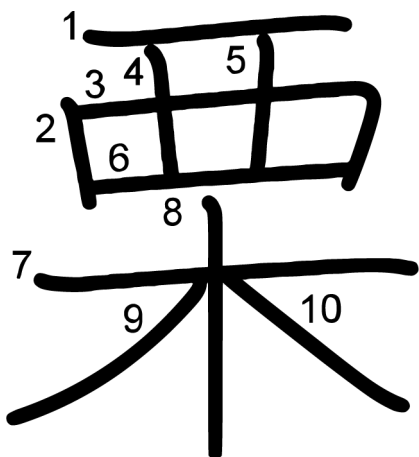


## KANJI - CHESTNUT

One of the most popular autumn and winter foods in Japan are chestnuts, or kuri 栗. The Japanese even started cultivating chestnuts before rice! Like most kanji, the kanji for chestnut is made up of two different pictographic radicals. First is the radical for tree 木, and on top, the radical for a thorny fruits 𣎵. The top radical was most likely inspired by the prickly burrs chestnuts have, which create a stinging pain when touched. So the entire kanji depicts a chestnut tree with rows of chestnuts on top!



Meaning: Japanese chestnut

Kun'yomi: Kuri <リ koo-ree,

ononoku おののく oh-noh-noh-koo

On'yomi: Ritsu <ツ ree-tsoo, ri <リ ree