

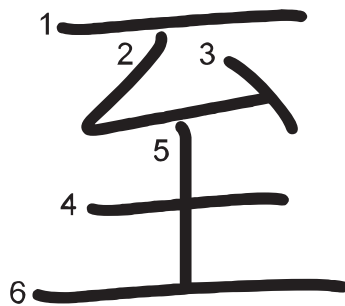
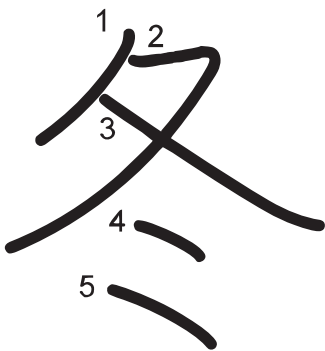


TEACHING TUESDAY

KANJI: TOUJI

DECEMBER 19, 2017

December 22nd is the winter solstice in Japan, also known as touji 冬至. The kanji for touji is made up of two characters: winter and “to arrive”. Winter, which we’ve covered before, includes the radical for a leg 夂, on top of 冫, a pictograph of ice crystals, representing a freeze. The second kanji, 至, meaning “to arrive” or “to reach”, depicts an arrow in the ground that has arrived or reached its mark. Together, they mean that winter has arrived.



Reading: とうじ toh-oo-jee

Meaning: winter solstice