















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.
						
character	letters	opposite	writing	to change into	public	to stand
8.	9.	10.	11.	12.	13.	14.

B. Vocabulary Review

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

- _____ 花 (いけばな flower arranging)
- _____ (だいがく college)
- _____ (おおもじ capital letter)
- _____ (ぶんがく literature)
- _____ (てんもんがく astronomy)
- _____ (めだつ to stand out, be conspicuous)
- 行 _____ (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.

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| 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.

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| 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 |
| 8. _____ | 8th grade | 小学二年 |
| 9. _____ | 9th grade | 中学二年 |
| 10. _____ | 10th grade | 小学六年 |
| 11. _____ | 11th grade | 大学一年 |
| 12. _____ | 12th grade | 大学二年 |

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	十	友	名	右	左	工
3. Writing	事	早	東	雪	書	歸
4. To learn	子	字	家	学	螢	虫
5. Previous	先	生	見	兄	午	牛
6. Opposite	村	寸	文	射	守	对
7. Book	木	休	本	体	大	小
8. Public	分	公	么	今	刀	力
9. Character	虫	学	宇	家	字	子
10. Life	生	王	先	土	玉	午
11. To stand	豆	六	口	国	文	立
12. Letters	交	立	文	父	校	木
13. To change into	花	北	比	化	力	似
14. I, myself	科	私	么	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? _____

2. Do you read books during vacation? _____

3. 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.

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。

私が通っている学校は、山の上にあります。毎日駅えきから二十分ぐらい歩かなければなりません。大変たいへんですが、山の上からのけしきはすばらしいです。

全校生徒ぜんこうせいとは千二百人で、公立の男女共学です。学校がたてられたのは、六十年前です。とてもれきしがあって、古い学校です。部活動ぶかつどうがさかんで、テニス部ぶ、サッカー部すいえい、水泳部、えんげき部などがあります。

