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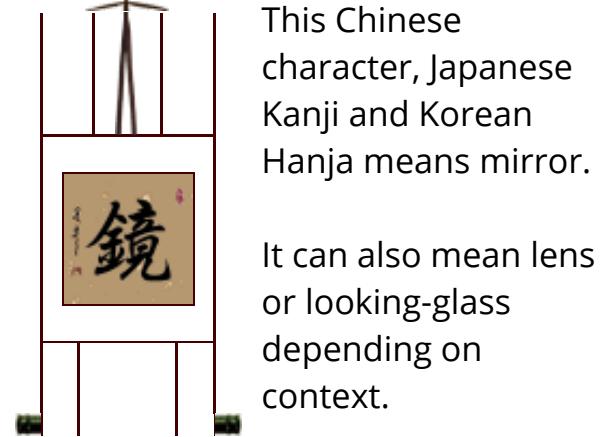
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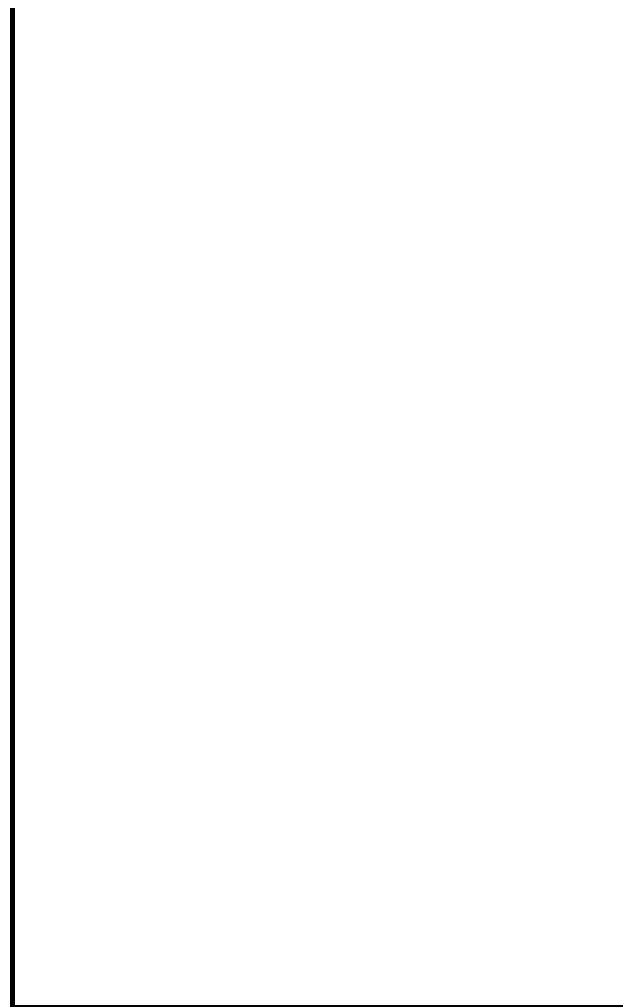
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Mirror

jìng kagami 경



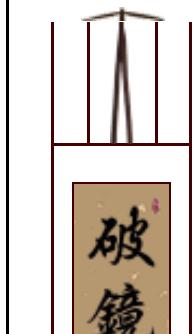
In Buddhism, this is the equivalent of ādarśa from Sanskrit meaning a mirror.



Broken Mirror Rejoined

Used in modern times for divorced couples that come back together

 pò jìng chóng yuán



A husband and wife separated and reunited.

About 1500 years ago in China, there lived a beautiful princess named Le Chang. She and her husband Xu De Yan loved each other very much. But when the army of the Sui Dynasty was about to attack their kingdom, disposed of all of their worldly possessions and prepared to flee into exile.



They knew that in the chaos, they might lose track of each other, so the one possession they kept was a bronze mirror which is a symbol of unity for a husband and wife. They broke the mirror into two pieces, and each of them kept half of the mirror. They decided that if separated, they would try to meet in the fair during the 15th day of the first lunar month (which is the lantern festival). Unfortunately, the occupation was brutal, and the princess was forced to become the mistress of the new commissioner of the territory, Yang Su.

At the Lantern Festival the next year, the husband came to the fair to search for his wife. He carried with him, his half of the mirror. As he walked through the fair, he saw the other half of the mirror for sale at a junk market by a servant of the commissioner. The husband recognized his wife's half of the mirror immediately, and tears rolled down his face as he was told by the servant about the bitter and loveless life that the princess had endured.

As his tears dripped onto the mirror, the husband scratched a poem into his wife's half of the mirror:

You left me with the severed mirror,
The mirror has returned but absent are you,
As I gaze in the mirror I seek your face,
I see the moon, but as for you, I see not a trace.

The servant brought the inscribed half of the mirror back to the princess. For many days, the princess could not stop crying when she found that her husband was alive and still loved her.

Commissioner Yang Su, becoming aware of this saga realized that he could never obtain the love of the princess. He sent for the husband and allowed them to reunite.

This proverb in Chinese is now used to describe a couple who has been torn apart for some reason (usually divorce), but have come back together (or remarried).

It seems to be more common these days in America for divorced couples to reconcile and get married to each other again. This would be a great gift if you know someone who is about to remarry their ex.

No Mind / Mushin



wú xīn

mu shin

무심

In Japanese, this word means innocent, or one with no knowledge of good and evil. It literally means "without mind".

This is one of the five spirits of the warrior (budo), and is often used as a Japanese martial arts tenet. Under that context, places such as the [Budo Dojo](#) define it this way: "No mind, a mind without ego. A mind like a mirror which reflects and does not judge." The original term was "mushin no shin", meaning, "mind of no mind." It is a state of mind without fear, anger, or anxiety. Mushin is often described by the phrase, "mizu no kokoro", which means, "mind like water". The phrase is a metaphor describing the pond that clearly reflects its surroundings when calm, but whose images are obscured once a pebble is dropped into its waters.

This has a good meaning in conjunction with Chan / Zen Buddhism in Japan. However, out of that context, it means mindlessness or absent-minded. To non-Buddhists in China, this is associated with doing something without thinking. In Korean, this usually means indifference.

Use caution and know your audience before ordering this selection.

More info: [Wikipedia: Mushin](#)

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Character Images	Characters / Kanji If shown, second row is Simplified Chinese	Pronunciation Romanization	Simple Dictionary Definition

 see styles	 <p> ■ pán // qiáng / pan2 // qiang2 ■ p'an // ch'iang / pan // chiang </p>	■ classifier for strips of land or bamboo, shops, factories etc; slit bamboo or chopped wood (dialect); "piece of wood" radical in Chinese characters (Kangxi radical 90), mirror image of 片[pian4] Buy custom calligraphy wall scroll
 see styles	 <p> ■ jìng / jing4 ■ ching ■ kagami かがみ </p>	■ mirror; lens ■ (1) mirror; looking-glass; (2) barrel head; Mira (female given name) ādarśa. A mirror. More info / calligraphy: Mirror
 see styles	 <p> ■ jiàn / jian4 ■ chien ■ kagami かがみ </p>	■ example; mirror; to view; reflection; to reflect; to inspect; to warn; (ancient bronze mirror) ■ model; pattern; Miru (female given name) A mirror 明鑑; to note, survey, 鑑察. Buy custom calligraphy wall scroll
主鏡 see styles	主鏡  shukyou / shukyo しゅきょう	■ primary mirror (of a telescope); main mirror Buy custom calligraphy wall scroll
一鏡 see styles	一鏡  ■ yī jìng / yi1 jing4 ■ i ching ■ ikkyō いつきょう	■ Ikkyou (surname) a single mirror Buy custom calligraphy wall scroll
二如 see styles	二如  ■ èr rú / er4 ru2 ■ erh ju ■ ninyo	There are various definitions of the two aspects of the 眞如 bhūtatathatā. (1) (a) 不變眞如 The changeless essence or substance, e.g. the sea; (b) 隨緣眞如 its conditioned or ever-changing forms, as in the phenomenal world, e.g. the waves. (2) (a) 離言眞如 The inexpressible absolute, only mentally conceivable; (6) 依言眞如 aspects of it expressible in words, its ideal reflex. (3) (a) 空眞如 The absolute as the void, e.g. as space, the sky, a clear mirror; (b) 不空眞如 the absolute in manifestation, or phenomenal, e.g. images in the mirror: the womb

of the universe in which are all potentialities. (4) (a) 在纏眞如The Buddha-nature in bonds, i.e. all beings in suffering; (b) 出纏眞如the Buddha-nature set free by the manifestation of the Buddha and bodhisattvas. (5) (a) 有垢眞如The Buddha-nature defiled, as in unenlightened man, etc., e.g. the water-lily with its roots in the mud; (b) 無垢眞如 the pure Buddha-nature, purified or bright as the full moon. (6) 安立 and 非安立眞如 similar to the first definition given above.

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五法 see styles	五法  wǔ fǎ / wu3 fa3  wu fa <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> gohō	<p>pañcadharma. The five laws or categories, of which four groups are as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> I. 相名五法 The five categories of form and name: (1) 相 appearances, or phenomena; (2) 名 their names; (3) 分別 sometimes called 妄想 ordinary mental discrimination of them—(1) and (2) are objective, (3) subjective; (4) 正智 corrective wisdom, which corrects the deficiencies and errors of the last: (5) 如如 the 眞如 Bhutatathata or absolute wisdom, reached through the 如理智 understanding of the law of the absolute, or ultimate truth. II. 事理五法 The five categories into which things and their principles are divided: (1) 心法 mind; (2) 心所法 mental conditions or activities; (3) 色法 the actual states or categories as conceived; (4) 不相應法 hypothetic categories, 唯識 has twenty-four, the Abhidharma fourteen; (5) 無爲法 the state of rest, or the inactive principle pervading all things; the first four are the 事 and the last the 理. III. 理智五法 cf. 五智; the five categories of essential wisdom: (1) 真如 the absolute; (2) 大圓鏡智 wisdom as the great perfect mirror reflecting all things; (3) 平等性智 wisdom of the equal Buddha nature of all beings; (4) 妙觀察智 wisdom of mystic insight into all things and removal of ignorance and doubt; (5) 成所作智 wisdom perfect in action and bringing blessing to self and others. IV. 提婆五法 The five obnoxious rules of Devadatta: not to take milk in any form, nor meat, nor salt; to wear unshaped garments, and to live apart. Another set is: to wear cast-off rags, beg food, have only one set meal a day, dwell in the open, and abstain from all kinds of flesh, milk, etc. <p>Buy custom calligraphy wall scroll</p>
五智	五智	 wǔ zhì <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Gochi (place-name/surname)

[see styles](#)

/ wu3 zhi4

wu chih

gochi ごち

The five kinds of wisdom of the 真言宗 Shingon School. Of the six elements 六大 earth, water, fire, air (or wind), ether (or space) 曇空, and consciousness (or mind 識), the first five form the phenomenal world, or Garbhadhātu, the womb of all things 胎藏界, the sixth is the conscious, or perceptive, or wisdom world, the Vajradhātu 金剛界, sometimes called the Diamond realm. The two realms are not originally apart, but one, and there is no consciousness without the other five elements. The sixth element, vijñāna, is further subdivided into five called the 五智 Five Wisdoms: (1) 法界體性智 dharmadhātu-prakṛti-jñāna, derived from the amala-vijñāna, or pure 識; it is the wisdom of the embodied nature of the dharmadhātu, defined as the six elements, and is associated with Vairocana 大日, in the centre, who abides in this samādhi; it also corresponds to the ether 空 element. (2) 大圓鏡智 adarśana-jñāna, the great round mirror wisdom, derived from the ālaya-vijñāna, reflecting all things; corresponds to earth, and is associated with Akṣobhya and the east. (3) 平等性智 samatā-jñāna, derived from mano-vijñāna, wisdom in regard to all things equally and universally; corresponds to fire, and is associated with Ratnasambhava and the south. (4) 妙觀察智 pratyavekṣaṇa-jñāna, derived from 意識, wisdom of profound insight, or discrimination, for exposition and doubt-destruction; corresponds to water, and is associated with Amitābha and the west. (5) 成所作智 kṛtyānuṣṭhāna-jñāna, derived from the five senses, the wisdom of perfecting the double work of self-welfare and the welfare of others; corresponds to air 風 and is associated with Amoghasiddhi and the north. These five Dhyāni-Buddhas are the 五智如來. The five kinds of wisdom are the four belonging to every Buddha, of the exoteric cult, to which the esoteric cult adds the first, pure, all-reflecting, universal, all-discerning, and all-perfecting.

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龜鑑

龜鑑

kikan きかん

pattern; example; model; paragon; mirror; Kikan (given name)

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反射

反射

fǎn shè

to reflect; reflection (from a mirror etc); reflex (i.e. automatic reaction of

see styles		/ fan3 she4 fan she hansha はんしゃ	organism) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (noun/participle) (1) reflection; reverberation; (2) reflex (medical); Buy custom calligraphy wall scroll
反映 see styles	反映	fan yìng / fan3 ying4 fan ying hanei / hane はんえい	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> to mirror; to reflect; mirror image; reflection; (fig.) to report; to make known; to render <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (noun/participle) (1) reflection (light, image, situation, attitude, etc.); reflecting; (2) influence; application (e.g. of an update); Buy custom calligraphy wall scroll
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大鑑 see styles	大鑑	dà jiàn / da4 jian4 ta chien taikan たいかん	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> encyclopedia great mirror Buy custom calligraphy wall scroll
好照 see styles	好照	hǎo zhào / hao3 zhao4 hao chao kōshō よしてる	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yoshiteru (given name) Good at shining, a mirror.
姿見 see styles	姿見	sugatami すがたみ	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> dresser; full-length mirror; Sugatami (surname) Buy custom calligraphy wall scroll
對映 see styles	對映 对映	duì yìng / dui4 ying4 tui ying	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> to be the mirror image of something; enantiomorphic; antipodal; enantiomeric (chemistry) Buy custom calligraphy wall scroll
心鏡 see styles	心鏡 心镜	xīn jìng / xin1 jing4 hsin ching 心	The heart-mirror, or mirror of the mind, which must be kept clean if it is to reflect the Truth. Buy custom calligraphy wall scroll

		kokoro no kagami	
圓鏡 see styles	圓鏡 圆镜	yuán jìng / yuan2 jing4 yüan ching <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> en kyō	round mirror Buy custom calligraphy wall scroll
和鏡 see styles	和鏡	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> wakyou / wakyo わきょう	Japanese-style mirror Buy custom calligraphy wall scroll
円鏡 see styles	円鏡	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> marukagami まるかがみ enkyou / enkyo えんきょう	round mirror; Enkyou (given name) Buy custom calligraphy wall scroll
凸鏡 see styles	凸鏡 凸镜	tū jìng / tu1 jing4 t'u ching / tu ching <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> tokkyou / tokkyo とっきょう	convex mirror convex mirror Buy custom calligraphy wall scroll
凹鏡 see styles	凹鏡 凹镜	āo jìng / ao1 jing4 ao ching	concave mirror Buy custom calligraphy wall scroll
副鏡 see styles	副鏡	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> fukukyou / fukukyo ふくきょう	secondary mirror (in a reflecting telescope) Buy custom calligraphy wall scroll
四智 see styles	四智	sì zhì / si4 zhi4 ssu chih <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> shichi	<p>The four forms of wisdom of a Buddha according to the 法相 Dharmalakṣana school: (1) 大圓鏡智 the great mirror wisdom of Akṣobhya; (2) 平等性智 the universal wisdom of Ratnaketu; (3) 妙觀察智 the profound observing wisdom of Amitābha; (4) 成所作智 the perfecting wisdom of Amoghasiddhi. There are various other groups.</p> Buy custom calligraphy wall scroll
四鏡 see styles	四鏡 四镜	sì jìng / si4 jing4 ssu ching <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> shi kyō	Yotsukagami (surname) <p>The four resemblances between a mirror and the bhūtatathatā in the</p>

		よつかがみ	Awakening of Faith 起信論. The bhūtatathatā, like the mirror, is independent of all beings, reveals all objects, is not hindered by objects, and serves all beings.
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倭 鏡 see styles	倭鏡	wakyou / wakyo わきょう	Japanese-style mirror Buy custom calligraphy wall scroll
倒 寫 see styles	倒寫 倒写	dào xiě / dao4 xie3 tao hsieh	mirror writing; upside down writing Buy custom calligraphy wall scroll
業 鏡 see styles	業鏡 业镜	yè jìng / ye4 jing4 yeh ching gō kyō かずみ	Kazumi (personal name) Karma-mirror, that kept in Hades reveals all karma. Buy custom calligraphy wall scroll
橋 掛 see styles	橋掛	hashigakari はしがかり	(irregular okurigana usage) covered bridge passageway connecting the backstage (mirror room) to the noh stage Buy custom calligraphy wall scroll

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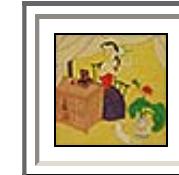


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Professional calligraphers are getting to be hard to find these days.

Instead of drawing characters by hand, the new generation in China merely type roman letters into their computer keyboards and pick the character that they want from a list that pops up.

There is some fear that true Chinese calligraphy may become a lost art in the coming years. Many art institutes in China are now promoting calligraphy programs in hopes of keeping this unique form of art alive.



Even with the teachings of a top-ranked calligrapher in China, my calligraphy will never be good enough to sell. I will leave that to the experts.



The same calligrapher who gave me those lessons also attracted a crowd of thousands and a TV crew as he created characters over 6-feet high. He happens to be ranked as one of the top 100 calligraphers in all of China. He is also one of very few that would actually attempt such a feat.

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Successful Chinese Character and Japanese Kanji calligraphy searches within the last few hours...

Creativity	Humility	Miss You	Ninpo	Remember	Tiger
Fighter	I Love You	Ninja	No Limitations	Sexy	True Love
Honor	Loyalty	Ninjutsu	Rebirth	Surrender	

With so many searches, we had to upgrade to our own Linux server.
Of course, only one in 500 searches results in a purchase - Hey buy a wall scroll!!!

See: [Our list of specifically Japanese Kanji Calligraphy Wall Scrolls](#). And, check out [Our list of specifically old Korean Hanja Calligraphy Wall Scrolls](#).

The following table is only helpful for those studying Chinese (or Japanese), and perhaps helps search engines to find this page when someone enters Romanized Chinese or Japanese

Title	Characters Simplified Traditional	Romaji (Romanized Japanese)	Various forms of Romanized Chinese	
Mirror	鏡 鏡	kagami	jīng jīng ching	jīng4
Broken Mirror Rejoined	破鏡重圓 破鏡重圓	n/a	pò jìng chóng yuán po jing chong yuan p`o ching ch'ung yüan	po4 jing4 chong2 yuan2 pojingchongyuan pochingchungyüan po ching chung yüan
No Mind / Mushin	無心 無心	mu shin mushin	wú xīn wu xin wu hsin	wu2 xin1 wuxin

Some people may refer to this entry as Mirror Kanji, Mirror Characters, Mirror in Mandarin Chinese, Mirror Characters, Mirror in Chinese Writing, Mirror in Japanese Writing, Mirror in Asian Writing, Mirror Ideograms, Chinese Mirror symbols, Mirror Hieroglyphics, Mirror Glyphs, Mirror in Chinese Letters, Mirror Hanzi, Mirror in Japanese Kanji, Mirror Pictograms, Mirror in the Chinese Written-Language, or Mirror in the Japanese Written-Language.

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