



Kanji Close-Up for Beginner Lesson #39 - The Art Museum

Kanji	Reading	Meaning	1st character	2nd character	3rd character
美術館 ¹	び・じゅつ・かん	Art gallery	美・Beautiful	術・Technique, Art	館・Building
展覧会	てん・らん・かい	Exhibition	展・Display	覧・Look	会・Meeting
有名	ゆう・めい	Famous	有・Being	名・Name	
絵 ²	え	Picture	糸・Thread	会・Gathering	
素晴らしい ³	す・ば・らしい	Wonderful	素・Pure	晴・Sunny	

1術 is translated as “Art” in today’s podcast, but it also means “Technique”. Other words using this character includes 手術・Operation(as in surgery), 馬術・Riding technique, etc.

2絵 is composed of two parts, 糸 the character for thread, and 会 the character for gathering. When threads get gathered, it shows some color patterns, which turns into a picture.

3素晴らしい comes from the word すばる, which is a word used during the edo period meaning “to shorten”. The original meaning of 素晴らしい is “Terrible”, but evolved into the current word meaning “Fantastic / wonderful”.

Practice Sheet

美	美	美	美						会	会	会	会					
術	術	術	術						有	有	有	有					
館	館	館	館						名	名	名	名					
展	展	展	展						絵	絵	絵	絵					
覧	覧	覧	覧						素	素	素	素					