

Kanji introduction

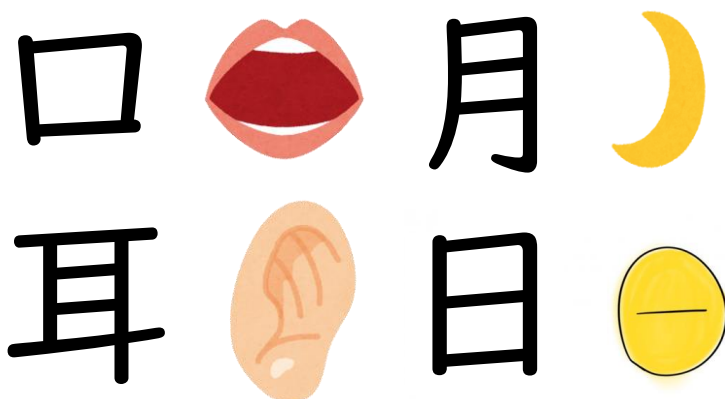
Kanji made from pictures

The ancient Chinese drew pictures of various things around them. These pictures have gradually been simplified and have taken on a square shape to make them easier to write.

Which goes with which kanji?

① 口 ② 目 ③ 耳 ④ 木

a.tree b.ear c.eye d.mouth



Kanji made from sign

Abstract ideas which are impossible to illustrate are indicated with the help of points and lines.

れい ① 一 ② 二 ③ 三 ④ 十

Reading Kanji

1. Usually Kanji has at least two ways of reading.

“**おんよみ**” derived from Chinese pronunciation

“**くんよみ**” derived from Japanese words