

#ret #incomplete #inclass #hw

1 | bento

1.1 | research

- japanese oldest historical record: the *Nihon Shoki*, 720 A.D.
 - mentions bento boxes as a way to have portable food, used especially while hunting
 - * specifically hawking, meaning hunting with the aid of a trained bird
- the word itself came from a military commander, Oda Nobunaga (born 1534)
- bento becomes necessary when you can't go home / to a designated eating location for meals
 - like soldiers, when the bento was invented
- became no longer about necessity
 - started being brought regularly to theaters
- also had a large surge in popularity during the rise of railroads and train stations
 - bento sold at these stations are called *ekiben*
- bento are originally designed from seed boxes used by farmers
 - hence the stackability, and compartments

1.2 | research sources

- [https://web-japan.org/kidsweb/virtual/bento/bento02.html#:~:text=The word "bento" is often, were distributed in this manner.](https://web-japan.org/kidsweb/virtual/bento/bento02.html#:~:text=The word \)