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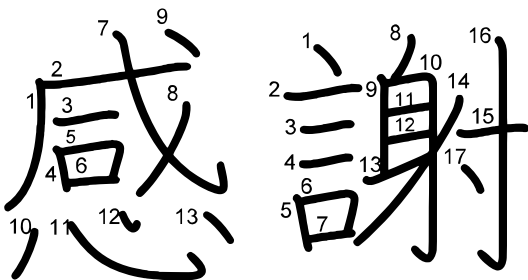
# TEACHING TUESDAY

## KANJI: THANKS

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Japan doesn't celebrate Thanksgiving the same way as the United States, but they still have their own Thanksgiving holiday that takes place on November 23. Known as *kinrōkanshanohi* 勤労感謝の日, or Labor Thanksgiving Day, the day is a national holiday for being thankful for workers who do their job and do it well.

The kanji for “thanksgiving” is 感謝 *kansha*. It is made up of two characters. The first, *kan*, represents feelings with the radical for heart 心 combined with the phonetic 咸. The second character, *sha*, is for expressing gratitude with words 言 and body 身 actions carefully chosen 寸.



**Pronunciation:** かんしゃ *Kansha kah-n-sha-ah*

**Meaning:** Thanks, gratitude