



# Official KanjiDamage deck

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## Description

This is the ultimate deck to learn Kanji with the [KanjiDamage](#) method.

This deck contains all the data you can find on the website: mnemonics, jukugo, look alikes, images and so on. And with an added bonus: stroke order diagrams.

This deck follows the original order from KanjiDamage. This means that the order you learn the kanji in is not based on their frequency. This is part of the philosophy of KanjiDamage (see <http://www.kanjidamage.com/introduction> "ARRANGING THE KANJI IN A RAD WAY"). The downside is that you learn some rather uncommon kanji early on, while some very common kanji are introduced very late. If you'd like to learn based on kanji frequency instead, check out my other deck: <https://ankiweb.net/shared/info/1917095458>

The deck is customizable. You can easily remove things you don't care about (like stroke order), or change what's shown on the cards (see "how to" section below).

By default, there are two types of cards:

- Reading cards show the kanji, and a jukugo (in kanji). I personally consider I got it right if I can remember the meaning, and either a kun reading or the reading of the jukugo.
- Writing cards show the meaning, and additional help: the onyomi, a kunyomi and a jukugo (in kana). I use the extra info to help me know which kanji we're talking about.

## How to

**Remove writing cards:** in the Desktop app, click on the deck, then on the Browse button. In the search field, type "deck:current card:write" and press enter. Select all cards and click "Suspend".

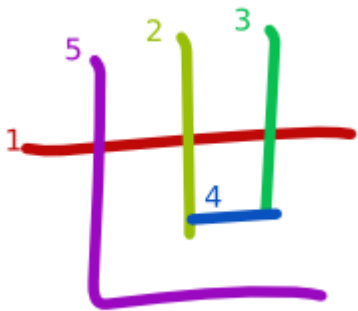
**Remove stroke order diagrams:** from the Tools menu, choose "Manage Note Types...". Select KanjiDamage in the list, and click the "Fields.." button. Select "Stroke order" from the list, and click the "Delete" button. Optional: to delete the stroke order images from your computer, select "Check Media..." from the Tools menu. It should list a bunch of files with names like "e382aa.png". Click the "Delete Unused" button.


## Revision history


- August 9 2015: update deck with latest data from the website. Rename deck to "official".
- Jan 22 2015: fix small issues in the data, added reading cards
- Nov 22 2014: initial upload


All the data comes directly from [kanjidadamage.com](http://kanjidadamage.com). Stroke order data comes from the KanjiVG project <http://kanjivg.tagaini.net/> (CC Attribution-Share Alike) with help from Kanji Colorize <https://github.com/cayennes/kanji-colorize> (Affero GPL). The deck also comes with the Noto Sans Japanese font (Apache License 2.0), to make sure the characters show correctly on Android.

## Sample (from 1757 notes)

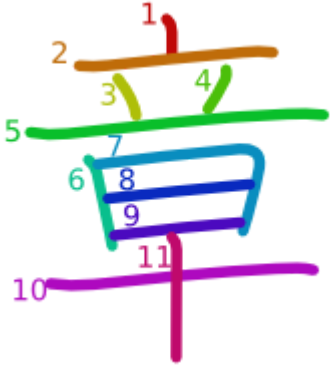
<b>Number</b>	1043
<b>Kanji</b>	世
<b>Meaning</b>	society
<b>Stroke order</b>	
<b>Components</b>	L (loser) + 一 (one/line radical) + 凵 (pit)
<b>Onyomi</b>	SE,YO
<b>Mnemonic</b>	To start a new society, populate a deserted island with kids you make when you have SEX with the rapper YO-YO. In this dog-eat-dog society, losers get shoved into a pit.
<b>Usefulness</b>	★★★★★
<b>First kunyomi</b>	
<b>First kunyomi meaning</b>	
<b>First kunyomi usefulness</b>	
<b>First jukugo</b>	世界[せかい]
<b>First jukugo meaning</b>	the world
<b>First jukugo usefulness</b>	★★★★★

<b>Full header</b>	世 society L (loser) + 一 (one/line radical) +  (pit) ★★★★★ 5 strokes BETA
<b>Description</b>	
<b>Full onyomi</b>	SE,YO To start a new society, populate a deserted island with kids you make when you have SEX with the rapper YO-YO.
<b>Full mnemonic</b>	In this dog-eat-dog society, losers get shoved into a pit.
<b>Full kunyomi</b>	
<b>Full jukugo</b>	世界(せかい) the world ★★★★★ 世 (society) + 界 (the world) = 世界 (the world) the world, as in "biggest in the world!" "fastest in the world!" 世の中(よのなか) the world ★★★★★ 世 (society) + 中 (middle) = 世の中 (the world) the social, everyday world - more poetic than 世界。 Used in dramatic declarations like, "I'm sick of this fuckin' world!" "I don't care about this life!" "Poor Kurt Cobain, he was just too sensitive for this cruel world!" Also, usually implies JUST Japanese society. 世論(よろん) public opinion ★★☆☆☆ 世 (society) + 論 (make a case for) = 世論 (public opinion) お世辞(せじ) flattery ★☆☆☆☆ 世 (society) + 辞 (quit) = 世辞 (flattery) お世話(せわ) する take care of ★☆☆☆☆ 世 (society) + 話 (conversation) = 世話 (take care of) to take care of someone sick or old or retarded. What your mom did.
<b>Full lookalikes</b>	
<b>Full used In</b>	葉
<b>Frequency ranking</b>	162
<b>Tags</b>	

<b>Number</b>	1625
<b>Kanji</b>	
<b>Meaning</b>	mohawk
<b>Stroke order</b>	
<b>Components</b>	(top radical)
<b>Onyomi</b>	
<b>Mnemonic</b>	
<b>Usefulness</b>	
<b>First kunyomi</b>	

First kunyomi meaning	
First kunyomi usefulness	
First jukugo	
First jukugo meaning	
First jukugo usefulness	
Full header	 mohawk (top radical)
Description	
Full onyomi	
Full mnemonic	
Full kunyomi	
Full jukugo	
Full lookalikes	
Full used In	當 勞 榮 學 覺 党 尚
Frequency ranking	200
Tags	

Number	156
Kanji	章
Meaning	emblem / chapter

<b>Stroke order</b>	
<b>Components</b>	立 (stand up) + 早 (early)
<b>Onyomi</b>	SHOU
<b>Mnemonic</b>	Stand up fast and SHOW me your badge.
<b>Usefulness</b>	★★☆☆☆
<b>First kunyomi</b>	
<b>First kunyomi meaning</b>	
<b>First kunyomi usefulness</b>	
<b>First jukugo</b>	文章[ぶんしょう]
<b>First jukugo meaning</b>	sentence
<b>First jukugo usefulness</b>	★★☆☆☆
<b>Full header</b>	章 emblem / chapter 立 (stand up) + 早 (early) ★★☆☆☆ 11 strokes BETAJERKPN
<b>Description</b>	JERK (it literally means 'badge or emblem' but usually is used in the context of 'sentence' or 'chapter.')
<b>Full onyomi</b>	SHOU
<b>Full mnemonic</b>	Stand up fast and SHOW me your badge.
<b>Full kunyomi</b>	
<b>Full jukugo</b>	文章(ぶんしょう) sentence ★★☆☆☆ 文 (culture/ sentence) + 章 (emblem / chapter) = 文章 (sentence) 第7章(だいななしょう) chapter 7 ★★☆☆☆ 第 (rank or number in series) + 章 (emblem / chapter) = 第7章 (chapter 7) 腕章(わんしょう) armband ★☆☆☆☆ 腕 (arm / skill) +


	章 (emblem / chapter) = 腕章 (armband) armband. Anytime you see an unemployed grand-dad with an armband, you can be sure he will poke his nose in someone's business and try to wreck their fun:"No smoking!" "No bicycle parking!" "No hammocks!"
Full lookalikes	Meaning Hint Radical 童 kid VILLAGE 里 章 emblem / chapter EARLY 早 The kid is from the VILLAGE, so he got his badge EARLY. (it's the village where they make the badges, I guess. Who knows at this point)
Full used In	障
Frequency ranking	945
Tags	


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Reviews


 on 2025-08-28  
greate

 on 2025-08-10  
Ok

 on 2025-06-16  
As a german native speaker and ESL (on a fairly decent english-level) this Deck explains a lot of aspects which never get addressed what so ever!  
Huge win.  
Maybe its just a different use of "structures" which are more reasonable? Maybe thats the case bc as native japanese speaker u would never consider any of these issues a real thing anyways.  
Probably the same issue: german native speaker issues vs. japanese native speaker learning german.

 on 2025-05-27  
I don't know how anyone can love that. It's ugly, it's overloaded with visual information that's useless, and it's full of personal interpretations (if you want 'memo tips', do it with your own opinion, like when you look at a cloud and see a different pattern).

 on 2025-05-16  
Great!

 on 2025-04-20  
Nicee

 on 2025-02-11

so autistic and funny desu na

 on 2025-02-08

Thanks

 on 2025-01-13

 on 2024-10-12

A tool to search KanjiDamage in the text.

[https://github.com/virdfel/kanjdamage\\_helper](https://github.com/virdfel/kanjdamage_helper)

 on 2024-09-25

The negative review made on 2024-05-19 was the best review and I think that this person should make a Card deck for us to Learn with the best way possible

 on 2024-08-30

What bothers me is not the vulgarity of this deck, but the considerable amount of "free interpretation" of various kanji. Often the same kanji have different meanings than in other decks.

 on 2024-08-04

The best anki deck to learn kanji

 on 2024-05-19

This is not a negative review i only want to get your attention because usually the negative comments are more visible. THE WHOLE POINT OF MNEMONICS IS TO MAKE ASSOCIATIONS AS EMOTIONAL AS POSSIBLE TO STICK TO THE BRAIN, IF THE MNEMONIC IS OFFENSIVE YOU WILL EVEN REMEMBER IT EVEN MORE BECAUSE YOU ARE FEELING A COGNITIVE DISSONANCE AND IT MAKES A BRIGHTER IMAGE. THEREFORE SAYING THAT IT WAS WRITTEN BY A KID OR IS TOO OFFENSIVE IS NOT EVEN AN ARGUMENT FOR A MNEMONIC THAT IS SUPPOSED TO STICK AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE.

 on 2024-05-09

Kanji damage is awesome and very effective. Yes some of it is vulgar and if you are very sensitive this deck may not be for you but personally the mnemonics help me to remember very well.

 on 2024-04-09

The best mnemonic-based method of learning kanji in isolation, period. Negative reviews are mostly snowflakes, if you grew up watching Simpsons, Futurama or South Park you'll have no problem with this, otherwise, there's KanjiDamage+ where they tone down the mnemonics. Also, To fix the problem of mnemonics not appearing on the back of the cards do this :

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- \* Click on the "kanjiDamage" note type
- \* Click on "Cards..."
- \* On the top select "Read Kanji -> Full header (...)"
- \* Write the following code on the "Back Template" Field:

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<h2>Mnemonic</h2>
```

{{Full mnemonic}}  
{{/Full mnemonic}}

 on 2024-03-07

KanjiDamage is the fucking best. Try it and you WILL see results.

 on 2024-03-06

Are the stroke orders not showing anymore for anyone else? It stopped working today. Some kanjis are straight up not displayed at all

 on 2024-03-01

BE WARNED: this deck is somewhat vulgar, sometimes bordering on pornographic. Like if you search "kick in the nuts" you will see a nice pair of cartoon balls used as a mnemonic aid.

I also advise you to try replace author's mnemonics with you own, as they will stick better.

This deck is also somewhat American-centric (i.e. some references to American culture that can be lost on you) and seem to assume that you are a native English speaker (like there is "moocow" word that is used by native kids, but which is unlikely to be known by adult non-native speakers).

 on 2024-02-26

Love it!

 on 2024-02-25

It's the usage notes for vocabulary that I really appreciate - no being introduced a word just because the kanji are simple only to find out nobody actually uses it

 on 2024-02-10

Great deck, makes it fun to learn. Some negative reviews seem to be really easily shocked. I'd say if you are not offended by the Simpsons you're good to go here

 on 2024-01-20

Truly epic

 on 2024-01-06

Some really awful humour here. I hate every single mnemonic and it's been a massive help. Thank you.

 on 2024-01-01

wanikani better

 on 2023-11-27

Cool

 on 2023-11-25

If you use dark version of Anki change original cardcontainer to this ->  
Tools -> Manage Note Types -> Cards -> Styling

```
.cardcontainer {
```



```
text-align: center;
color: black;
position: relative;
margin: 5px;
font-family: myfont, sans-serif;
    color: white;
}
```

 on 2023-11-12

This is working well for me. The best thing about this is the ordering of cards, so you build up your comprehension of kanji from radicals and simpler kanji up. What this means though is that ordering is not by frequency, so you really need to stick with this one until it's done.

The mnemonics are OK. It's good to have a mnemonic handy when your own imagination runs a little dry, and I find that offensive or ridiculous mnemonics help retain things better - I guess the brain retains shocking images better than mundane ones.

Also, I really appreciate having the stroke order on each card. Writing out the kanji (even air-writing) helps my retention, too, and feels therapeutic.

As for drawbacks, I guess one minor annoyance is that the ON reading is in romaji for some reason.

 on 2023-10-07

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I'm about 4 months and 750 kanji into this deck and while fiddling with the card layout I just realized that I NEVER SAW any of the actual mnemonics all this time (besides those included in the onyomi and the lookalikes tables which are few and far between). HOLY FRICK. The mnemonics are not displayed unless you manually add the {{Mnemonic}} field to the card's html layout which I just now did and discovered so many mnemonics I've been missing out on. So up until now I basically bruteforced the meanings of first 750 kanji into my head with next to no help, just my own notes field to disambiguate similar kanji (not that it wasn't working tho, my true retention is at 75% atm).

Other than that the deck is pretty good. I enjoy reading various cultural notes and random bits included in the descriptions and the jukugo section every now and then.

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 on 2023-08-05

with this deck you can easily learn 50 new kanji a day and review 200 of them both in a span of 2 hours (takes some practice to reach such a speed). what i do is focusing solely on onyomi and the mnemonics for the radicals, as a result i can ever write every kanji down off the top of my head without much trouble, let alone recognize them without ever confusing some of the look-a-likes. i also get myself familiar with the jukugo and kun readings the first time i learn a new kanji.

UPD. I'm sorry, I'm a bit late. Owing to certain conditions we had no opportunity to study consistently for the last 10 days, but now we're done, nano desu! <https://prnt.sc/a9ljWbMOLaPt>

Yes, it works, yes, it's worth it. We will continue studying kanji using yomichan and ryouflashcards. The latter still misses a lot of kanji that you might come across but it's still a very handy site. Learning Japanese was made so easy by lots of different people all across the English speaking world, all those tools like anki and yomichan... Almost feels like cheating, seriously. Good luck to everyone who's going to try it!

 on 2023-06-06

The problem is some important reading are not displayed, such as for the card for 品, the しな reading isn't anywhere while it is common, for exemple in 品物, also some readings in the exemples aren't even shown in the how-to-read section (onyomi, kunyomi), like 言, it says the kunyomi is い \* う only but where is こと, used in so much exemple words but not on the headline. I found this deck promising but I don't know if I can keep using it as I'm afraid I won't learn the good readings (plus I tried editing but Anki's use is too difficult so I can't change it myself)

 on 2023-05-08

The mnemonic method works really well, if you dont like it, create another for that particular kanji. The order of learning is really cool, from basic, then building complexes. Is true that the language and used topics are +18, but everyone is free to use other deck. As for me, I dont give a \*\*\*\*\*, Im learning a lot. Thank you author.

 on 2023-02-18

Can't believe this is recommended across the internet. I think everyone who is not disgusted by the mnemonics has to be damaged somehow.

 on 2023-02-02

Some mnemonics were really good. I had to fix those that were not racist, sexist, offensive enough, or those where the humor was too weird.

 on 2022-11-21

great method

 on 2022-11-01

A bunch of mnemonics are really offensive... AS THEY SHOULD

JK, maybe the selection of jukugo is not always perfect imo or some other silly things but is overall my favorite pure-kanji-complementary deck out there, learned a lot from it

 on 2022-09-13

good resource for kanji, but the author tries too hard to be edgy and 'politically incorrect'. also, usually doesn't have mnemonics to kun/onyomi of many kanji... which for me was the entire point of trying it out. i will stick to wanikani.

 on 2022-09-12

thanks

 on 2022-08-29

Some really awful humour here. I hate every single mnemonic and it's been a massive help. Thank you.

 on 2022-08-17

awesome, useful, amusing and better than wanikani imo. Also respect for the work.

 on 2022-08-01

written by an 8th grade kid. inappropriately offensive

 on 2022-05-14

very helpful

 on 2022-02-19

I started doing only a small amount of cards and then managed to recognise a kanji in a Japanese name shortly after, amazing!

 on 2021-12-20

After gathering information about various ways to learn kanji the KanjiDamage method seemed to make the most sense, especially because it had a sense of humor about itself. I'm about 60% of the way through the deck(with both writing and reading cards), at 25 new cards per day it has taken me 3 months. Looks like I will be able to finish it without too much difficulty, which I am pretty happy about.

 on 2021-11-23

I tried it and finished it, it works !!!

 on 2021-09-25

Good approach. Make your own mnemonics, that's the only way.

 on 2021-08-21

People who say "Eh, the humor is really offensive" are stupid normies.

 on 2021-08-05

Great deck

 on 2021-07-31

As of July 2021 a lot of this deck is just plain broken. Many cards are missing the mnemonic section. The information exists if you dig into the card data, but a lot of it just doesn't display at all.

For example, the 子 (child) card says it has an onyomi of "SHI" but the mnemonic section "That poor child —SHE has lived a total of one year!" doesn't actually show up anywhere on the card.

 on 2021-07-06

Great deck tbh and thanks so so much for making this deck. This will help any new learners. Note that the mnemonics use a bit harsh language but its great nonetheless

 on 2021-05-24

Great deck!

I noticed kanji 670 (閥, "clique") isn't in the deck - I added it myself.

 on 2021-05-04

Good

 on 2021-04-26

I want to like this deck, because I think the ordering and the way it builds the components is thoughtful. The author has also obviously put in a ton of time creating the deck, and his effort should be acknowledge. However, it's littered with formatting issues like mixed Japanese/roman text (especially punctuation) and untagged references in the mnemonics (e.g., the "trip" (旅) kanji references a "hitchhiker" component in its mnemonic, but it's not tagged as such: <http://www.kanjidamage.com/kanji/758-trip-%E6%97%85>). These formatting issues happen much more often than I'd like, and it ends up slowing me down fixing them versus spending time actually learning the kanji.

You might want to consider using WankKani's deck instead, even though I find its mnemonics to be more bland (and therefore, less useful), and its lack of stroke order images a missed opportunity.

 on 2021-03-20

Good way to learn progressively

 on 2021-03-16

a bunch of the mnemonics are really offensive  
easy to remember

 on 2021-02-26

Stoke order diagrams and division into read/write cards are both great additions. Good deck.

 on 2021-02-16

Like others have said, this is great for many reasons, like

1. It's free, unlike WaniKani. It's also self-paced, unlike WaniKani
2. It provides more information than both WaniKani and RTK

 on 2021-02-08

Loved it.

 on 2020-12-04

Really easy to learn!

 on 2020-10-30

Good quality lots of information

 on 2020-10-24

Please don't HAKU the white people,  
Really bad taste in some of the mnemonics.

 on 2020-08-06

Great deck

 on 2020-07-22

The deck that I use to learn new kanji.

 on 2020-07-17

Thank you for taking the time to make this.

 on 2020-07-16

Thanks for the deck

 on 2020-07-10

Love this deck, very entertaining and informative. The stroke order system with the colors is the best I've seen so far. One thing though, on my phone with Ankidroid when the kanji shows first, the onyomi and vocab examples also often appear underneath. Since I like to guess the onyomi, I have to hide that part of the screen with my finger raised. Also, the website is still HTTP only? A bit annoying but whatever. this deck is dope.

 on 2020-07-05

yeehaw cowpokes

 on 2020-06-28

Thanks. That is a lot of effort.

 on 2020-06-12

Лучшая колода для изучения кандзи, лучше просто не существует :)

 on 2020-05-17

Can anyone explain to me how you can edit the mnemonics? If I change them in the respective field, the cards just don't change...

 on 2020-04-26

Great for learning the reading AND vocab!

 on 2020-04-04

helpful  
not like my review

 on 2020-03-20

Yo mama

 on 2020-03-13

the order the kanji appear in is great: its like i+1 with radicals, feels very natural. i ended up rewriting every single mnemonic, though (i suggest everyone writes their own for kanji studies anyways, its much easier to remember that way)

 on 2020-02-20

Unusable

 on 2020-02-17

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 on 2020-01-23

I've found this much more approachable than RTK in helping me remember individual components of the kanji.

 on 2019-12-31

Great deck for learning the 1500 most useful kanji.

 on 2019-12-01

Excellent material!

 on 2019-11-17

It's very useful.

 on 2019-10-27

It's the by far best and most fun deck to teach myself kanjis. It's extremely detailed and I bet the creator put in tons of hours of work to deliver such a well-rounded and in-depth kanji experience. He connects all different kanjis and one learns how kanji are built upon one another.

For the longest time on my Japanese language journey I gave up on learning kanjis because there seemed to be no rational way to learn those except with mind killing bulk repetitions. This deck opened a new door and possibility for me to chase my long carried dream of being able to read Japanese. I already noticed improvements in readability after half a year of using the deck every few days. :)

Absolutely recommended!!

 on 2019-09-14

Amazing! I love it

 on 2019-09-08

Thanks, but mutants section missing (like in : waterleft in 水 water, fireleft, firebottom in 火 fire, etc...)

 on 2019-08-13

Supa Dupa

 on 2019-07-21

The best method by far!

 on 2019-07-19

Very good

 on 2019-07-18

a bunch of the mnemonics are really offensive

 on 2019-04-12

Great deck with useful mnemonics, but in 2019+ the mnemonics are starting to show their age; I'd encourage anyone using this to liberally change the jokes to something more relevant if you don't understand what they're referencing :P

 on 2019-04-02

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 on 2019-02-21

Great deck for intermediate-level Japanese speakers who haven't put their time in for learning Kanji. Organizing by kanji radical makes it easier to visually recognize and parse Kanji when seen in real-world situations and allows for easier mnemonic device strategies (even if you don't use the ones provided on the cards).

It is definitely not a deck for everyone, and has some fairly dated references to things like the Bush administration along with some low-effort jokes such as innuendo about moms that at times feel overly forced. If time is a factor in learning "essential" Japanese kanji for reading, or studying for a test, this deck might have limited usefulness as it is ordered in a practical way instead of the curriculum style that most lists go by (N5, N4... or 1st grade, 2nd grade... etc).

Provided that a student has a good vocabulary built up before starting this deck, it can be useful to learn a new kanji and then see that it is used in words that are already known down in the jukugo. This deck at the very least provides an excellent service in that it is an exception to the way others are structured.

 on 2019-02-17

Great work

 on 2019-01-27

Thanks for a great deck.

The Read notes don't show the full mnemonics and I had to add the following code to the back template:

```
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{{Full mnemonic}}  
{{/Full mnemonic}}
```

This seems to be missing Kanji #670 Clique

 on 2018-12-23

Anyone who download this kanji deck obviously noticed that this deck was meticulously created. It surely consumed alot of the time of the creator so at the end I cannot understand how someone can undervote such a massive deck. Is it obnoxious? Yes, it is. Can you change it? Yes, you can! If you did not like one or two or all mnemonics, use the deck to create them by yourself.

 on 2018-11-19

I gave a try to all the method to learn kanjis but this is by far the the best ressource to learn kanjis. I can't recommend it enough !

I've "created" a Kanji Damage extension for Google Chrome for those who are heavy user of KanjiDamage. The extension allows you to "Search KANJIDAMAGE fo X" in a new tab when you select and do a right click on a kanji in a piece of text.

For more info and to download the extension i have a created a post on KanjiDamage Forum :  
<https://www.tapataalk.com/groups/kanjidamagefr/google-chrome-extension-search-kanjidamage-for-t191.html>

 on 2018-11-03

Hell yeah

 on 2018-10-29

This is really helpful and complete. Thanks for the hard work.

 on 2018-10-07

Well researched, very effective way of learning kanji.

 on 2018-10-04

Naice

 on 2018-10-03

Very useful deck. I think you just need to tweak some of the stories to suit yourself. My advice to anyone is make a story that you can really VISUALIZE. You need some kind of strong trigger to the story too. If your story and trigger are weak, you'll end up forgetting them, and mixing them up with other kanji. Good luck!

 on 2018-09-18

The best and quickest resource currently available to study Kanji. Reasons:

1. Better than the traditional method of writing and learning kanjis because it uses mnemonics. Anyone who's tried both would know how mnemonics makes learning Kanji a whole lot faster.
2. Better than RTK. The RTK book uses old and boring keywords for the kanji meanings. The keywords here has an added element of humor making it easier to remember. Also, RTK book requires you to create your own mnemonics after a certain point. Although, if you do have the time, I concur that creating your own mnemonics makes the Kanji stay in your memory the strongest. However, with over 2000 Jouyou Kanji, creating your own mnemonics can be a real pain if you're feeling lazy or running short on time. Instead, you can modify the mnemonics here to suit your style of memory retention. This is a good compromise between creating your own mnemonics and using pre-made ones.
3. KanjiKoohi definitely has a good community curated collection of mnemonics for RTK. And these aren't really boring or old. However, KanjiDamage gives you mnemonics to remember Onyomi as well. This is just awesome. This is one of the understated advantages of KanjiDamage and makes it trump any other resource available.
4. WaniKani is quite good as well. But you cannot pace yourself according to your needs there. I've heard it could take up to 2 years to complete it. I don't want to wait so long. KanjiDamage in Anki lets me pace myself according to my available time for learning.

So in essence, this is the BEST resource for studying kanji.

Some people can find the mnemonics here somewhat offensive. That's there. But this deck gets the job done in



making you remember the meaning, onyomi and kunyomi of Kanji better and faster than any other resource available. So if you can bear the little offensiveness, you're all set to crack the Kanji juggernaut. Pros outweigh the cons by a huge margin.

Also, the reordered KanjiDamage deck makes you see results even faster since you learn the more frequently used Kanji first.

PS: I have done over 300 Kanji using the deck and planning to finish it fully. :)

 on 2018-08-23

Good deck, I like the learning order and I like the explanations of nuance. Thumbs down because many onyomi which are used very, very frequently are labeled "you don't need this" (you do need to know that 寝 is read 寝, actually), and it makes me suspicious of whether the "useless" joyo kanji he omitted actually are useless.

 on 2018-08-18

I used this deck to learn kanjis, and it worked! It's the only one that I could complete from start to finish, the other kanji decks to remember them were too boring for me, because a lot of kanjis in other decks are just not used or doesn't not explain his real use. In this deck I could learn the uses of these kanjis, which ones are actually used, good mnemonics (you can produce yourself the ones you want too of course), and it's funny to use too. I Really appreciate this deck a lot <3.

 on 2018-08-11

NOTE TO ANDROID (ankidroid) APP USERS:

you cannot follow the instructions to delete the "write" cards (english first) in the android app. You must first follow the instructions on the desktop, then EXPORT your modified deck on the desktop , then IMPORT it in the android app.

Created account just to say THANK YOU to the author of the deck for the work you put in, this is absolutely perfect. And thanks to creators of Anki, Ankidroid, and the guy who devised the Kanji Damage method. Learning japanese would be impossible without you guys. I love you!

 on 2018-08-07

Me parece bueno, no lo he utilizado pero me hago una idea por su contenido mostrado.

 on 2018-07-26

Best deck

 on 2018-07-19

KanjiDamage's method of teaching kanji makes sense, but this deck is by and large useless, thanks to one EXTREMELY large flaw - the cards are shown backwards, so instead of showing the kanji on the "question" side and all the factual information on the other, it's, well, backwards. Deleting the Write cards doesn't help much, because now all the cards are outta order!

Thanks for the attempt, but it's just no good.

EDIT:

Alright, so literally 5 minutes after posting this I resolved my issue. After deleting the Write cards as per the instructions, I had to re-order the cards.

Hit Tools > Fields, select Number and click "Sort by this field in the browser", close the Tools window, click

"Browse", select "Whole" in the left menu, select all (Ctrl-A or Edit > Select All), then Edit > Reposition, hit OK and you should be good to go! Instead of starting from Woman, it starts from One, as it rightfully should.

I'm still at a loss as to why the author decided showing English first was a good idea, but at least now you can fix what they fucked up!

EDIT 2:

Ok and a lot of information's just straight up missing, mainly mnemonics but also some jukugo for select words. Wack.

 on 2018-01-28

Gret way to lern japonese for the begenner!

 on 2018-01-23

Awesome resource.

Mnemonics are done in a perfect way that you'll never forget them.

Would have prefered to see the kanji first before the English meaning though. It's possible to edit it that way yourself, but I think it's valid criticism.

 on 2018-01-06

Tags are super helpful and getting quized on kanji to english and kanji it its KUN and ON reading makes it much easier to memorise them.

 on 2016-05-23

Good deck, except for one big downside: the onyomi readings are in romaji.

 on 2016-04-05

great list, but..

It shows the English meaning first which seems backwards unless your Japanese.

It should show the kanji and have you try to remember the English meaning and Japanese onyomi / kunyomi meanings.

I should be quizzed on the kanji not the English. is what I'm getting at.

now i have to edit the card format to even use it.

Its like seeing the answer to a math question and being expected guess the question itself. answer is is 6 is the answer 4+2 or 3+3 or 5+1? 3x2? 12/2?

just doesn't seem right...

 on 2016-01-18

Fails to maintain its own hierarchy...

The instructions above inform you to delete the "write" section if you do not need it.

But when I did that, it mixed the order of the cards, so the deck is no longer in the right order. I assume it detected some overlap with cards with the same title I had done in the past, even tho I had not done this deck in particular.

I had to start a clean profile to get the order to work, and even then it started on "woman" for some reason. Whatever. I will edit this review after about 20 hours of use.

 on 2015-10-15

Simply Amazing

I'm actually making progress using this deck. Makes being able to read and write kanji more palpable each day. Thank you for this.

 on 2015-08-11

Most Helpful Kanji Resource I've Ever Used!

The i+1 format of Kanji Damage has changed my entire view of kanji and learning kanji. Now, even when I come across unknown kanji in my immersion, I'm able to look at them as several separate units combined rather than a bunch of lines, which is how my Japanese class tried to teach them as...

Honestly, I've loved this deck from the start. The diagrams for writing are a major plus. Read/Write cards are slowing my progress a bit, as I'm working through both cards, but they help cement the kanji in my memory better than just Read cards would and I'm grateful for that.

I'm doing a quick "Kanji + Keyword" study, but the additional information is really useful and I'll read it on the first view of the card. Sometimes it's this information that will help make the card "click" if I have trouble remembering, though I don't mark myself wrong for not knowing it.

The pre-made mnemonics were most helpful when I first started up, as they removed the resistance towards the 'hard work' of making my own like with Heisig (RTK). When I don't like a mnemonic, I simply make my own. But for when I'm too tired or lazy to make my own, I can still keep my progress steady. (And honestly, some of the mnemonics are pretty amusing.)

I wouldn't let the "poor humour" of some of the cards prevent you from using KD. Simply hide the field and make your own mnemonics, because the gradual buildup of components will make kanji a breeze.

If you want to learn all the kanji like is recommended with RTK or AJATT, I'd definitely recommend trying out this deck. Learning kanji is FINALLY FUN.

To the creators of KD and this deck: THANK YOU!!

 on 2015-07-26

Best Kanji Deck

If you're a power-user like me, you'll come to appreciate the beauty of dividing information into fields. And regarding his mnemonics and explanations, if you don't like them, you could use your own or you could transfer RTK's mnemonics through a deck merge based on the Kanji, it's quite easy.

 on 2015-06-18

~Ultimately~ unhelpful KD deck

KanjiDamage is a nice resource, but the "descriptions" and "explanations" for remembering characters are obnoxious to say the least and aren't helpful at all.

 on 2015-03-18

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This deck has good features however I found the humour distasteful which put me off the deck entirely.

 on 2014-12-05

Best kanjidamage deck around

This deck is great, it has everything you need to start working your way through Kanjidamage.

The stroke order is a very nice add to the Kanjidamage method, if you want to learn how to properly write it too.

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