る 私が通っている学校は、山の上にあります。 毎日駅 から二十分ぐら
い歩かなければなりません。大変ですが、山の上からのけしきはすば
~ らしいです。
く せんこうせいと 全校生徒は千二百人で、公立の男女共学です。学校がたてられたの
る。 は、六十年前です。とてもれきしがあって、古い学校です。部活動が は、六十年前です。とてもれきしがあって、古い学校です。部活動が
く さかんで、テニス部、サッカー部、水泳部、えんげき部などがあります。
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