

LESSON NOTES

Kanji Video #14

Kanji Video Lesson #2: Get into the "Grove" of Kanji?

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VOCABULARY

Kanji	Kana	Romaji	English
さん林	さんりん	sanrin	woods in the mountains
林さん	はやしさん	Hayashi-san	Mr./Ms. Hayashi (common surname)

GRAMMAR

Today's Target Kanji: 林

On-, Kun-yomi-----

On-yomi	<i>rin</i>
Kun - yomi	<i>hayashi</i>
Meaning	grove

Memorization Hint-----

林: "木"+"木"
木 means "wood."

The point in memorizing 林 is to picture in your mind that there was originally a tree; 木 and the other 木 stood next to that tree. Then, it became woods. Pretty simple, right?

Notes regarding character-----

Since the 林 also represents prosperity, it began to be used as a common surname among the ruling class.

- In ancient times, trees were thought to be life-givers. Considering that, one tree gave life to another tree.

Sample Words and Phrases-----

<i>rin</i>	さん林	<i>sanrin</i>	woods in the mountains
<i>hayashi</i>	林さん	<i>Hayashi-san</i>	Mr/Ms Hayashi (common surname)