

Lesson 10

Let's Review

Write the following words with kanji.

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| 1. _____ (dog) | 2. _____ (puppy) |
| 3. _____ (bird) | 4. _____ (small bird) |
| 5. _____ (horse) | 6. _____ (pony, colt) |
| 7. _____ (sheep) | 8. _____ (lamb) |
| 9. _____ (cow) | 10. _____ (calf) |

A. Vocabulary Review

Try writing these words with appropriate kanji and okurigana characters.

- _____ (ほんのむし bookworm)
- _____ (みずむし athlete's foot)
- _____ (とりにく chicken meat)
- _____ (ばりき horse power)
- _____ 屋 (さかなや fish market)
- 泣 _____ (なきむし crybaby)
- _____ (ぎゅうにく beef)
- _____ (きんぎょ goldfish)
- 番 _____ (ばんけん watchdog)
- 乗 _____ (じょうば horse riding)
- _____ 肉 (ひつじのにく mutton)
- 白 _____ (はくちょう swan)
- 弱 _____ (よわむし coward, weakling)
- _____ 面 _____ (しちめんちょう turkey)

15. _____ 石 _____ (いっせきにちょう “Kill two birds with one stone”)
 16. _____ 車 (ばしゃ wagon, carriage)

B. Zodiac Animals

Although the kanji characters used for the Zodiac are not all core kanji characters, they are included here for your information, and because Japanese people often ask new friends, 「何年 (生まれ) ですか」 meaning “In what year of the Zodiac were you born?” This is an indirect way to find out someone’s age, which is important in knowing the correct register to use when speaking Japanese. Look at the list below and then try to tell the correct year of the Zodiac sign for yourself and four different Zodiac signs of your family or friends. Write the appropriate kanji or hiragana characters.

Example: 校長先生はたつとし (生まれ) です。(The principal was born in the year of the Dragon.)

わたしは _____ です。

_____ さんは _____ です。

_____ さんは _____ です。

_____ さんは _____ です。

_____ さんは _____ です。

1. Mouse	子年	ねずみどし	1960	1972	1984	1996	2008
2. Ox, cow	丑年	うしどし	1961	1973	1985	1997	2009
3. Tiger	寅年	とらどし	1962	1974	1986	1998	2010
4. Rabbit	卯年	うどし	1963	1975	1987	1999	2011
5. Dragon	辰年	たつどし	1964	1976	1988	2000	2012
6. Snake	巳年	へびどし	1965	1977	1989	2001	2013
7. Horse	午年	うまどし	1966	1978	1990	2002	2014
8. Sheep	未年	ひつじどし	1967	1979	1991	2003	2015
9. Monkey	申年	さるどし	1968	1980	1992	2004	2016
10. Rooster	酉年	とりどし	1969	1981	1993	2005	2017
11. Dog	戌年	いぬどし	1970	1982	1994	2006	2018
12. Boar	亥年	いのししどし	1971	1983	1995	2007	2019

C. Japanese Names

Here are more names that include some of the kanji characters we have learned so far. Read the pronunciation, and try to write them in kanji.

1. いぬやま (dog, mountain) _____
2. うしじま (cow, island) _____ 島
3. うしやま (cow, mountain) _____
4. とりやま (bird, mountain) _____

D. 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. Do you have a pet dog? _____
2. Have you ever owned a goldfish? _____
3. Can you ride horses? _____
4. Are you good at fishing? _____
5. Do you like to eat fish? _____
6. Can you cook meat? _____
7. Do you like beef or chicken? _____
8. Do you know the proverb “Kill two birds with one stone”? _____
9. Is anyone in your family a bookworm? _____
10. Do you hate bugs? _____
11. Were you a crybaby as a child? _____

E. 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.