

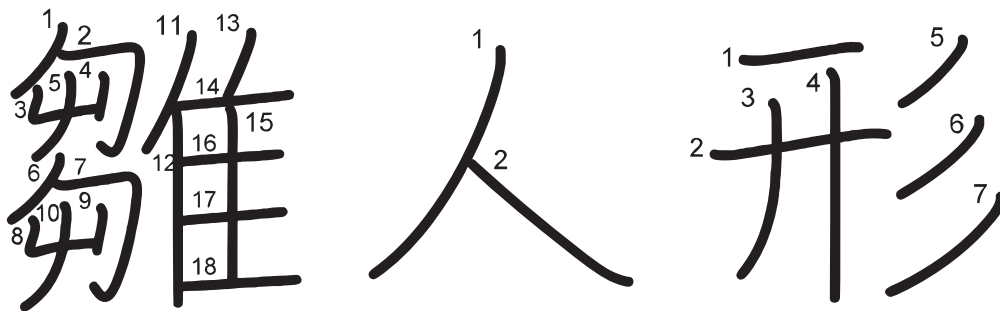


TEACHING TUESDAY

KANJI: HINA-NINGYO

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Every March 3rd, Japan celebrates Hina Matsuri, or Girls' Day, with the Doll Festival. The dolls featured in this festival are called Hina-Ningyo 雛人形. The first character 雛 is used specifically for a small type of doll. It is made up of the radicals for 芻 compress and 隹 short, squat bird, and while typically means infant or chick, is also a prefix indicating a small or cute object, in this case, a small doll. The second character 人 depicts a person. The final character 形 is made up of two radicals from 开 frame and 彡 pattern and means shape or form. Altogether, it means a small doll in the form of a human.



Reading: ひなにんぎょう hee-nah-nee-n-gyoh

Meaning: hina doll; doll displayed during the Girls' Festival