

Kanji Close-up

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Kanji	Reading	Meaning	1 st character	2 nd character
梅	うめ	Plum	Plum	
名所	めい・しよ	Famous place	Name	Place
観梅	かん・ばい	Plum blossom viewing	To watch, to view	Plum
梅酒	うめ・しゅ	Plum wine	Plum	Alcohol
梅干し	うめ・ぼ・し	Pickled plum	Plum	Dry
弁当	べん・とう	Lunch box	To provide	To allocate, to assign
梅雨 ¹	つ・ゆ/ばい・う	Rainy season	Plum	Rain

¹”ばい” is how “梅雨” was pronounced when it was brought from China. Both 「ばい」 and 「つゆ」 is still in common use, but 「ばい」 is usually not used by itself, but together with other words, for example 「梅雨前線^{ばいうぜんせん}」 which means “Rain front”.