

# 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			どういつ・同一・douitsu = identical	
ひとつ・一つ・hitotsu = one (counts)			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](http://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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two	二	kunyomi	ふた・ふたつ
		onyomi	ニ
にがつ・二月・nigatsu = February		ふたり・二人・futari = two people	
ふたつ・二つ・futsu = two (counts)			

three	三	kunyomi	み・みっつ
		onyomi	サン
さんがつ・三月・sangatsu = March		みっつ・三つ・mittsu = three (counts)	
みっか・三日・mikka = 3rd day of the month			

four	四	kunyomi	よ・よん・よつ・よっつ
		onyomi	シ
しがつ・四月・shigatsu = April		よんじゅう・四十・yonjuu = forty	
よっつ・四つ・yotsu = four (counts)			

five	五	kunyomi	いつ・いつつ
		onyomi	ゴ
ごがつ・五月・gogatsu = May		いつか・五日・itsuka = 5th day of the month	
いつつ・五つ・itsutsu = five (counts)			

six	六	kunyomi	む・むつ・むい
		onyomi	ロク
ろくがつ・六月・rokugatsu = June		むいか・六日・muika = 6th day of the month	
むつ・六つ・mutsu = six (counts)			

seven	七	kunyomi	なな・ななつ・なの
		onyomi	シチ
しちがつ・七月・shichigatsu = July		なのか・七日・nanoka = 7th day of the month	
ななつ・七つ・nanatsu = seven (counts)			

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eight	八	kunyomi や・やつ・よう
		onyomi ハチ
はちがつ・八月・hachigatsu = August    ようか・八日・youka = 8th day of the month やつ・八つ・yatsu = eight (counts)		

nine	九	kunyomi ここの・ここのつ
		onyomi キュウ
くがつ・九月・kugatsu = September    ここのか・九日・kokonoka = 9th day of the month ここのつ・九つ・kokonotsu = nine (counts) the month		

ten	十	kunyomi とう・と
		onyomi ジュウ
じゅうがつ・十月・jyuu-gatsu = October    とうか・十日・touka = 10th day of the month とお・十・too = ten (counts)		

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

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

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

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

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fire	火	kunyomi ひ・-び
		onyomi カ
ひ・火・ <b>hi</b> = fire はなび・花火・hanabi = fireworks		
かようび・火曜日・ <b>kayoubi</b> = Tuesday		

water	水	kunyomi みず・みず-
		onyomi スイ
みず・水・ <b>mizu</b> = water みずたま・水玉・ <b>mizutama</b> = polkadot		
すいようび・水曜日・ <b>suiyoubi</b> = Wednesday		

tree	木	kunyomi き・こ-
		onyomi ボク・モク
き・木・ <b>ki</b> = tree どぼく・土木・ <b>doboku</b> = public works		
もくようび・木曜日・ <b>mokuyoubi</b> = Thursday こかげ・木陰・ <b>kokage</b> = shade of tree		

person	人	kunyomi ひと・-り・-と
		onyomi ジン・ニン
じんこう・人口・ <b>jinkou</b> = population ひとがら・人柄・ <b>hitogara</b> = personality		
にんぎょう・人形・ <b>ningyou</b> = doll		

gold	金	kunyomi かね・かね-・-がね
		onyomi キン・コン・ゴン
おかね・お金・ <b>okane</b> = money こがね・黄金・ <b>kogane</b> = gold		
きんぎょ・金魚・ <b>kingyo</b> = goldfish		

soil	土	kunyomi つち
		onyomi ド・ト
つち・土・ <b>tsuchi</b> = soil とち・土地・ <b>tochi</b> = plot of land		
どようび・土曜日・ <b>do</b> youbi = Saturday		

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

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

bamboo	竹	kunyomi たけ
		onyomi チク
たけ・竹・take = bamboo ちくりん・竹林・chikurin = bamboo thicket		

grass, weed	草	kunyomi くさ・くさ-・-ぐさ
		onyomi ソウ
くさき・草木・kusaki = vegetation そうしょく・草食・soushoku = herbivorous		

flower	花	kunyomi はな
		onyomi カ
はな・花・hana = flower はなび・花火・hanabi = fireworks かびん・花瓶・kabin = vase		

name, reputation	名	kunyomi な・-な
		onyomi メイ・ミヨウ
なまえ・名前・namae = name めいじん・名人・meijin = expert ゆうめい・有名・yuumei = famous		

year	年	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	先	kunyomi さき・まず
		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	天	kunyomi あまつ・あめ・あま-
		onyomi テン
てん・天・ten = heaven		あまのかわ・天の川・amanogawa = Milky Way
てんき・天気・tenki = weather		

jewel, ball	玉	kunyomi たま・たま-・-だま
		onyomi ギョク
たまご・玉子・tamago = egg		しゅぎょく・珠玉・shugyoku = gem
めだま・目玉・medama = eyeball		

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

circle, yen	円	kunyomi まるい・まる
		onyomi エン
ひゃくえん・百円・hyakuen = 100 yen		
まるい・円い・marui = circular		

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

spirit, mind	気	kunyomi いき
		onyomi キ・ケ
げんき・元気・genki = healthy, vigor		
はきけ・吐き気・haki-ke = nausea		

white	白	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・kokuhaku = 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
あかい・赤い・akai = red (characteristic) せきめん・赤面・sekimen = blushing		

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

town	町	kunyomi まち
		onyomi チョウ
まちなか・町中・machinaka = downtown ちょうにん・町人・chounin = merchant		

village	村	kunyomi むら
		onyomi ソン
むら・村・mura = village ぎょそん・漁村・gyoson = fish village		

river	川	kunyomi かわ
		onyomi セン
かわ・川・kawa = river やまがわ・山川・yamagawa = mountain river		

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

evening	夕	kunyomi ゆう
		onyomi セキ
ゆうがた・夕方・yuu-gata = dusk, evening ゆうひ・夕日・yuuhi = setting sun, evening sun		

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strength	力	kunyomi ちから
		onyomi リョク・リキ
ちから・力・chikara = strength      りきがく・力学・riki-gaku = mechanics きょうりょく・強力・kyouryoku = powerful		

sky, empty	空	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・munashii = vacant		

mountain	山	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	虫	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	校	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	車	kunyomi くるま
		onyomi シャ
くるま・車・kuruma = car でんしゃ・電車・densha = train		

letter, character	字	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	本	kunyomi もと
		onyomi ホン
ほん・本・hon = book ほんとう・本当・hontou = truth, reality		

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

correct, justice	正	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・tadashii = correct      せいしき・正式・seishiki = official しょうじき・正直・shoujiki = honestly      まさに・正に・masani = exactly		

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

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

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

dog	犬	kunyomi いぬ・いぬ-
		onyomi ケン
いぬ・犬・inu = dog ばんけん・番犬・banken = watchdog		

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

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

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

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

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

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

stand up, rise	立	kunyomi たつ・たてる・たち-・-たて・-だて・-だてる
		onyomi リツ・リュウ・リットル
たてる・立てる・tateru = to stand something up たつ・立つ・tatsu = to stand こくりつ・国立・koku <del>r</del> itsu = national 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・yasumi = day off, rest, recess きゅうか・休暇・kyuuka = holiday		

insert, enter	入	kunyomi いる・入れる・はいる・-いり・-いれ
		onyomi ニュウ・ジュ
いれる・入れる・ireru = to put in, to let in ひのいり・日の入り・hinoiri = sunset おしいれ・押し入れ・oshiire = closet にゅうじょう・入場・nyuujou = admission		

exit, leave	出	kunyomi でる・だす・いでる・い出す・で・-だす
		onyomi シュツ・スイ
だす・出す・dasu = to take out, to get out ひので・日の出・hinode = sunrise でる・出る・deru = to go out, to exit しゅっしん・出身・shushin = person's origin		

see, hopes	見	kunyomi みる・みえる・みせる
		onyomi ケン
みえる・見える・mieru = to be seen いけん・意見・iken = opinion はなみ・花見・hanami = 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・daigaku = university おおぜい・大勢・oozei = crowd たいせつ・大切・taisetsu = important, valuable おおきい・大きい・ookii = big, large		

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

study, learning	学	kunyomi まなぶ
		onyomi ガク
がくせい・学生・gakusei = student まなぶ・学ぶ・manabu = to study, to learn		

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in, inside, middle	中	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	早	kunyomi はやい・はや・さ-
		onyomi ソウ・サツ
はやい・早い・hayai = early                      そうちょう・早朝・souchou = early morning さっそく・早速・sasoku = immediately		

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

small	小	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・koyama = hill しょうがく・小学・shou-gaku = elementary school		

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

woman	女	kunyomi おんな・め
		onyomi ジョ・ニョ・ニョウ
おんな・女・onna = woman                      にようぼう・女房・nyoubou = wife じょおう・女王・joou = queen		

child	子	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	生	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・シヨ
<p>な.ま・生・<b>nama</b> = natural, fresh          う.まれる・生.まれる・<b>umareru</b> = to be born          せん.せい・先.生・<b>sensei</b> = teacher          い.きる・生.きる・<b>ikiru</b> = to live, to exist          しょう.じる・生.じる・<b>shoujiru</b> = to produce          う.まれ・生.まれ・<b>umare</b> = birth, birthplace          は.える・生.える・<b>haeru</b> = to grow          な.る・生.る・<b>naru</b> = to bear fruit          は.やす・生.やす・<b>hayasu</b> = to cultivate</p>		

above, up	上	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・シヨウ・シャン
<p>う.え・上・<b>ue</b> = above, up          あ.げる・上.げる・<b>ageru</b> = to raise, to elevate          お.く.じ.ょう・屋.上・<b>okujou</b> = rooftop          の.ぼ.る・上.る・<b>noboru</b> = to go up          め.う.え・目.上・<b>meue</b> = superior, senior          じ.ょう.ず・上.手・<b>jouzu</b> = skillful</p>		

below, down	下	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
<p>した・下・<b>shita</b> = below, down          お.り.る・下.り.る・<b>oriru</b> = to go down          ろ.う.か・廊.下・<b>rouka</b> = hallway          さ.げる・下.げる・<b>sageru</b> = to hang, to lower          ち.か・地.下・<b>chika</b> = basement          げ.す.い・下.水・<b>gesui</b> = drainage</p>		