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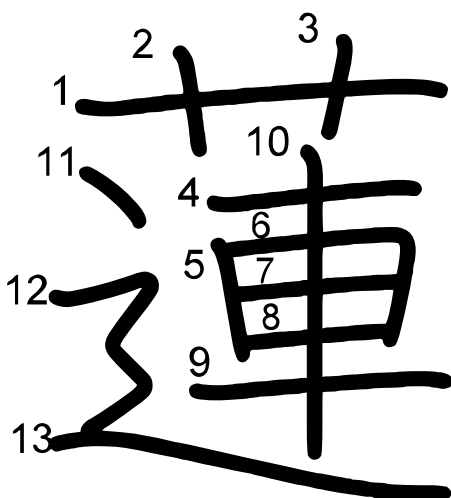
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TEACHING TUESDAY

KANJI: LOTUS

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A common summer flower is the Japanese lotus, a beautiful pink-tinged flower often considered sacred. The kanji for lotus is 蓮, or hasu はす. The kanji for lotus uses the phonetic marker 連, which signifies things lined up in a row, with the radical for grass or plant on top 艹. This signifies the way the flowers float in rows across the surface of water. The pronunciation of “hasu” comes from a combination of the word 蜂 (hachi, “bee”) and 巢 (su, “hive”), literally meaning “beehive” or “honeycomb”, for the way the lotus seed resembles a honeycomb.



Meaning: Lotus

Kun'yomi: hasu はす *hah-soo*

hachisu はちす *hah-chee-soo*

On'yomi: ren レン *r/lay-n*