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Learn 50 JLPT-N5 Vocab with Pictures

MINI-EBOOK WITH BONUS VOCAB!

Introduction: Learn Japanese Visually

Getting started with learning Japanese can seem a tall order, with so many unfamiliar words!

Luckily, there are great resources to learn from, including WaniKani, DuoLingo and Genki. These resources help you learn using various approaches, such as *audial* and *kinaesthetic* techniques (e.g. games).

Kuma Learn offers you a *visual* approach to learning Japanese vocabulary. Some words lend themselves well to visual presentation and that's why we've made you a picture dictionary for Japanese: *Kumadex*.

We looked at the frequently occurring words [*] to select the 50 JLPT-N5 words in this mini-eBook. They are only a fraction of all the words in the Japanese language but I hope it serves as a useful guide to get started.

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How to read this eBook



くま
熊 kuma

Common Noun (common)

1. bear (any mammal of family Ursidae)

Image

Photograph to help you learn the Japanese word.

Word

The Japanese word, in *kanji* with one reading in *furigana* (hiragana to help you read kanji). The reading is also written in *romaji*, or romanised Japanese, for convenience.

Only one reading is shown. Some words have multiple readings but we focus on the common reading to make it easier for you to learn.

Tags

Words are labelled with parts of speech (noun, verb, adjective, etc.), how common the reading is and where they might appear (Genki, JLPT).

Meanings

Words can have several meanings. Some words have over ten meanings. But we've focused on the top three to five, so that it's easier for you to learn.

Numbers

The Japanese number system is logical. Once you can count up to ten, you'll know how to count up to 99. This is because, after ten, numbers are expressed as sums of numbers we've already learned: eleven is “ten-and-one” (十一, *jiu-ichi*); 99 is “nine-tens-and-nine” (九十九, *kyuu-jiu-kyuu*).

When reading and writing Japanese, you'll often see decimal digits (numbers 0 to 9) being used instead of kanji, as it can get a bit difficult to read for larger numbers!

Numbers

いち
一 ichi

Common JLPT N5

1. one

Numeric Prefix

EXAMPLE

いちど
もう一度?

One more time?

2. best

の-adj. Suffix

EXAMPLE

いちばん す
これが一番好き。

I like this one best.

3. first; foremost

の-adj.

EXAMPLE

わたし いちばん
私が一番。

I'm first.

に
二 ni

Common JLPT N5 Numeric

1. two

さん
三 san

Common JLPT N1 JLPT N5 Numeric

1. three

EXAMPLE

さんしゅうかん た
三週間経った。

Three weeks went by.

し
四 shi

Common JLPT N3 JLPT N5 Numeric

1. four

EXAMPLE

に に ばい よん
二の二倍は四。

Twice two is equal to four.

ご
五 go

Common JLPT N5 Numeric

1. five

ろく
六 roku

Common JLPT N1 JLPT N5 Numeric

1. six

EXAMPLE

ろく し もど
六時には戻るよ。

I'll be back at six.

しち
七 shichi

Common JLPT N3 JLPT N5 Numeric

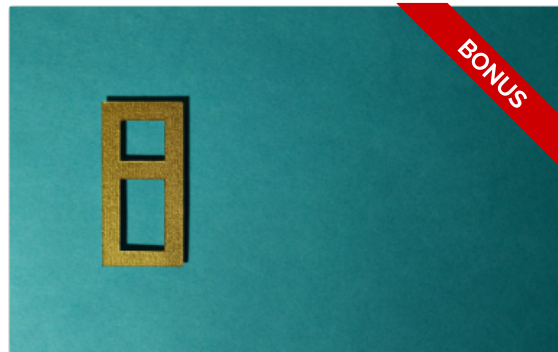
1. seven

EXAMPLE

なな し さんじゅうふん
七時三十分だった。

It was seven thirty.

Numbers



はち
八 hachi

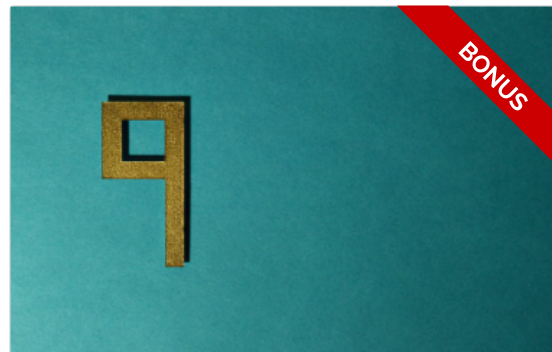
Common JLPT N5 Numeric

1. eight

EXAMPLE

よる はち じ
夜の八時です。

It's eight o'clock at night.



きゅう
九 kyuu

Common JLPT N3 Numeric

1. nine

EXAMPLE

ねこ きゅうせい
猫に九生あり。

Cats have nine lives.



じゅう
十 juu

Common JLPT N3 JLPT N5 Genki Ch. 9

1. ten

Numeric

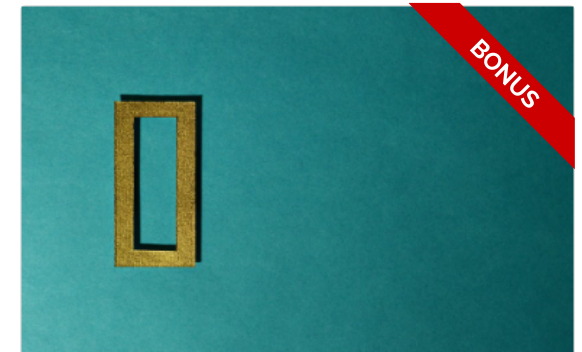
EXAMPLE

じゅう じ
十時ごろですか。

Is it about ten o'clock?

2. ten years of age

Noun (common)



れい
零 rei

Common JLPT N5 Noun (common)

1. zero; nought

EXAMPLE

いま れいか ど
今は零下10度だ。

It is ten degrees below zero now.

Numbers

Once you can count up to 100, you'll be able to count up to 999. The number 999 is “nine-hundreds-nine-tens-and-nine” (九百九十九, *kyuu-hyaku-kyuu-jiu-kyuu*). Similarly, count up to 1,000 and you can count up to 9,999!

From 10,000, it's a bit different to the Western system because 10,000 has its own name: 万, *man*. So, 34,000 is “three-ten-thousands-four-thousands”. That's a mouthful!

The Japanese currency denominations are: 1, 5, 10, 50, 100, 500, 1,000, 5,000 and 10,000 円 (*yen*). So, learn to count up to 10,000 and you can count money.

Numbers



ひゃく
百 hyaku

Common JLPT N5 Numeric

1. 100; hundred

EXAMPLE

きっぷ ひゃく
切符は百ユーロです。

The ticket costs 100 euros.



せん
千 sen

Common JLPT N5 Numeric

1. 1,000; thousand

EXAMPLE

せんえん た
千円で足りる?

Is a thousand yen enough?



まん
万 man

Common JLPT N5

1. 10,000; ten thousand

Numeric

EXAMPLE

まんえん
1 万円で足りる?

Is ten thousand yen enough?

2. myriad

Noun (common) の-adj.

3. everything; all

Adv. noun

EXAMPLE

かぜ まんびょう もと
風邪は万病の元。

A cold often leads to all kinds of disease.

How to say “I”

There are many ways to “I” in Japanese. It’s often dictated by age, gender and situation.

For example, boys will use 僕 (*boku*), until they grow out of it in their teenage years when they adopt 俺 (*ore*). 俺 (*ore*) is predominantly used by men, whereas 私 (*watashi*) is used by both men and women in formal contexts. In informal contexts, women still use 私 (*watashi*) but men often revert back to 俺 (*ore*) or 僕 (*boku*)!

There’s also an extremely polite version of 私: *watakushi*. In day-to-day Japanese however, you’ll hear women abbreviate it to *atashi*.

How to say “I”



わたし
私 watashi

Common JLPT N5 Genki Ch. 1 Pronoun

1. I; me

EXAMPLE

わたし
私も。

Same here.



おれ
俺 ore

Common JLPT N1 Pronoun Male term/lang.

1. I; me

EXAMPLE

おれ えいゆう
俺は英雄。

I'm a hero.



ぼく
僕 boku

Common JLPT N4 Genki Ch. 5 Pronoun

1. I; me

Male term/lang.

EXAMPLE

ぼく
僕もだよ。

Me, too.

2. you

3. manservant

EXAMPLE

かれ たねかのじょ げ ぼく
彼はある種彼女の下僕だな。

He's some kind of manservant for her.



じぶん
自分 jibun

Common JLPT N5 Genki Ch. 17 Pronoun

1. myself; yourself; oneself;
himself; herself

EXAMPLE

じぶん しん
自分を信じて。

Believe in yourself.

2. I; me

EXAMPLE

じぶん ま
自分でも負けた。

Even I was defeated.

3. you

Kansai-ben

EXAMPLE

じぶん がって やっこ
自分勝手な奴だな。

You always try to get what you want.

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ひと
人 hito

Common JLPT N5 Genki Ch. 4 Noun (common)

1. man; person

EXAMPLE

ひとだれ
あの人誰?

Who is that person?

2. human being; mankind; people

EXAMPLE

ひと
人がいる。

There are people.

3. human (Homo sapiens);
humans as a species

Written w/ kanji only

4. character; personality

EXAMPLE

かれ あじ ひと
彼は味のある人だ。

He is quite a character.



とし
年 toshi

Common JLPT N5 Noun (common)

1. year

EXAMPLE

とし
よいお年を。

Happy New Year!

2. age; years

EXAMPLE

とし
もう年だよ。

I feel my age.

3. past one's prime; old age

EXAMPLE

かれ とし よわ
彼も年のせいで弱くなった。

He's become frail in his old age.



なか
中 naka

Common JLPT N5 Genki Ch. 4 Noun (common)

1. inside; in

EXAMPLE

なか い
中に入れて。

Let me in.

2. among; within

EXAMPLE

えだ なか かく
リスは枝の中に隠れた。

A squirrel hid among the branches.

3. center (centre); middle

EXAMPLE

みずうみ まんなか しま
湖の真中に、その島がある。

In the middle of the lake lies the island.

4. during; while



なに
何 nani

Common JLPT N3 JLPT N5 Genki Ch. 1

1. what

Pronoun

EXAMPLE

なに
何?

What?

2. you-know-what; that thing

Pronoun

EXAMPLE

きみ みぎて も なに
君が右手に持っているものは何で
すか。

What's that thing in your right hand?

3. what'sit; whachamacallit;
what's-his-name; what'-s-
her-name

Pronoun

JLPT-N5 Vocab



じかん
時間 jikan

Common JLPT N5 Genki Ch. 14 Noun (common)

1. time

EXAMPLE

じかんしゅうりょう
時間終了。

Time's up.

2. hour

EXAMPLE

じかん ま
3時間待った。

We waited three hours.

3. period; class; lesson

EXAMPLE

ごじかんめ
五時間目ですか。

Is it fifth period?



まえ
前 mae

Common JLPT N5 Genki Ch. 4

1. in front (of); before (e.g. the house)

Noun (common) Suffix

2. ago; before; previously; prior; (minutes) to (the hour)

Adv. noun Noun (temporal) Suffix

EXAMPLE

じ まえ
7時前にね。

See you a little before 7.

3. front (of something); head (e.g. of a line); fore part

Noun (common)

4. front (e.g. seat); previous (e.g. entry in a list); prior; former

の-adj.



かた
方 kata

Common JLPT N5 Noun (common)

1. direction; way

EXAMPLE

かれ い かた あらた
彼は生き方を改めた。

He amended his way of living.

2. person; lady; gentleman

Honorific/respectful lang.

EXAMPLE

かくじんかくよう ものごと かた
各人各様の物事のやり方がある。

Each person has his own way of doing things.



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JLPT-N5 Vocab



め
目 me

Common JLPT N5 Genki Ch. 7 Noun (common)

1. eye; eyeball
2. eyesight; sight; vision
3. look; stare; gaze; glance
4. notice; attention; observation; eyes (of the world, public, etc.)
5. an experience



ほん
本 hon

Common JLPT N5 Genki Ch. 2

1. book; volume; script

Noun (common)

EXAMPLE

いい本だ。

It's a good book.

2. counter for long cylindrical things; counter for films, TV shows, etc.; counter for goals, home runs, etc.; counter for telephone calls

Suffix Counter



はなし
話 hanashi

Common JLPT N5 Genki Ch. 19 Noun (common)

1. talk; speech; chat; conversation

EXAMPLE

何の話?

What're you talking about?

2. topic; subject

EXAMPLE

話をそらすなよ。

Don't change the subject.

3. discussions; negotiation; argument

EXAMPLE

そういった話をしていると議論になってしまう。

That kind of talk leads to arguments.



うえ
上 ue

Common JLPT N5 Genki Ch. 4 Noun (common)

1. above; up; over; elder (e.g. daughter)

の-adj. Adv. noun Noun, as suffix

EXAMPLE

その上に座るな。

Don't sit upon it.

2. top; summit; head (e.g. of a staircase)

EXAMPLE

家は丘の上にある。

The house is on top of the hill.

3. surface

4. before; previous

の-adj. Adv. noun

5. superiority; one's superior; one's elder

JLPT-N5 Vocab



おなじ
同じ onaji

Common JLPT N5 Genki Ch. 14

1. same; identical; equal; uniform; equivalent; similar; common (origin); changeless; alike

Prenominal noun/verb Noun (common)

EXAMPLE

おな もの くだ
同じ物を下さい。

Please give me the same thing.

2. anyway; anyhow; in either case

Adverb



しごと
仕事 shigoto

Common JLPT N5 Genki Ch. 1 Noun (common)

1. work; job; labor; labour; business; task; assignment; occupation; employment

Noun/participle taking aux. verb する

EXAMPLE

しごと ちゅう
仕事 中 です。

I am working.

2. work



いう
言う iu

Common JLPT N3 JLPT N5

Godan verb w/ う ending

1. to say; to utter; to declare

EXAMPLE

あらた い こと
改めて言う事はない。

I have nothing particular to say.

2. to name; to call

3. to go (e.g. "the alarm went ping"); to make a noise



いえ
家 ie

Common JLPT N5 Noun (common)

1. house; residence; dwelling

EXAMPLE

いえ
家はどこ？

Where's your house?

2. family; household

EXAMPLE

かれ いえ ほん
彼は家の誉れだ。

He is an honor to his family.

3. lineage; family name

EXAMPLE

かのじょ かれ いえがら かれ けっこん
彼女は彼の家柄のために彼と結婚した。

She married him for the sake of his family name.

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かいしゃ
会社 kaisha

Common JLPT N5 Genki Ch. 7 Noun (common)

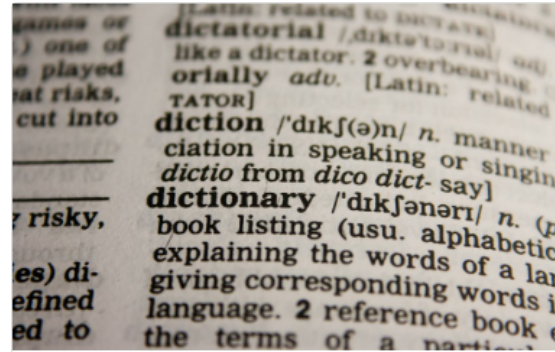
1. company; corporation

EXAMPLE

かいしゃ あかじ
会社が赤字になる。

The company is in deficit.

2. workplace



い み
意味 imi

Common JLPT N5 Genki Ch. 12 Noun (common)

Noun/participle taking aux. verb する

1. meaning; significance; sense

EXAMPLE

どういう意味?

What's the meaning of this?



くに
国 kuni

Common JLPT N5 Genki Ch. 7 Noun (common)

1. country; state

EXAMPLE

かれ くにちゅうたび
彼は国中を旅した。

He traveled around the country.

2. region

EXAMPLE

くに ちいき あらし
その国のその地域ではよく嵐が
はっせい
発生した。

There were storms in that region of the country.

3. national government; central government

4. home (i.e. hometown, home country)



あれ
彼 are

Common JLPT N5 Genki Ch. 2

1. that (indicating something distant from both speaker and listener (in space, time or psychologically), or something understood without naming it directly)

Pronoun Written w/ kanji only

2. that person

Pronoun

3. hey; huh?; eh?

Interjection (kandoushi) Written w/ kanji only

JLPT-N5 Vocab



て
手 te

Common JLPT N5 Genki Ch. 7 Noun (common)

1. hand; arm
2. handle
3. hand; worker; help
4. trouble; care; effort
5. means; way; trick; move; technique; workmanship



おい
多い ooi

Common JLPT N5 Genki Ch. 12 Adj.

1. many; numerous; a lot

EXAMPLE

ふゆ か し おお
冬は火事が多い。

There are a lot of fires in the winter.

2. large quantity; large amount

3. frequent; common

EXAMPLE

かれ きょうつうてん おお
彼らには、共通点が多い。

They have a lot in common.



ことば
言葉 kotoba

Common JLPT N5 Genki Ch. 13 Noun (common)

1. language; dialect

EXAMPLE

ことば まな おもしろ
言葉を学ぶのは面白い。

Learning languages is interesting.

2. word; words; phrase; term; expression; remark

EXAMPLE

あいことば
合言葉?

Password?

3. speech; (manner of) speaking

EXAMPLE

かれ ことばすう すく
彼は言葉数が少ない。

He is brief of speech.

4. learning to speak; language acquisition



ほか
他 hoka

Common JLPT N3 JLPT N5 Genki Ch. 18

1. other (place, thing, person); the rest

Noun (common) の-adj.

EXAMPLE

かれ ほか もの め
彼はついにクラスの他の者を抜いた。

He finally got ahead of the rest of class.

2. outside; beyond

Noun (common) の-adj. Written w/ kanji only

3. nothing except; nothing but; nothing apart from; nothing aside from; no choice (but to)

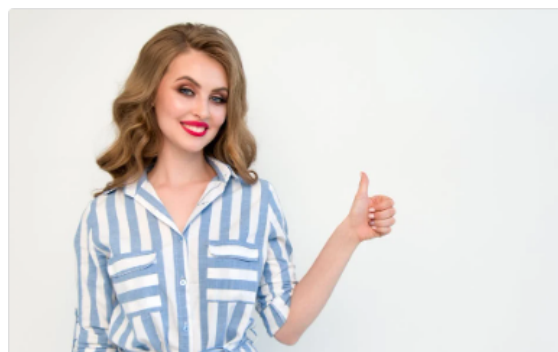
Adv. noun Written w/ kanji only

EXAMPLE

きり ほか なに み
霧の他には何も見えなかった。

We could see nothing but fog.

JLPT-N5 Vocab



よい
良い yoi

Common JLPT N1 JLPT N3 JLPT N5

Genki Ch. 3 Adj.

1. good; excellent; fine; nice; pleasant; agreeable

EXAMPLE

よい たび
良い旅を!

Have a nice trip.

2. sufficient; enough; ready; prepared

EXAMPLE

かれ さけ の よい ねんれい
彼は酒を飲んでも良い年齢だ。

He is old enough to drink.

3. profitable (deal, business offer, etc.); beneficial
4. OK; all right; fine; no problem



みせ
店 mise

Common JLPT N5 Genki Ch. 13 Noun (common)

1. store; shop; establishment; restaurant

EXAMPLE

かれ みせ い
彼は店に行った。

He went to the store.



せんせい
先生 sensei

Common JLPT N5 Genki Ch. 1 Noun (common)

1. teacher; instructor; master

EXAMPLE

せんせい く
先生が来る。

There comes our teacher.

2. intimate or teasing form of address

Familiar lang. Jocular, humorous



えいが
映画 eiga

Common JLPT N5 Genki Ch. 3 Noun (common)

の-adj.

1. movie; film

EXAMPLE

えいが い
映画に行くの?

Are you going to a movie?

JLPT-N5 Vocab



こども
子供 kodomo

Common JLPT N5 Genki Ch. 4 Noun (common)

1. child

EXAMPLE

こどもたち みんな
子供達は皆寝た。

All the children went to bed.



すこし
少し sukoshi

Common JLPT N5 Adverb Noun (common)

1. small quantity; little; few;
something

EXAMPLE

すこ はださむ
少し肌寒い。

There is a little chill in the air.

2. little while

EXAMPLE

すこ
もう少しいてはいかがですか。

Why don't you stay a little while?

3. short distance



しゃしん
写真 shashin

Common JLPT N5 Genki Ch. 4 Noun (common)

1. photograph; photo; picture;
snapshot; snap

EXAMPLE

しゃしん み
写真見せて。

Show me the picture.

2. movie

EXAMPLE

ニューズウィークでは、その元
えいが けいさつしょ はい
映画スターが警察署に入っていく
しゃしん おお の
写真を大きく載せていた。

Newsweek had a big picture of the
ex-movie star entering the police
station.



みる
見る miru

Common JLPT N5 Ichidan verb

1. to see; to look; to watch; to
view; to observe

Transitive verb

EXAMPLE

ばんぐみ み
この番組見る?

Do you want to watch this program?

2. to examine; to look over; to
assess; to check; to judge

Transitive verb

3. to look after; to attend to; to
take care of; to keep an eye on

Transitive verb

EXAMPLE

かれ ろうじん めんどう み
彼は老人なので、面倒を見るのは
きみ やくめ
君の役目だ。

Now that he is old, it is your duty to
look after him.

JLPT-N5 Vocab



だいがく
大学 daigaku

Common JLPT N5 Genki Ch. 1 Noun (common)

1. university; college

EXAMPLE

だいがくせい
大学生です。

I am a college student.

2. former central university of Kyoto (established under the ritsuryo system for the training of government administrators)

Abbr.

3. the Great Learning (one of the Four Books)



だれ
誰 dare

Common JLPT N1 JLPT N5 Genki Ch. 2

Pronoun

1. who

EXAMPLE

だれ
誰?

Who?



すき
好き suki

Common JLPT N5 Noun (common)

1. liked; well-liked; favourite; favorite

な-adj.

EXAMPLE

す た もの
好きな食べ物は?

What's your favourite food?

2. in love (with); loved; romantically interested (in)

な-adj.

EXAMPLE

かれ
彼らはそれが好きでした。

They loved it.

3. faddism; eccentricity

な-adj.

4. the way one likes; (as) it suits one

な-adj.



おおきな
大きな ookina

Common JLPT N5 pre-noun adj. (rentaishi)

1. big; large; great

EXAMPLE

おお いち ぽ
大きな一歩だよ。

That's a big step.

JLPT-N5 Vocab



いく
行く iku

Common JLPT N1 JLPT N5

Godan verb - いく special Intransitive verb

1. to go; to move (in a direction or towards a specific location); to head (towards); to be transported (towards); to reach

EXAMPLE

行くべきだ。

I ought to go.

2. to proceed; to take place
3. to pass through; to come and go
4. to walk

EXAMPLE

そこまで歩いて行くのはめんどくさい。

It's too much trouble to walk there.



でんわ
電話 denwa

Common JLPT N5 Genki Ch. 1 Noun (common)

の-adj.

1. telephone call; phone call

Noun/participle taking aux. verb する

EXAMPLE

でんわ
電話しよう。

Let's make a phone call.

2. telephone (device); phone

Abbr.

EXAMPLE

でんわ
電話です。

You are wanted on the phone.



がっこう
学校 gakkou

Common JLPT N5 Genki Ch. 3 Noun (common)

1. school

EXAMPLE

がっこう
学校はどう？

How's school?



もの
物 mono

Common JLPT N5 Genki Ch. 12 Noun (common)

1. thing; object; article; stuff; substance

EXAMPLE

わす もの
忘れ物ない？

Did you forget anything?

2. one's things; possessions; property; belongings

EXAMPLE

ブライアンは自分の物を置き忘れた。

Brian left his belongings behind.

3. things; something; anything; everything; nothing

EXAMPLE

わす もの
忘れ物ない？

Did you forget anything?

JLPT-N5 Vocab



いちばん
一番 ichiban

Common JLPT N3 JLPT N5 Genki Ch. 10

1. number one; first; first place

Noun (common) の-adj.

EXAMPLE

わたし いちばん
私が一番。

I'm first.

2. best; most

Adverb

EXAMPLE

けんこう いちばん
健康が一番です。

Health is the most important thing.

3. game; round; bout

Noun (common)

EXAMPLE

みずうみ あた いちばんふか
湖はこの辺りが一番深い。

The lake is deepest around here.



おんがく
音楽 ongaku

Common JLPT N5 Genki Ch. 3 Noun (common)

1. music

EXAMPLE

おんがく す
音楽は好き？

Do you like music?



あたらしい
新しい atarashii

Common JLPT N5 Genki Ch. 5 Adj.

1. new; novel; fresh; recent;
latest; up-to-date; modern

EXAMPLE

たまご あたら
この卵は新しい。

These eggs are fresh.



たかい
高い takai

Common JLPT N5 Genki Ch. 2 Adj.

1. high; tall

EXAMPLE

なみ たか
波が高い。

The waves are high.

2. expensive; high-priced

EXAMPLE

たか
でも高いよ。

It's expensive though.

3. high (level); above average (in
degree, quality, etc.)

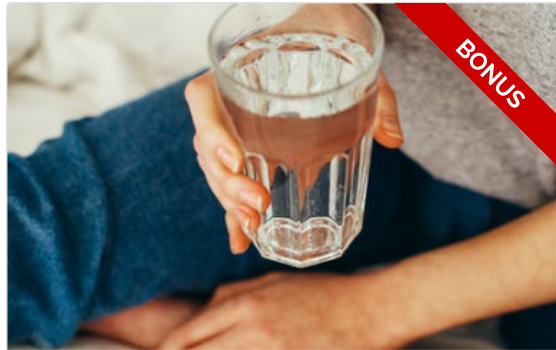
4. loud

EXAMPLE

かれ たか ね
彼は高いびきをかいて寝ていた。

He was snoring loudly while he
slept.

JLPT-N5 Vocab



みず
水 mizu

Common JLPT N5 Genki Ch. 3 Noun (common)

1. water (esp. cool, fresh water, e.g. drinking water)
2. fluid (esp. in an animal tissue); liquid

EXAMPLE

みず えきたい
水は液体である。

Water is a liquid.

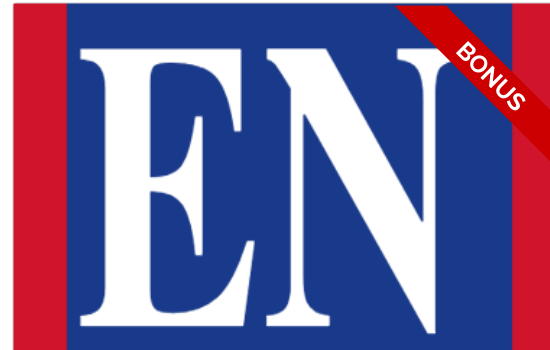
3. flood; floodwaters

EXAMPLE

はし おおみず なが
橋は大水で流された。

The bridge was carried away by the flood.

4. water offered to wrestlers just prior to a bout



えいご
英語 eigo

Common JLPT N5 Genki Ch. 1 Noun (common)

の-adj.

1. English (language)



しつもん
質問 shitsumon

Common JLPT N5 Genki Ch. 11 Noun (common)

Noun/participle taking aux. verb する の-adj.

1. question; inquiry; enquiry

EXAMPLE

しつもん
よい質問だ。

It's a good question.



ところ
所 tokoro

Common JLPT N5 Noun (common) Suffix

1. place; spot; scene; site

EXAMPLE

わが家^やにまさる所^{ところ}なし。

There is no place like home.

2. address

Written w/ kanji only

3. district; area; locality

Written w/ kanji only

EXAMPLE

しょうてんがい わたしたち いえ かんたん
その商店街は私達の家から簡単に
い びん よ ところ
行ける便の良い所にある。

The shopping district is easily accessible from our house.

4. one's house

Written w/ kanji only

5. point; aspect; side; facet

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