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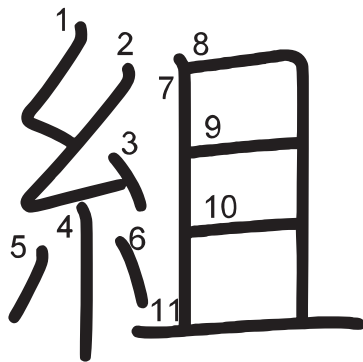
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# TEACHING TUESDAY

## KANJI: KUMI

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Classes in Japan are divided into “kumi” 組, also pronounced as “gumi” if it is a suffix. The school system in Japan organizes each grade into multiple classes. The kanji in kumi 組 reflects this system, as it is made up of the radical for “connection” or “ties” 糸 as well as a phonetical radical meaning “piled up” 且. Essentially then, kumi means those people who are connected or tied together 糸 by some commonality and “piled up” 且 together.



**Reading:** くみ koo-mee

**Meaning:** class; group; team