

# Kanji study sheet - 1st grade - readings

## Using this study sheet

This study guide was made not to be memorized, but to be used as a reference while you are studying kanji! In this guide you can find the information about the reading of a kanji:

meaning	kanji	kunyomi readings	onyomi readings	application examples
one	一	kunyomi ひと・ひとつ	onyomi イチ・イツ	いちがつ・一月・ichigatsu = January ひとつ・一つ・hitoitsu = one (counts)
				どういつ・同一・douitsu = identical ひととき・一時・hitotoki = moment

About the readings: Each kanji can have *kunyomi* and *onyomi*. There are no specific rules, but there are some clues of when to use each of them.

- The *kunyomi* is the Japanese version of the kanji reading. It's the reading the Japanese incorporated to the kanji with the existing language before they had a written one.
  - When to use it?
    - When using proper nouns and names
    - When the kanji is followed by hiragana (*okurigana*)
- The *onyomi* is the Chinese reading - the "sound reading". It's the reading that is the closest to what it was in Chinese, sometimes with a Japanese spin to it.
  - When to use it?
    - When the word has multiple kanji strung together in a compound word
    - When the word has no hiragana
    - When the kanji is by itself

The best way of learning kanji is using them in context and practicing their writing.

Just memorizing the meaning and the readings is not enough. For that, having examples of words with the different readings and knowing the stroke order is very important. For stroke order, I recommend using resources like the app *Obenkyo* and *Jisho.org*

Some kanjis will not have an example of some of the readings. That could be either because the reading is not used a lot or because the words that use that reading are extremely specific.

You will also note that some readings are not strict. Sometimes the readings can take the "format. Ex: 山川・やまがわ・yamagawa = mountain river (here we use *がわ* as the reading for 川 (*かわ*). Usually that happens when the kanji comes in the middle or end of the word.

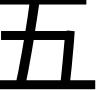
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		いちがつ・一月・ichigatsu = January ひとつ・一つ・hitotsu = one (counts)
		どういつ・同一・douitsu = identical ひととき・一時・hitotoki = moment

two		kunyomi ふた・ふたつ onyomi ニ
		にがつ・二月・nigatsu = February ふたつ・二つ・futatsu = two (counts)
		ふたり・二人・futari = two people

three		kunyomi み・みつつ onyomi サン
		さんがつ・三月・sangatsu = March みっか・三日・mikka = 3rd day of the month
		みつつ・三つ・mitsu = three (counts)

four		kunyomi よ・よん・よつ・よっつ onyomi シ
		しがつ・四月・shigatsu = April よっつ・四つ・yottsu = four (counts)
		よんじゅう・四十・yonjuu = forty

five		kunyomi いつ・いつつ onyomi 戸
		ごがつ・五月・gogatsu = May いつつ・五つ・itsutsu = five (counts)
		いつか・五日・itsuka = 5th day of the month

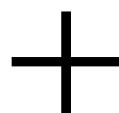
six		kunyomi む・むつ・むい onyomi 口ク
		ろくがつ・六月・rokugatsu = June むつ・六つ・mutsu = six (counts)
		むいか・六日・muika = 6th day of the month

seven		kunyomi なな・ななつ・なの onyomi シチ
		しちがつ・七月・shichigatsu = July ななつ・七つ・nanatsu = seven (counts)
		なのか・七日・nanoka = 7th day of the month

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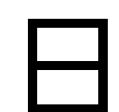
eight		kunyomi や・やつ・よう
		onyomi ハチ
はちがつ・八月・ <b>hachigatsu</b> = August ようか・八日・ <b>youka</b> = 8th day of the month やつ・八つ・ <b>yatsu</b> = eight (counts)		

nine		kunyomi ここの・ここ.つ
		onyomi キュウ
くがつ・九月・ <b>kugatsu</b> = September ここのか・九日・ <b>kokonoka</b> = 9th day of ここ.つ・九つ・ <b>kokonotsu</b> = nine (counts) the month		

ten		kunyomi とう・と
		onyomi ジュウ
じゅうがつ・十月・ <b>jyuugatsu</b> = October とうか・十日・ <b>touka</b> = 10th day of the とお・十・ <b>too</b> = ten (counts) month		

hundred		kunyomi もも
		onyomi ヒヤク・ビヤク
ひゃく・百・ <b>hyaku</b> = hundred なんびゃく・何百・ <b>nanbyaku</b> = hundreds		

thousand		kunyomi ち
		onyomi セン
せん・千・ <b>sen</b> = thousand ちぎれる・千切れる・ <b>chigireru</b> = to be torn off		

day, Sun		kunyomi ひ・-び・-か
		onyomi ニチ・ジツ
ひ・日・ <b>hi</b> = day, Sun みいにち・毎日・ <b>mainichi</b> = everyday ようび・曜日・ <b>youbi</b> = weekday せんじつ・先日・ <b>senjitsu</b> = few days ago		

month, Moon		kunyomi つき
		onyomi ゲツ・ガツ
つき・月・ <b>tsuki</b> = moon じゅういちがつ・十一月・ <b>juuichigatsu</b> = November こんげつ・今月・ <b>kongetsu</b> = this month		

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fire		kunyomi ひ・-び onyomi カ
ひ・火・hi = fire		はなび・花火・hanabi = fireworks

かようび・火曜日・kayoubi = Tuesday

water		kunyomi みず・みず- onyomi スイ
みず・水・mizu = water		みずたま・水玉・mizutama = polkadot

すいようび・水曜日・suiyoubi = Wednesday

tree		kunyomi き・こ- onyomi ボク・モク
き・木・ki = tree		どぼく・土木・doboku = public works

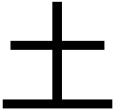
もくようび・木曜日・mokuyoubi = Thursday こかげ・木陰・kokage = shade of tree

person		kunyomi ひと・-り・-と onyomi ジン・ニン
じんこう・人口・jinkou = population		ひとがら・人柄・hitogara = personality

にんぎょう・人形・ningyou = doll

gold		kunyomi かね・かね-・-がね onyomi キン・コン・ゴン
おかね・お金・okane = money		こがね・黄金・kogane = gold

きんぎょ・金魚・kingyo = goldfish

soil		kunyomi つち onyomi ド・ト
つち・土・tsuchi = soil		とち・土地・tochi = plot of land

どようび・土曜日・doyoubi = Saturday

forest, groove		kunyomi はやし onyomi リン
はやし・林・hayashi = forest, groove		さんりん・山林・sanrin = mountain forest

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forest, woods	<b>森</b>	kunyomi もり onyomi シン
もり・森・mori = forest, woods しんかん・森閑・shinkan = silence		

bamboo	<b>竹</b>	kunyomi たけ onyomi チク
たけ・竹・take = bamboo ちくりん・竹林・chikurin = bamboo thicket		

grass, weed	<b>草</b>	kunyomi くさ・くさ-・ぐさ onyomi ソウ
くさき・草木・kusaiki = vegetation そうしょく・草食・soushoku = herbivorous		

flower	<b>花</b>	kunyomi はな onyomi 力
はな・花・hana = flower	はなび・花火・hanabi = fireworks	
かびん・花瓶・kabин = vase		

name, reputation	<b>名</b>	kunyomi な・-な onyomi メイ・ミョウ
なまえ・名前・namae = name	めいじん・名人・meijin = expert	
ゆうめい・有名・yuumei = famous		

year	<b>年</b>	kunyomi とし onyomi ネン
ことし・今年・kotoshi = this year	らいねん・来年・rainen = next year	
しょうねん・少年・shounen = boys, juveniles		

before, ahead	<b>先</b>	kunyomi さき・まづ onyomi セン
さき・先・saki = before	さきに・先に・sakini = earlier	
せんげつ・先月・sengetsu = last month	まず・先ず・mazu = first of all, to begin with	

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heaven		kunyomi あまつ・あめ・あま- onyomi テン
てん・天・ten	= heaven	あまのかわ・天の川・ama <b>nogawa</b> = Milky Way
てんき・天気・tenki	= weather	

jewel, ball		kunyomi たま・たま-・-だま onyomi ギョク
たまご・玉子・tama <b>go</b>	= egg	しゅぎょく・珠玉・shugyoku = gem
めだま・目玉・medama	= eyeball	

king		kunyomi - onyomi オウ・-ノウ
おうじ・王子・ouji	= prince	
じょおう・女王・joou	= queen	

circle, yen		kunyomi まる・い・まる onyomi エン
ひゃくえん・百円・hyaku <b>en</b>	= 100 yen	
まるい・円い・marui	= circular	

rice field		kunyomi た onyomi デン
た・田・ta	= rice field	
すいでん・水田・suiden	= paddy field	

spirit, mind		kunyomi いき onyomi キ・ケ
げんき・元気・genki	= healthy, vigor	
はきけ・吐き気・haki <b>ke</b>	= nausea	

white		kunyomi しろ・しら-・しろい onyomi ハク・ビャク
しろ・白・shiro	= white (color)	こくはく・告白・koku <b>haku</b> = confession
しろい・白い・shiroi	= white (characteristic)	

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red	赤	kunyomi あか・あかい
		onyomi セキ・シャク

<b>blue, green</b>		<b>kunyomi</b> あお・あお-・あおい <b>onyomi</b> セイ
<b>あおい・青い・aoi</b> = blue (characteristic) <b>あおぞら・青空・aozora</b> = blue sky <b>せいねん・青年・seinen</b> = youth		

<b>town</b> 	<b>kunyomi</b> まち <b>onyomi</b> チョウ
<b>まちなか・町中・machinaka</b> = downtown <b>ちょうにん・町人・chouunin</b> = merchant	

village	村	kunyomi むら onyomi ソン
むら・村・mura	= village	

<b>river</b> 	<b>kunyomi</b> かわ <b>onyomi</b> セン
<b>かわ・川・kawa</b> = river <b>やまがわ・山川・yamagawa</b> = mountain river	

<b>rain</b> 	<b>kunyomi</b> あめ・あま-・-さめ <b>onyomi</b> ウ
<b>あめ</b> ・雨・ame = rain <b>うてん</b> ・雨天・uten = rainy weather	<b>こさめ</b> ・小雨・kosame = light rain <b>あまぐも</b> ・雨雲・amagumo = rain cloud

evening 	<p>kunyomi ゆう onyomi セキ</p> <p>ゆうがた・夕方・<b>yuu</b>gata = dusk, evening ゆうひ・夕日・<b>yuu</b>hi = setting sun, evening sun</p>
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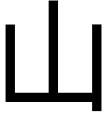
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strength		kunyomi ちから onyomi リョク・リキ
ちから・力・chikara	= strength	りきがく・力学・rikigaku = mechanics

きょうりょく・強力・kyouryoku = powerful

sky, empty		kunyomi そら・あく・あける・から・すかす・むなしい onyomi クウ
そら・空・sora	= sky	からて・空手・karate = karate

くうき・空気・kuuki = air, atmosphere      むなしい・空しい・munaashii = vacant

mountain		kunyomi やま onyomi サン・セン
やま・山・yama	= mountain	さんりん・山林・sanrin = mountain forest

かざん・火山・kazan = volcano

insect, bug		kunyomi むし onyomi チュウ・キ
むし・虫・mushi	= insect, bug	

ようちゅう・幼虫・youchuu = larva

exam, school		kunyomi - onyomi コウ・キョウ
がっこう・学校・gakkou	= school	

こうこう・高校・koukou = high school

car		kunyomi くるま onyomi シャ
くるま・車・kuruma	= car	

でんしゃ・電車・densha = train

letter, character		kunyomi あざ・あざな・-な onyomi ジ
あざ・字・aza	= section of village	じ・字・ji = character

じびき・字引・jibiki = dictionary      かんじ・漢字・kanji = kanji

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book	<b>本</b>	kunyomi もと onyomi ホン
ほん・本・hon = book ほんとう・本当・hon <b>tou</b> = truth, reality		

shell, shellfish	<b>貝</b>	kunyomi かい onyomi バイ
かい・貝・kai = shell, shellfish かいがら・貝殻・kaigara = seashell		

correct, justice	<b>正</b>	kunyomi ただしい・ただす・まさ・まさに onyomi セイ・ショウ
ただしい・正しい・tada <b>shii</b> = correct しようと・正直・shou <b>jiki</b> = honestly まさに・正に・masa <b>ni</b> = exactly		

stone	<b>石</b>	kunyomi いし onyomi セキ・シャク・コク
いし・石・ishi = stone ほうせき・宝石・hou <b>seki</b> = jewel じしゃく・磁石・jishaku = magnet こくだか・石高・kokudaka = crop yield		

right	<b>右</b>	kunyomi みぎ onyomi ウ・ユウ
みぎ・右・migi = right うほう・右方・uhou = right side さゆう・左右・sayuu = left and right		

left	<b>左</b>	kunyomi ひだり onyomi サ・シャ
ひだり・左・hidari = left ひだりきき・左利・hidarikiki = left-handedness さよく・左翼・sayoku = left-wing		

dog	<b>犬</b>	kunyomi いぬ・いぬ- onyomi ケン
いぬ・犬・inu = dog ばんけん・番犬・ban <b>ken</b> = watchdog		

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thread		kunyomi いと onyomi シ
いと・糸・ito = thread, yarn さんし・蚕糸・sanshi = silk thread		

eye		kunyomi め・め・ま- onyomi モク・ボク
め・目・me = eye もくべき・目的・mokuteki = purpose		めうえ・目上・meue = superior, senior

mouth		kunyomi くち onyomi コウ・ク
くち・口・kuchi = mouth じんこう・人口・jinkou = population		

hand		kunyomi て・て・て・た- onyomi シュ・ズ
て・手・te = hand きって・切手・kitte = stamp		うんてんしゅ・運転手・untenshu = driver じょうず・上手・jouzu = skillfull

ear		kunyomi みみ onyomi ジ
みみ・耳・mimi = ear じもく・耳目・jimoku = eyes and ears		

leg, foot		kunyomi あし・たりる・たる・たす onyomi ソク
あし・足・ashi = foot, leg たりる・足りる・tariru = to be sufficient		えんそく・遠足・ensoku = excursion

stand up, rise		kunyomi たつ・たてる・たち・たて・だて onyomi リツ・リュウ・リットル
たてる・立てる・tateru = to stand something up こくりつ・国立・kokuritsu = national		たつ・立つ・ tatsu = to stand かおだち・顔立ち・kaodachi = looks

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rest, day off	休	kunyomi やす.む・やす.まる・やす.める onyomi キュウ
やすみ・休み・ <b>yasumi</b> = day off, rest, recess きゅうか・休暇・ <b>kyuu</b> ka = holiday		

insert, enter	入	kunyomi い.る・い.れる・はい.る・-い.り・-い.れ onyomi ニュウ・ジュ
		いれる・入れる・ <b>ireru</b> = to put in, to let in ひのいり・日の入り・ <b>hinoiri</b> = sunset おしいれ・押入れ・ <b>oshiire</b> = closet にゅうじょう・入場・ <b>nyuu</b> jou = admission

exit, leave	出	kunyomi で.る・だ.す・い.でる・い.だす・で・-だ.す onyomi シュツ・スイ
		だす・出す・ <b>dasu</b> = to take out, to get out ひので・日の出・ <b>hinode</b> = sunrise でる・出る・ <b>deru</b> = to go out, to exit しゅっしん・出身・ <b>shusshin</b> = person's origin

see, hopes	見	kunyomi み.る・み.える・み.せる onyomi ケン
		みえる・見える・ <b>mieru</b> = to be seen いけん・意見・ <b>iken</b> = opinion はなみ・花見・ <b>hanami</b> = flower viewing

large, big	大	kunyomi おお-・おお.きい・-おおいに onyomi ダイ・タイ
		だいがく・大学・ <b>daigaku</b> = university おおぜい・大勢・ <b>oozei</b> = crowd たいせつ・大切・ <b>taietsu</b> = important, valuable おおきい・大きい・ <b>ookii</b> = big, large

sentence, literature	文	kunyomi ふみ・あや onyomi ブン・モン
		ふみ・文・ <b>fumi</b> = writings, letter ぶんがく・文学・ <b>bungaku</b> = literature ぶん・文・ <b>bun</b> = sentence, text もんく・文句・ <b>monku</b> = phrase

study, learning	学	kunyomi まな.ぶ onyomi ガク
		がくせい・学生・ <b>gakusei</b> = student まなぶ・学ぶ・ <b>manabu</b> = to study, to learn

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in, inside, middle		kunyomi なか・うち・あたる onyomi チュウ
なか・中・naka	= inside, among	まちなか・町中・machinaka = downtown
ちゅうがく・中学・chuu gaku	= middle school	

early		kunyomi はやい・はや・さ- onyomi ソウ・サッ
はやい・早い・hayai	= early	そうちょう・早朝・sou chou = early morning
さっそく・早速・sas soku	= immediately	

sound, music		kunyomi おと・ね onyomi オン・イン・-ノン
おと・音・oto	= sound	ほんね・本音・hon ne = motive
おんがく・音楽・ongaku	= music	ぼいん・母音・bo in = vowel

small		kunyomi ちいさい・こ-・お-・さ- onyomi ショウ
ちいさい・小さい・chii sai	= small	こやま・小山・ko yama = hill
しょうがく・小学・shou gaku	= elementary school	

man		kunyomi おとこ・お onyomi ダン・ナン
おとこ・男・otoko	= man	ちゃくなん・嫡男・chakun an = heir
だんし・男子・danshi	= young man	

woman		kunyomi おんな・め onyomi ジョ・ニヨ・ニヨウ
おんな・女・onna	= woman	にようばう・女房・nyoubou = wife
じょおう・女王・jo ou	= queen	

child		kunyomi こ・-こ・ね onyomi シ・ス・ツ
こ・子・ko	= child	いす・椅子・isu = chair
ぼうし・帽子・boushi	= hat, cap	たまご・玉子・tamago = egg

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life, birth	<b>生</b>	kunyomi い.きる・い.ける・う.まれる・うまれ・う.む・お.う・ はえる・き・なま・な.る・む.す・-う	
		onyomi セイ・ショ	
なま・生・nama = natural, fresh			
うまれる・生まれる・umareru = to be born			
せんせい・先生・sensei = teacher			
いきる・生きる・ikiru = to live, to exist			
しょうじる・生じる・shoujiru = to produce			
うまれ・生まれ・umare = birth, birthplace			
はえる・生える・haeru = to grow			
なる・生る・naru = to bear fruit			
はやす・生やす・hayasu = to cultivate			

above, up	<b>上</b>	kunyomi うえ・-うえ・うわ-・かみ・あ.げる・あ.がる・ あ.がり・のぼ.る・のぼ.り・のぼ.せる・のぼ.す・ よ.す・-あ.げる・-あ.がる・-あ.がり
		onyomi ジョウ・ショウ・シャン
うえ・上・ue	= above, up	のぼる・上る・noboru = to go up
あげる・上げる・ageru	= to raise, to elevate	めうえ・目上・meue = superior, senior
おくじょう・屋上・okujou	= rooftop	じょうず・上手・jouzu = skillful

below, down	<b>下</b>	kunyomi した・しも・もと・さ.げる・さ.がる・くだ.る・ くだ.り・くだ.す・-くだ.す・くだ.さる・お.ろす・ おりる
		onyomi カ・ゲ
した・下・shita	= below, down	さげる・下げる・sageru = to hang, to lower
おりる・下りる・oriru	= to go down	ちか・地下・chika = basement
ろうか・廊下・rouka	= hallway	げすい・下水・gesui = drainage