

LESSON NOTES

# Yojijukugo #3

## Extreme Highs and Lows

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# GRAMMAR

Today's Yojjukugo(四字熟語)(1)	意気投合
Kana	いきとうごう
Romaji	ikitōgō
Meaning	to get along really well or to hit it off fantastically at the first meeting

	1st Kanji	2nd Kanji	3rd Kanji	4th Kanji
四字熟語	意	気	投	合
Kana	い	き	とう	ごう
Rōmaji	i	ki	tō	gō
Meaning	Idea	Mind	Throw	Fit

## History, Definition, Similar Expression, etc.

Iki(意気) means "mind and idea."

Tōgō(投合) means "two things that completely match each other."

It can be followed by suru (する) if you want to use it as a verb, as in ikitōgō suru (意気投合する).

## Usage, Context

This expression is used when people who are not familiar with each other get along smoothly or find themselves kindred spirits as soon as they talk about topics which are interesting to both of them, such as similar hobbies.

## Sample Sentences

彼女のお父さんと、野球の話で意気投合して、今度一緒に野球を見に行くことになったよ。  
かのじよのおとうさんと、やきゅうのはなしでいきとうごうして、こんどいっしょにやきゅうをみにいくことになったよ。

*Kanojo no o-tō-san to, yakyū no hanashi de ikitōgō shite, kondo issho ni yakū o mi ni iku koto ni natta yo.*

I got along really well with my girlfriend's father, and we're going to see a baseball game together next time.

あいつも俺も、車好きだから、初めて会ったときからその話で意気投合したよ。

あいつもおれも、くるまずきだから、はじめてあったときからそのはなしでいきとうごうしたよ。  
*Aitsu mo ore mo, kuruma zuki da kara, hajimete atta toki kara sono hanashi de ikitōgō shita yo.*

Both he and I like cars. So, when we met for the first time, we talked about that and hit it off great.

昨日、飲み屋でたまたま隣に座った人と、釣りの話で意気投合したよ。

きのう、のみやでたまたまとなりすわったひとと、つりのはなしでいきとうごうしたよ。  
*Kinō, nomi-ya de tamatama tonari ni suwatta hito to, tsuru no hanashi de ikitōgō shita yo.*  
I talked about fishing with someone who happened to sit next to me at the bar yesterday, and we hit it off right away.

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Today's Yojijukugo(四字熟語)(2)

意気消沈

Kana

いきしょうちん

Romaji

ikishōchin

Meaning

be depressed, downhearted

	1st Kanji	2nd Kanji	3rd Kanji	4th Kanji
四字熟語	意	気	消	沈
Kana	い	き	しょう	ちん
Rōmaji	i	ki	shō	chin
Meaning	idea	mind	extinguish	sink

### History, Definition, Similar Expressions, etc.

Iki(意気) literally means "mind and idea."

Shōchin(消沈) literally means "something disappears and sinks."

Ikishōchin(意気消沈) means "to lose one's enthusiasm and get depressed."

It can be followed by suru (する) to make up a verb, as ikishōchin suru (意気消沈する).

### Usage, Situation

This expression is often used when someone had motivation or energy to do something, but something happened that made him/her discouraged or depressed, and they lost their enthusiasm completely.

### Sample Sentences

彼は、大学の入学試験に落ちて、すっかり意気消沈している。  
かれは、だいがくのにゅうがくしけんにおちて、すっかりいきしょうちんしている。  
*Kare wa, daigaku no nyūgaku shiken ni ochite, sukkari ikishōchin shite iru.*  
He failed the university entrance examination, and now he is really depressed.

勝てそうだったのに、逆転負けしちゃって、もう意気消沈だよ。  
かてそうだったのに、ぎゃくてんまけしちゃって、もういきしょうちんだよ。  
*Katesō datta noni, gyakuten make shichatte, mō ikishōchin da yo.*  
We almost won, but lost it at the end. I'm feeling so low.

五郎は、一生懸命用意したプレゼンに失敗して、意気消沈している。  
ごろうは、いっしょうけんめいよういしたふれぜんにしっぱいして、いきしょうちんしている。  
*Gorō wa, isshōkenmei yōi shita purezen ni shippai shite, ikishōchin site iru.*  
Goro failed in his presentation although he'd been working on it so hard. So, he's really depressed.

### Other Information :

Opposite Expression: 意気揚々 (いきようよう, exaltedly, in high spirits)

彼らは、全国大会で優勝し、意気揚々と地元へ帰ってきた。  
かれらは、ぜんこくたいかいでゆうしょうし、いきようようとじもとへかえってきた。  
*Karera wa, zenkoku taikai de yūshō shi, ikiyōyō to jimoto e kaette kita.*  
They won the national championship and came back home triumphant!