



Kanji Close-Up for Beginner Lesson #37 - Quiet Night

Kanji	Reading	Meaning	1st character	2nd character	3rd character
静か ¹	しず・か	Quiet	静・Quiet		
暖かい ²	あたたか・い	Warm	暖・Warm		
最高 ³	さい・こう	Great(est), best	最・Most	高・Tall, high	
五月蠅い ⁴	うるさ・い	Noisy, loud	五・Five	月・Moon, month	蠅・Fly(insect)
大嫌い	だい・きら・い	Hate, dislike strongly	大・Big, great	嫌・Hate	

1The character 静 consists of 2 characters. To the left, 青, blue, and to the right, 争, to battle. But the character 青 originally comes from 清, which means clean, calm, etc. “Calm the battle” becomes “Quiet”.

2 暖 is made out of the characters meaning “sun”, 日, and 緩, a character meaning “to become loose” or “to soften”. In Japanese they say “寒さが緩んできた” which directly translated means “the cold has softened”, or, “it is becoming warmer”. Notice that the right part of 緩む is the same as the right part of 暖. Combine this part with 日 to the right, and we got 暖かい. The sun is softening the cold.

3 最高 is usually used to describe feelings, prices and other abstract things. You don't usually use it to describe objects.

4 五月 is the 5th month, May. During May, the flies, 蠅, are at their loudest and most energetic. From this, we get the word 五月蠅い.

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Practice Sheet

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静	静	静	静					月	月	月	月				
暖	暖	暖	暖					蠅	蠅	蠅	蠅				
最	最	最	最					大	大	大	大				
高	高	高	高					嫌	嫌	嫌	嫌				
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