

JLPT N5 Kanji Chart

103 Essential Kanji for Beginners

Numbers

Kanji	On'yomi	Kun'yomi	Meaning
一	ICHI, ITSU	hito(tsu), hito-	one
二	NI	futa(tsu), futa-	two
三	SAN	mit(tsu), mi-	three
四	SHI	yo(ttsu), yu(tsu), yo-, yon-	four
五	GO	itsu(tsu), itsu-	five
六	ROKU	mutt(su), mu(tsu), mu, mui	six
七	SHICHI	nana(tsu), nana-, nano-	seven
八	HACHI	yat(tsu), ya(tsu), ya-, you-	eight
九	KYUU, KU	kokono(tsu), kokono-	nine
十	JUU, JI	too, to-	ten, cross
百	HYAKU		hundred
千	SEN	chi	thousand
万	MAN, BAN		ten thousand, all, many

Environment

Kanji	On'yomi	Kun'yomi	Meaning
雨	U	ame	rain
火	KA	hi	fire
花	KA	hana	flower, blossom
気	KI, KE		soul, spirit
魚	GYO	sakana, uo	fish
金	KIN, KON	kane	gold, metal, money
空	KUU	sora, a(keru), kara	sky, to become free, empty

月	GETSU, GATSU	tsuki	month, moon
山	SAN	yama	mountain
水	SUI	mizu	water
川	SEN	kawa	river
天	TEN	ame, ama	sky
電	DEN		electricity
土	DO, TO	tsuchi	earth, ground
日	NICHI, JITSU	hi, -ka	day, sun
木	BOKU, MOKU	ki, ko	tree, wood

People and Human Body

Kanji	On'yomi	Kun'yomi	Meaning
口	KOU, KU	kuchi	mouth
子	SHI, SU	ko	child
耳	JI	mimi	ear
手	SHU	te	hand
女	JO, NYO	onna, me	woman, female
人	JIN, NIN	hito	person
生	SEI, SHOU	i(kiru), u(mu), ha(yasu), nama, ki	to live, to grow, to be born, raw
足	SOKU	ashi, ta(riru), ta(su)	foot, to be sufficient, to add
男	DAN, NAN	otoko	man, male
父	FU	chichi	father
母	BO	haha	mother
名	MEI, MYOU	na	name, reputation
目	MOKU	me	eye
友	YUU	tomo	friend

Directions and Prepositions

Kanji	On'yomi	Kun'yomi	Meaning
右	U, YUU	migi	right
下	KA, GE	shimo, sa(geru), o(rosu), ku(daru)	below, down
外	GAI, GE	soto, hoka, hazu(reru), hazu(su)	outside, other, disconnect
後	GO, KOU	ato, oku(reru), nochi	after, later, back, to stay behind
左	SA	hidari	left
上	SHOU, JOU	ue, kami, a(geru), a(garu)	above, upper
西	SEI, SAI	nishi	west
前	ZEN	mae	before
中	CHUU	naka	inner, center, between
東	TOU	higashi	east
南	NAN	minami	south
北	HOKU	kita	north

Verbs

Kanji	On'yomi	Kun'yomi	Meaning
飲	IN	no(mu)	to drink
会	KAI, E	a(u)	to meet, to come together, society
学	GAKU	mana(bu)	school, science, learning
休	KYUU	yasu(mu)	to rest
見	KEN	mi(ru), mi(eru), mi(seru)	to see, to be visible, to show
言	GEN, GON	i(u)	word, to talk
行	KOU	i(ku), yu(ku), okona(u)	to walk, to go, to do, to carry out
出	SHUTSU	da(su), de(ru)	to leave, to get out, to take out
書	SHO	ka(ku)	to write
食	SHOKU	ta(beru), ku(ru), ku(rau)	to eat
読	DOKU	yo(mu)	to read
入	NYUU	hai(ru), i(ru), i(reru)	to enter, to insert
買	BAI	ka(u)	to buy

分	BUN, BU, FUN	wa(keru), wa(kareru), wa(karu)	part, minute, to divide, to understand
聞	BUN, MON	ki(ku), ki(koeeru)	to hear, to listen, to ask
来	RAI	ku(ru), kita(ru), kita(su)	to come
立	RITSU	ta(tsu), ta(teru)	to stand, to establish
話	WA	hanashi, hana(su)	speech, to talk, story, conversation

Adjectives

Kanji	On'yomi	Kun'yomi	Meaning
安	AN	yasu(i)	peace, cheap, safety
古	KO	furu(i)	old, used
高	KOU	taka(i), taka(maru), taka(meru)	high, expensive, increase, quantity
小	SHOU	chii(sai), ko-, o-	small
少	SHOU	suko(shi), suku(nai)	a little
新	SHIN	atara(shii), ara(ta), nii-	new
多	TA	oo(i)	many
大	DAI, TAI	ou(kii), oo(i)	big, a lot
長	CHOU	naga(i)	long, leader
白	HAKU, BYAKU	shiro(i), shiro	white
半	HAN	naka(ba)	half, middle, semi-

Miscellaneous

Kanji	On'yomi	Kun'yomi	Meaning
駅	EKI		station
円	EN	maru(i)	circle, Yen, round
何	KA	nani	what, how many, which
間	KAN, KEN	aida	time, time span
午	GO		noon
語	GO	kata(ru), kata(rau)	word, to talk

校	KOU		school
国	KOKU	kuni	country
今	KON, KIN	ima	now
時	JI	toki	time, hour
車	SHA	kuruma	car, wheel
社	SHA	yashiro	shinto shrine, society
週	SHUU		week
先	SEN	saki	before, in future
店	TEN	mise	shop
道	DOU	michi	street, path
年	NEN	toshi	year
本	HON	moto	book, source, main-
每	MAI		each, every