

## LESSON NOTES

# Kanji Video #17

## Kanji Video Lesson #4: The Origin of Kanji

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# VOCABULARY

Kanji	Kana	Romaji	English
基本	きほん	kihon	base, fundamental
おお本	おおもと	ōmoto	the foundation, origin

## GRAMMAR

### Today's Target Kanji: 本

#### On-, Kun-yomi

On-yomi	<i>hon</i>
Kun - yomi	<i>moto</i>
Meaning	root, origin, book

#### Memorization Hint

本: "木": 木 means "wood."

The center horizontal line shows the root of a tree, which goes along with the meaning of this kanji itself.

#### Notes regarding character

The upper part of 木 indicates "branches," and the lower part indicates "roots." Usually, the original branch/part of a company/brand/story has the biggest roots, so by adding a big root to 木, it becomes an origin, or base.

#### Sample Words and Phrases

<i>hon</i>	基本	<i>ki hon</i>	base, fundamental
<i>moto</i>	おお本	<i>ō moto</i>	the foundation, origin