



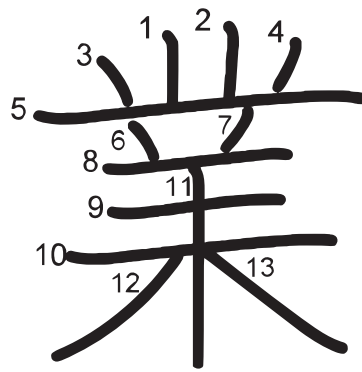
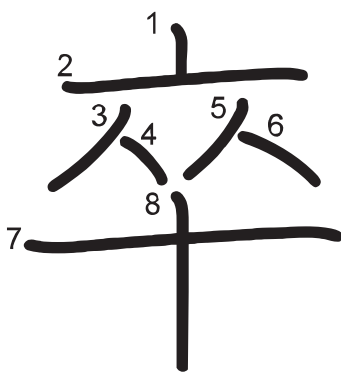
TEACHING TUESDAY

KANJI: GRADUATION

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The end of March is the time for graduation, or *sotsugyo* 卒業. The first kanji 卒 is the character for graduate, originally depicted lots of 十 soldiers 人人 wearing uniforms 一, but eventually derived to mean “to finish” or “to graduate”. The second character 業 means work, business, or course of study, and is a depiction of a stand with notched wooden supports on both ends. The act of creating these notches was hard work, and eventually converted this character into meaning work/act, then skill, and finally, occupation. Put together, the two characters mean graduating from one’s course of study.



Reading: そつぎょう
soh-tsoo-gyoh

Meaning: graduation;
completion of a course