











Lesson 3

A. Kanji Review

Write these words in kanji characters. The mnemonic pictures may offer some hints.

 person	 power	 male	 father	 female
1.	2.	3.	4.	5.
 mother	 child	 like	 Person, this one, direction	 Noun pluralizer
6.	7.	8.	9.	10.

B. Common Japanese Last Names

Try writing these common Japanese last names with the appropriate kanji characters.

1. はった (eight, rice paddy) _____
2. せんだ (thousand, rice paddy) _____
3. かねこ (gold, child) _____
4. みよし (three, like) _____
5. やぎ (eight, tree) _____
6. つちだ (earth, rice paddy) _____
7. みき (three, tree) _____

C. Nationalities

To express nationality in Japanese the kanji 人 (pronounced じん) is added as a suffix to the country name. For instance, an Australian is called オーストラリア人. Try writing these nationalities.

1. Australian (おーすとらりあじん)	オーストラリア人	2. Brazilian (ぶらじるじん)	
3. Canadian (かなだじん)		4. Chinese (ちゅうごくじん)	
5. Egyptian (えじふとじん)		6. French (ふらんすじん)	
7. German (どいつじん)		8. Indian (いんどじん)	
9. Israeli (いすらえるじん)		10. Japanese (にほんじん)	
11. Korean (かんこくじん)		12. Mexican (めきしこじん)	
13. Saudi Arabian (さうじあらびあじん)		14. Spaniard (すべいんじん)	
15. British (いぎりすじん)		16. American (あめりかじん)	

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. How many people are in your family? _____

2. How many boys are there? _____

3. What is your father's name? _____

4. Is your father strong? _____

5. Who is more strict, your father or mother? _____

6. What nationality are you? _____

7. Are there Japanese people at your school? _____

8. Who is popular at your school? _____

9. What did you give to your mother on Mother's Day last year? _____

10. Do you do homework every day? _____

11. Do you have a puppy? _____

12. Which do you prefer, cats or dogs? _____

13. Do you like classical music or rock? _____

14. Do you prefer Japanese food or French food? _____

15. Do you know how to cook Japanese food? _____

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.