

**丁** street, ward, town, counter for guns, tools, even number, 4th calendar sign

ひのと  
 チョウ, テイ, チン, トウ, チ

**Compounds:**

丁目 ちょうめ district of a town, city block (of irregular size) (n)  
 庖丁 ほうちよう kitchen knife, carving knife (n)

**両** both, old Japanese coin, counter for carriages (eg, in a train), two

てる, ふたつ  
 リョウ

**Compounds:**

両者 りょうしゃ pair, the two, both persons, both things (n)  
 両替 りょうがえ change, money exchange (n, vs)  
 両方 りょうほう both sides, both parties (n)  
 両面 りょうめん both sides, two sides (n)  
 両立 りょうりつ compatibility, coexistence, standing together (n, vs)

**丸** round, full, month, perfection, -ship, pills, make round

まる, まる. める, まる. い  
 ガン

**Compounds:**

丸味 まるみ roundness, rotundity (n)  
 丸める まるめる to make round, to round off, to roll up, to curl up, to seduce, to cajole, to explain away (Ichidan verb, vt)  
 日の丸 ひのまる outline of the sun (esp. represented as a red circle), the Japanese flag (n)

**予** beforehand, previous, myself, I

あらかじ. め  
 ヨ, シヤ

**Compounds:**

猶予 ゆうよ postponement, deferment, extension (of time) (n, vs)  
 予感 よかん presentiment, premonition (n, vs)  
 予期 よき expectation, assume will happen, forecast (n, vs)  
 予告 よこく advance notice, previous note, preliminary announcement (n, vs)  
 予算 よさん estimate, budget (n, vs)

**争** contend, dispute, argue

あらし. う, いか. でか  
 ソウ

**Compounds:**

競争 きょうそう competition, contest, to compete (n, vs)  
 戦争 せんそう war (n, vs)  
 争い あらそい dispute, strife, quarrel, dissension, conflict, rivalry, contest (n)  
 争う あらそう to compete, to contest, to contend, to quarrel, to argue, to dispute, to be at variance, to oppose, (usu. in negative form) to deny (eg evidence) (v5s, intransitive verb)  
 争議 そうぎ dispute, quarrel, strike (n)

**交** mingle, mixing, association, coming and going

まじ. わる, まじ. える, ま. じる, まじ. る, ま. ざる, ま. ぜる, -か. う, か. わす, かわ. す, こも. ごも  
 コウ

**Compounds:**

外交 がいこう diplomacy (n)  
 交わる まじわる to cross, to intersect, to associate with, to mingle with, to interest, to join (v5r, intransitive verb)  
 交換 こうかん exchange, interchange, switching, reciprocity, barter, substitution, replacement, clearing (of checks, cheques) (n, vs)  
 交響曲 こうきょうきよく symphony (n)  
 交互 こうご mutual, reciprocal, alternate (n, adj-no)

**他** other, another, the others

ほか

タ

Compounds:

他 ほか other (esp. places and things), the rest (adj-no, n, n-adv)  
 他殺 たさつ a murder (n)  
 他方 たほう another side, different direction, (on) the other hand (adv, n)  
 他人 あだびと another person, unrelated person, outsider, stranger (n)

付

adhere, attach, refer to, append

つ.ける, -つ.ける, -づ.ける, つ.け, つ.け-, -つ.け, -づ.け, -づけ, つ.く, -づ.く, つ.き, -つ.き, -つき, -づ.き, -づき  
 フ

Compounds:

近づく ちかづく to approach, to get near, to get acquainted with, to get closer (v5k)  
 近付ける ちかづける to bring near, to put close, to let come near, to associate with (Ichidan verb, vt)  
 跡片付け あとかたづけ tidying up, cleaning, clearing away, putting in order (n, vs)  
 交付 こうふ delivering, furnishing (with copies) (n, vs)  
 受付ける うけつける to be accepted, to receive (an application) (Ichidan verb, vt)

令

orders, ancient laws, command, decree

レイ

Compounds:

法令 ほうれい laws and ordinances, acts (of parliament, congress, etc.) (n)  
 命令 めいれい order, command, decree, directive, (software) instruction (n, vs)  
 年令 ねんれい age, years (n)

仲

go-between, relationship

なか  
 チュウ

Compounds:

仲断 ちゅうだん interruption, suspension, break (n, vs)  
 仲 なか relation, relationship (n)  
 仲介 ちゅうかい agency, intermediation (n, vs)  
 仲間 なかま company, fellow, colleague, associate, comrade, mate, group, circle of friends, partner (n)  
 仲裁 ちゅうさい arbitration, intercession, mediation (n, vs)

伝

transmit, go along, walk along, follow, report, communicate, legend, tradition

つた.わる, つた.える, つた.う, つだ.う, -づた.い, つて  
 デン, テン

Compounds:

遺伝 いでん heredity, inherent (adj-na, n, vs)  
 手伝い てつだい helper, assistant, help (n)  
 手伝う てつだう to help, to assist, to take part in (v5s, vt)  
 宣伝 せんでん propaganda, publicity, advertisement, advertising (n, vs)  
 伝う つたう to go along, to walk along, to follow (v5s)

位

rank, grade, throne, crown, about, some

くらい, ぐらい  
 イ

Compounds:

各位 かくい everyone, ladies and gentlemen, attention media representatives (eg heading on a press release) (n)  
 学位 がくい (university) degree (n)  
 順位 じゆんい order, rank, precedence (n)  
 単位 たんい unit, denomination, credit (in school) (n)  
 地位 ちい (social) position, status (n)

例

example, custom, usage, precedent

たと.える  
 レイ

Compounds:

恒例 こうれい established practice, established practise, custom (n)  
 実例 じつれい example, illustration, precedent (n)  
 条例 じょうれい regulations, rules, laws, acts, ordinance (n)  
 先例 せんれい precedent (n)  
 前例 ぜんれい precedent (n)

# 係

person in charge, connection, duty, concern oneself

かか.る. かかり. -がかり. かか.わる  
 ケイ

**Compounds:**

関係 かんけい relation, connection (n, vs)  
 無関係 むかんけい unrelated (adj-na, n, adj-no)  
 係り かかり official, duty, person in charge (n)

# 信

faith, truth, fidelity, trust

シン

**Compounds:**

確信 かくしん conviction, belief, confidence (n, vs)  
 自信 じしん self-confidence (n, vs)  
 受信 じゅしん reception (eg radio), receipt (n, vs)  
 信じる しんじる to believe, to believe in, to place trust in, to confide in, to have faith in (Ichidan verb, vt)  
 信ずる しんずる to believe, to believe in, to place trust in, to confide in, to have faith in (Ichidan verb - zuru verb (alternative form of -jiru verbs), vt)

# 倉

godown, warehouse, storehouse, cellar, treasury

くら  
 ソウ

**Compounds:**

倉庫 そうこ storehouse, warehouse, godown (n)

# 倍

double, twice, times, fold

バイ

**Compounds:**

倍 ばい twice, double, times, -fold (n, suffix)  
 倍增 ばいぞう double (n, vs)  
 倍率 ばいりつ magnification, leverage, amplification, scaling factor, scale factor (n)

# 候

climate, season, weather

そうろう  
 コウ

**Compounds:**

気候 きこう climate (n)  
 候補 こうほ candidate, contender, prospect, pick, choice, list, candidacy, candidature, nomination (n)  
 天候 てんこう weather (n)  
 立候補 りっこうほ announcing candidacy (n, vs)  
 徴候 ちょうこう sign, indication, omen, symptom (n)

# 停

halt, stopping

と.める. と.まる  
 テイ

**Compounds:**

調停 ちょうてい arbitration, conciliation, mediation (n, vs)  
 停学 ていがく suspension from school (n)  
 停止 ていし suspension, interruption, stoppage, ban, standstill, halt, hang-up, deadlock, stalemate, abeyance (n, vs)  
 停車 ていしゃ stopping (eg train) (n, vs)  
 停滞 ていたい stagnation, tie-up, congestion, retention, accumulation, falling into arrears (n, vs)

**健** healthy, health, strength, persistence

すこやか  
ケン

**Compounds:**

**穏健** おんけん quiet, dependable, uniform, (politically) moderate (adj-na, n)  
**健やか** すこやか vigorous, healthy, sound (adj-na, n)  
**健康** けんこう health, sound, wholesome (adj-na, n)  
**健全** けんぜん health, soundness, wholesome (adj-na, n)  
**保健** ほけん health preservation, hygiene, sanitation (n)

**側** side, lean, oppose, regret

かわがわ そば  
ソク

**Compounds:**

**縁側** えんがわ veranda, porch, balcony, open corridor (n)  
**側面** そくめん side, flank, sidelight, lateral (n)  
**内側** うちがわ inside, interior, inner part (n)  
**片側** かたがわ one side (n)  
**側** わき side, aside, armpit, back-burner (n)

**億** hundred million, 10\*\*8

オク

**Compounds:**

**億** おく 10^8, 100,000,000, hundred million (numeric)

**兆** portent, 10\*\*12, trillion, sign, omen, symptoms

きざす きざし  
チヨウ

**Compounds:**

**兆** ちょう sign, omen, indication, portent, 10^12, 1,000,000,000,000, trillion (American), (obs) billion (British) (numeric)

**児** newborn babe, child, young of animals

こ、-こ、-っこ  
ジ、ニ、ゲイ

**Compounds:**

**育児** いくじ childcare, nursing, upbringing (n, vs)  
**児** こ child, young (animal), young woman, young geisha, offshoot, interest, new shares, bird egg, (after a noun or -masu stem) -er (often of young women) (n, n-suf, n-suf)  
**児童** じどう children, juvenile (n)  
**女の子** おんなのこ girl (n)  
**小児科** しょうにか pediatrics (n)

**全** whole, entire, all, complete, fulfill

まったく すべて  
ゼン

**Compounds:**

**安全** あんぜん safety, security (adj-na, n)  
**完全** かんぜん perfection, completeness (adj-na, n)  
**健全** けんぜん health, soundness, wholesome (adj-na, n)  
**全員** ぜんいん all members (unanimity), all hands, the whole crew, everyone, everybody (n-adv, n)  
**全集** ぜんしゅう complete works (n)

**公** public, prince, official, governmental

おおやけ  
コウ、ク

**Compounds:**

公営 こうえい public management (n)  
 公園 こうえん (public) park (n)  
 公演 こうえん public performance, sumo exhibition in a foreign country (n, vs)  
 公開 こうかい open to the public (n, vs, adj-no)  
 公害 こうがい pollution, public nuisance, contamination (n)

## 共

together, both, neither, all, and, alike, with

とも. とも. に. -ども  
 キョウ

### Compounds:

何共 なんとも nothing (with neg. verb), quite, not a bit (adv)  
 共に とともに sharing with, participate in, both, alike, together, along with, with, including (adv, vs)  
 共稼ぎ ともかせぎ working together, (husband and wife) earning a living together (n, vs)  
 共感 きょうかん sympathy, empathy, response (n, vs)  
 共産主義 きょうさんしゅぎ communism, collectivism (n)

## 兵

soldier, private, troops, army, warfare, strategy, tactics

つわもの  
 ヘイ, ヒョウ

### Compounds:

核兵器 かくへいき nuclear weapons (n)  
 徴兵 ちょうへい conscription, recruitment, enlistment (n, vs)  
 兵器 へいき arms, weapons, ordnance (n)  
 兵士 へいし soldier (n)  
 兵隊 へいたい soldier, sailor (n)

## 具

tool, utensil, means, possess, ingredients, counter for armor, suits, sets of furniture

そな. える. つぶさ. に  
 グ

### Compounds:

雨具 あまぐ rain gear (n)  
 家具 かぐ furniture (n)  
 絵具 えのぐ colors, colours, paints (n)  
 玩具 がんぐ toy (n)  
 器具 きぐ utensil (n)

## 典

code, ceremony, law, rule

テン, デン

### Compounds:

古典 こてん old book, classics, classic (n)  
 典型 てんけい type, pattern, archetypal (n, adj-no)  
 典型的 てんけいてき typical, prototypical, representative, stereotypical, model, ideal (adj-na)  
 ことば典 ことばてん dictionary (n)  
 百科辞典 ひゃっかじてん encyclopedia (encyclopaedia) (n)

## 内

inside, within, between, among, house, home

うち  
 ナイ, ダイ

### Compounds:

案内 あんない information, guidance, leading, to guide, to show (around), to conduct (n, vs)  
 以内 いない within, inside of, less than (n, n-suf)  
 屋内 おくない indoor (court, pool, etc.) (n)  
 家内 やうち (my) wife, inside the home, one's family (n)  
 境内 けいだい compound, grounds (n)

## 冷

cool, cold (beer, person), chill

つめ. たい. ひ. える. ひ. や. ひ. ややか. ひ. やす. ひ. やかす. さ. める. さ. ます  
 レイ

**Compounds:**

寒冷 かんれい cold, coldness, chilliness (adj-na, n)  
 冷える ひえる to grow cold, to get chilly, to cool down (Ichidan verb, intransitive verb)  
 冷え込む ひえこむ to get colder, to get chilled (v5m, intransitive verb)  
 冷たい つべたい cold (to the touch), chilly, icy, freezing, coldhearted, unfeeling (adj)  
 冷める さめる to become cool, to come down (fever), to cool down (interest), to abate, to subside, to dampen (Ichidan verb, intransitive verb)

# 刀

sword, saber, knife

かたな そり  
 トウ

**Compounds:**

刀 トウ (single-edged) sword, katana, dagger, knife, scalpel (n)

# 列

file, row, rank, tier, column

レツ レ

**Compounds:**

系列 けいれつ series, sequence, system, order of succession, keiretsu (conglomeration of businesses linked by cross-shareholdings) (n)  
 行列 ぎょうれつ line, procession, matrix (n, vs, n)  
 整列 せいれつ standing in a row, forming a line, alignment (n, vs)  
 直列 ちよくれつ series (eg electrical), serial (n, adj-f)  
 陳列 ちんれつ exhibition, display, show (n, vs)

# 初

first time, beginning

はじめ はじめて はつ はつ- うい-, -そめる, -ぞめ  
 ショ

**Compounds:**

最初 さいしょ beginning, outset, first, onset (adj-no, n-adv, n-t)  
 初 はつ first, new (n, adj-no, n-suf)  
 初夏 はつなつ early summer, fourth month of the lunar calendar (n)  
 初期 しょき early (days), initial stage, (computer) initial (n, adj-no)  
 初級 しょきゅう elementary level (n)

# 利

profit, advantage, benefit

きく  
 リ

**Compounds:**

営利 えいり money-making, commercialized, commercialised (n)  
 金利 きんり interest rates (n)  
 権利 けんり right, privilege (n)  
 勝利 しょうり victory, triumph, conquest, success, win (n, vs)  
 不利 ふり disadvantage, handicap, unfavorable, unfavourable, drawback (adj-na, n)

# 刷

printing, print

す.る, -ずり, -ずり, はく  
 サツ

**Compounds:**

印刷 いんさつ printing (n, vs)

# 副

vice-, duplicate, copy

フク

**Compounds:**

副作用 ふくさよう reaction, secondary effect, side effect (n)  
 副 とりわけ especially, above all (adv, n)

# 功

achievement, merits, success, honor, credit

いさお  
コウ, ク

Compounds:

功夫 くふう device, scheme, devising, scheming, dedication to spiritual improvement (esp. through Zen meditation) (n, vs)  
成功 せいこう success, hit (n, vs)

# 加

add, addition, increase, join, include, Canada

くわ.える. くわ.わる  
カ

Compounds:

加える くわえる to append, to sum up, to add (up), to include, to increase, to inflict (ichidan verb, vt)  
加わる くわわる to join in, to accede to, to increase, to gain in (influence) (v5r, intransitive verb)  
加害者 かがいしや assailant (n)  
加減 かげん addition and subtraction, allowance for, degree, extent, measure, condition, state of health, seasoning, flavor, flavour, moderation, adjustment, influence (of the weather), chance (n, adj-na)  
加工 かこう manufacturing, processing, treatment, machining (n, vs)

# 助

help, rescue, assist

たす.ける. たす.かる. す.ける. すけ  
ジョ

Compounds:

援助 えんじよ assistance, aid, support (n, vs)  
救助 きゆうじよ relief, aid, rescue (n, vs)  
助かる たすかる to be saved, to be rescued, to survive, to be helpful (v5r, intransitive verb)  
助教授 じよきようじゆ assistant professor (n)  
助詞 じよし particle, postposition (n)

# 努

toil, diligent, as much as possible

つと.める  
ド

Compounds:

努力 どりよく great effort, exertion, endeavour, endeavor, effort (n, vs)

# 労

labor, thank for, reward for, toil, trouble

ろう.する. いたわ.る. いた.ずき. ねぎら. つか.れる. ねぎら.う  
ロウ

Compounds:

ご苦労様 ごくろうさま thank you very much for your ..., I appreciate your efforts (exp, adj-na)  
過労 かりう overwork, strain (n)  
勤労 きんろう labor, labour, exertion, diligent service (n, vs)  
苦勞 くるう troubles, hardships (adj-na, n, vs)  
疲労 ひろう fatigue, weariness (n, vs)

# 勇

courage, cheer up, be in high spirits, bravery, heroism

いさむ  
ユウ

Compounds:

勇ましい いさましい brave, valiant, gallant, courageous (adj)  
勇敢 ゆうかん brave, heroic, gallant (adj-na)  
勇気 ゆうき courage, bravery, valour, valor, nerve, boldness (n)

# 勝

victory, win, prevail, excel

か.つ. -が.ち. まさ.る. すぐ.れる. かつ  
ショウ

Compounds:

決勝 けっしょう decision of a contest, finals (in sports) (n)

**勝手** かって one's own convenience, one's way, convenience or ease of use, knowledge of how to use, circumstances, situation (eg financial), environment, kitchen, arbitrary (adj-na, n)  
**勝敗** しょうはい victory or defeat, issue (of battle) (n)  
**勝負** しょうぶ victory or defeat, match, contest, game, bout (n, vs)  
**勝利** しょうり victory, triumph, conquest, success, win (n, vs)

# 包

wrap, pack up, cover, conceal

つつむ. くる. む  
 ホウ

**Compounds:**

**包み** つつみ bundle, package, parcel, bale (n)  
**包囲** ほうい siege, encirclement, envelopment (n, vs)  
**包装** ほうそう packing, wrapping (n, vs)  
**包む** つつむ to wrap up, to tuck in, to pack, to do up, to cover with, to dress in, to conceal, to hide, to be engulfed in, to be enveloped by (v5m, vt, v5m)  
**小包み** こづつみ parcel, package (n)

# 化

change, take the form of, influence, enchant, delude, -ization

ば. ける. ば. かす. ふ. ける. け. する  
 カ. ケ

**Compounds:**

**御化け** おばけ goblin, apparition, monster, ghost (n)  
**あつ化** あつか (suffer) deterioration, growing worse, aggravation, degeneration, corruption (n, vs)  
**化ける** ばける to appear in disguise, to take the form of, to change for the worse, to corrupt (ichidan verb, intransitive verb)  
**化学** ばけがく chemistry, chemical (company) (n)  
**化石** かせき fossil, petrification, fossilization, fossilisation (n, vs)

# 卒

graduate, soldier, private, die

そっ. する. お. える. お. わる. ついに. にわか  
 ソツ. シュツ

**Compounds:**

**卒業** そつぎょう graduation, completion (eg of a course), outgrowing something, moving on (n, vs)  
**卒先** そつせん taking the initiative (n, vs)  
**卒直** そつちよく frankness, candour, candor, openheartedness (adj-na, n)

# 協

co-, cooperation

キョウ

**Compounds:**

**協議** きょうぎ conference, consultation, discussion, negotiation (n, vs)  
**妥協** だきょう compromise, giving in (n, vs)  
**農協** のうきょう agricultural cooperative (n)  
**協同** きょうどう doing together (as equals), sharing, common (land, etc.), joint (statement, etc.), cooperation, co-operation, collaboration, association (n, vs)

# 単

simple, one, single, merely

ひとえ  
 タン

**Compounds:**

**単なる** たんなる mere, simple, sheer (adj-pn)  
**単に** たんに simply, merely, only, solely (adv, n)  
**単位** たんい unit, denomination, credit (in school) (n)  
**単一** たんいつ single, simple, sole, individual, unitary (adj-na, n)  
**単語** たんご word, vocabulary, (usually) single-character word (n)

# 博

Dr., command, esteem, win acclaim, Ph.D., exposition, fair

ハク. パク

**Compounds:**

**博愛** はくあい charity, benevolence, philanthropy, (love for) humanity (n)  
**博士** はくし doctorate, PhD, Dr (as a title), expert, learned person (n, n-suf, n)



博物館 はくぶつかん museum (n)  
 博覧会 はくらんかい fair, exhibition, exposition (n)

**印** stamp, seal, mark, imprint, symbol, emblem, trademark, evidence, souvenir, India  
 しるし, -じるし, しる.す  
 イン

**Compounds:**

印鑑 いんかん stamp, seal (n)  
 印刷 いんさつ printing (n, vs)  
 印紙 いんし (revenue) stamp (n)  
 印象 いんしょう impression (n, vs)  
 調印 ちょういん signature, signing, sealing (n, vs)

**原** meadow, original, primitive, field, plain, prairie, tundra, wilderness  
 はら  
 ゲン

**Compounds:**

原っぱ はらっぱ open field, empty lot, plain (n)  
 原因 げんいん cause, origin, source (n, vs)  
 原稿 げんこう manuscript, copy (n)  
 原稿用紙 げんこうようし Japanese writing paper (n)  
 原告 げんこく plaintiff, accuser, prosecutor (n)

**参** nonplussed, three, going, coming, visiting, visit, be defeated, die, be madly in love  
 まいる, まい-, まじわる, みつ  
 サン, シン

**Compounds:**

御参り おまいり worship, shrine visit (n, vs)  
 降参 こうさん giving in to (n, vs)  
 参る まいる to go, to come, to call, to be defeated, to collapse, to die, to be annoyed, to be nonplussed, to be madly in love, to visit (shrine, grave) (v5r)  
 参加 さんか participation (n, vs)  
 参議院 さんぎいん House of Councillors (n)

**反** anti-  
 そ.る, そ.らす, かえ.す, かえ.る, -かえ.る  
 ハン, ホン, タン, ホ

**Compounds:**

反する はんする to be inconsistent with, to oppose, to contradict, to transgress, to rebel (suru verb - special class)  
 反応 はんのう reaction, response (n, vs)  
 反感 はんかん antipathy, revolt, animosity (n)  
 反響 はんきょう echo, reverberation, repercussion, reaction, influence (n, vs)  
 反撃 はんげき counterattack, counteroffensive, counterblow (n, vs)

**取** take, fetch, take up  
 と.る, と.り, と.り-, とり, -ど.り  
 シュ

**Compounds:**

引取る ひきとる to take charge of, to take over, to retire to a private place (v5r, vt)  
 横取り よこどり usurpation, snatching, seizure (n, vs)  
 採取 さいしゅ picking, collecting, harvesting (n, vs)  
 搾取 さくしゅ exploitation, squeezing, sweating (n, vs)  
 取り扱う とりあつかう to treat, to handle, to deal in (v5s, vt)

**受** accept, undergo, answer (phone), take, get, catch, receive  
 う.ける, -う.け, う.かる  
 ジュ

**Compounds:**

感受性 かんじゆせい sensitivity (n)

受かる うかる to pass (examination) (v5r, intransitive verb)  
 受けつぐ うけつぐ to inherit, to succeed, to take over (v5g, vt)  
 受け止める うけとめる to catch, to stop the blow, to react to, to take (Ichidan verb, vt)  
 受け持つ うけもつ to take (be in) charge of (v5t, vt)

# 史

history, chronicle

シ

**Compounds:**

史上 しじょう historical (adj-no, n-adv, n-t)  
 歴史 れきし history (n)  
 歴史的 れきしてき historic, historical, traditional (adj-na)

# 号

nickname, number, item, title, pseudonym, name, call

さけ.ぶ. よびな  
 コウ

**Compounds:**

記号 きごう symbol, code, sign (n, adj-no)  
 元号 げんごう era name (n)  
 号 ごう number, edition, make, model, issue, part of that group, sobriquet, pen-name (n, n-suf)  
 信号 しんごう traffic lights, signal, semaphore (n, vs)  
 年号 ねんごう name of an era, year number (n)

# 司

director, official, govt office, rule, administer

つかさど.る  
 シ

**Compounds:**

司会 しかい chairmanship, leading a meeting (n, vs)  
 司法 しほう administration of justice (n)  
 上司 じょうし superior authorities, boss (n)

# 各

each, every, either

おのおの  
 カク

**Compounds:**

各位 かくい everyone, ladies and gentlemen, attention media representatives (eg heading on a press release) (n)  
 各自 かくじ individual, each (n-adv, n-t)  
 各 おのおの each, every, either, respectively, severally (n-t)

# 向

yonder, facing, beyond, confront, defy, tend toward, approach

む.く. む.い. -む.き. む.ける. -む.け. む.かう. む.かい. む.こう. む.こう-. む.こ. む.かい  
 コウ

**Compounds:**

あお向け あおむけ face up (n)  
 傾向 けいこう tendency, trend, inclination (n, vs)  
 後向き うしろむき back facing, turning one's back to (n)  
 向き むき direction, orientation, aspect, situation, exposure, suitability, tendency (adj-na, n, n-suf)  
 向こう むこう opposite side, other side, opposite direction, over there, that way, far away, beyond, the other party, the other person, future (starting now) (n)

# 君

old boy, name-suffix

きみ. -ぎみ  
 クン

**Compounds:**

諸君 しょくん Gentlemen!, Ladies! (n)

revelation, tell, inform, announce

# 告

つ. げる  
コク

**Compounds:**

警告 けいこく warning, advice (n, vs)  
原告 げんこく plaintiff, accuser, prosecutor (n)  
広告 こうこく advertisement (n, vs)  
告げる つげる to inform (Ichidan verb, vt)  
告訴 こくそ accusation, complaint (n, vs)

# 周

circumference, circuit, lap

まわ. り  
シュウ

**Compounds:**

周 ぐるり surroundings (n)  
周囲 しゅうい surroundings, environs, circumference (n)  
周期 しゅうき cycle, period (n)  
周辺 しゅうへん circumference, outskirts, environs, around, in the area of, in the vicinity of, (computer) peripheral (n)

# 命

fate, command, decree, destiny, life, appoint

いのち  
メイ, ミヨウ

**Compounds:**

一生けん命 いっしょうけんめい very hard, with utmost effort, with all one's might, for dear life (adj-na, n-adv, n)  
運命 うんめい fate (n)  
革命 かくめい revolution, 58th year of the sexagenary cycle (in onmyou-dou) (n)  
使命 しめい mission, errand, message (n)  
寿命 じゅみょう life span (n)

# 和

harmony, Japanese style, peace, soften, Japan

やわ. らぐ. やわ. らげる. なご. む. なご. やか  
ワ, オ, カ

**Compounds:**

英和 えいわ English-Japanese (eg dictionary) (n)  
緩和 かんわ relief, mitigation (n, vs)  
講和 こうわ peace, conclude peace (n, vs)  
昭和 しょうわ Showa era (1926.12.25-1989.1.7) (n)  
中和 ちゅうわ neutralize, neutralise, counteract (adj-na, n, vs)

# 唱

chant, recite, call upon, yell

とな. える  
ショウ

**Compounds:**

合唱 がっしょう chorus, singing in a chorus (n, vs)  
首唱 しゅしょう advocacy, promotion (n, vs)

# 商

make a deal, selling, dealing in, merchant

あきな. う  
ショウ

**Compounds:**

商業 しょうぎょう commerce, trade, business (n)  
商社 しょうしゃ trading company, firm (n)  
商談 しょうだん business discussion, negotiation (n, vs)  
商店 しょうてん shop, business firm (n)  
商売 しょうばい trade, business, commerce, transaction, occupation (n, vs)

# 喜

rejoice, take pleasure in

よろこ. ぶ. よろこ. ばす  
キ

Compounds:

喜劇 きげき comedy, funny show (n)  
 大喜び おおよろこび great joy (adj-na, n)  
 喜ばす よろこばす to delight, to give pleasure (v5s)

器

utensil, vessel, receptacle, implement, instrument, ability, container, tool, set

うつわ  
 キ

Compounds:

核兵器 かくへいき nuclear weapons (n)  
 楽器 がっき musical instrument (n)  
 器 うつわ bowl, vessel, container, ability, capacity, calibre, caliber (n)  
 器官 きかん organ (of body), instrument (n)  
 器具 きぐ utensil (n)

囲

surround, besiege, store, paling, enclosure, encircle, preserve, keep

かこむ, かこう, かこい  
 イ

Compounds:

囲い かこい enclosure, paling, storage (n)  
 囲う かこう to enclose (v5s, vt)  
 囲む かこむ to surround, to encircle (v5m, vt)  
 囲碁 いご Go (board game of capturing territory) (n)  
 周囲 しゅうい surroundings, environs, circumference (n)

固

harden, set, clot, curdle

かためる, かたまる, かたまり, かたい  
 コ

Compounds:

頑固 がんこ stubbornness, obstinacy (adj-na, n)  
 固まる かたまる to harden, to solidify, to become firm, to become certain (v5r, intransitive verb)  
 固形 こけい solid (body) (n)  
 固体 こたい solid (body), solid matter, solid-state (n, adj-no)  
 固定 こてい fixation, fixing (eg salary, capital) (n, vs)

園

park, garden, yard, farm

その  
 エン

Compounds:

園芸 えんげい horticulture, gardening (n)  
 学園 がくえん academy, campus (n)  
 公園 こうえん (public) park (n)  
 植物園 しよくぶつえん botanical garden (n)  
 庭園 ていえん garden, park (n)

坂

slope, incline, hill

さか  
 ハン

Compounds:

型

mould, type, model

かた, -がた  
 ケイ

Compounds:

型 がた model, type (eg of machine, goods, etc.), type, style, pattern, mold (mould), template, model, kata (standard form of a movement, posture, etc) (n)

体型 たいけい figure (body) (n)  
 典型 てんけい type, pattern, archetypal (n, adj-no)  
 典型的 てんけいてき typical, prototypical, representative, stereotypical, model, ideal (adj-na)  
 模型 もけい model, dummy, maquette (n)

## 塩

salt  
 しお  
 エン

### Compounds:

塩分 えんぶん salt, salt content (n)  
 塩 えん salt (n)  
 塩水 えんすい salt water, brine (n)  
 塩辛い しおからい salty (taste) (adj)

## 士

gentleman, samurai, samurai radical (no. 33)  
 シ

### Compounds:

修士 しゅうし Masters degree program (programme) (n)  
 紳士 しんし gentleman (n)  
 代議士 だいきし parliamentarian, member of a congress (n)  
 同士 どうし fellow, companion, comrade, mutual (n)  
 博士 はくし doctorate, PhD, Dr (as a title), expert, learned person (n, n-suf, n)

## 変

unusual, change, strange  
 か.わる. か.わり. か.える  
 ヘン

### Compounds:

急変 きゅうへん sudden turn, sudden change, (suddenly occurring) accident (n, vs)  
 相変らず あいかわらず as ever, as usual, the same (adv, n)  
 大変 たいへん very, greatly, immense, enormous, great, serious, grave, dreadful, terrible, difficult, hard, major incident, disaster (adv, adj-na, n)  
 不変 ふへん eternal, everlasting, unchangeable, immutable, immovable, constant, permanent, indestructible (adj-na, n, adj-no)  
 変 へん strange, odd, peculiar, weird, curious, queer, eccentric, funny, suspicious, fishy, unexpected, change, incident, disturbance, disaster, accident, flat (music) (adj-na, n, n-pref)

## 夫

husband, man  
 おっと. それ  
 フ. フウ. ブ

### Compounds:

功夫 くふう device, scheme, devising, scheming, dedication to spiritual improvement (esp. through Zen meditation) (n, vs)  
 大丈夫 だいじょうぶ safe, all right, OK (adj-na, adv, n)  
 夫 おっと husband (n)  
 夫妻 ふさい man and wife, married couple (n)  
 夫人 はしかし wife, Mrs, madam, wife of a nobleman (aristocrat, etc.), consort of the emperor (n, n, n)

## 央

center, middle  
 オウ

### Compounds:

中央 ちゅうおう centre, central, center, middle (n)

## 失

lose, error, fault, disadvantage, loss  
 うしな.う. う.せる  
 シツ

### Compounds:

過失 かしつ error, blunder, accident, fault, defect (n)  
 見失う みうしなう to lose sight of, to miss (vs, vt)  
 失格 しかく disqualification, elimination, incapacity (legal) (n, vs)  
 失業 しつぎょう unemployment (n, vs)

失敬 しっけい rudeness, saying good-bye, acting impolitely, stealing, impoliteness, disrespect, impertinence (adj-na, interjection (kandoushi), n, vs)

## 委

committee, entrust to, leave to, devote, discard

ゆだ.ねる  
イ

Compounds:

委員 いいん committee member (n)  
委員会 いいんかい committee meeting, committee (n)  
委任 いにん charge, trust (n, vs)  
委しい くわしい knowing very well, detailed, full, accurate (adj)

## 季

seasons

キ

Compounds:

季語 きご seasonal word (in haiku) (n)  
季節 きせつ season (n)  
四季 しき four seasons (n)  
冬季 とうき (season of) winter (n-adv, n-t)  
雨季 うき rainy season (n)

## 孫

grandchild, descendants

まご  
ソン

Compounds:

子孫 しそん descendants, posterity, offspring (n)  
孫 まご grandchild (n)

## 守

guard, protect, defend, obey

まも.る. まも.り. もり. -もり. かみ  
シュ. ス

Compounds:

御守 おまもり charm, amulet (n)  
見守る みまもる to watch over, to watch attentively (vsr, vt)  
厳守 げんしゆ strict observance (n, vs)  
守衛 しゆえい security guard, doorkeeper (n)  
守備 しゆび defense, defence (n, vs)

## 完

perfect, completion, end

カン

Compounds:

完成 かんせい complete, completion, perfection, accomplishment (n, vs)  
完全 かんぜん perfection, completeness (adj-na, n)  
完了 かんりよう completion, conclusion, perfective (form, aspect) (n, vs, n)  
不完全 ふかんぜん imperfect, incomplete, faulty, defective (adj-na, n)  
完璧 かんべき perfect, complete, flawless (adj-na)

## 官

bureaucrat, the government

カン

Compounds:

官庁 かんちよう government office, authorities (n)  
官邸 かんてい official residence (n)  
官僚 かんりよう bureaucrat, bureaucracy (n)  
器官 きかん organ (of body), instrument (n)  
警官 けいかん policeman (n)

determine, fix, establish, decide

# 定

さだめる, さだまる, さだか  
テイ, ジョウ

**Compounds:**

安定 あんてい stability, equilibrium (adj-na, n, vs)  
案の定 あんのじょう just as one thought, as usual (adv, exp)  
一定 いちじょう fixed, settled, constant, definite, uniform, regularized, regularised, defined, standardized (n, adj-no, vs)  
仮定 かてい assumption, supposition, hypothesis (n, vs)  
確定 かくてい decision, settlement, definition (n, vs)

# 実

reality, truth

み, みの. る, まこと, まことに, みの, みち. る  
ジツ, シツ

**Compounds:**

忠実 ちゅうじつ faithful, loyal, devoted, hardworking, painstaking, diligent, healthy, fit (adj-na, adj-na, adj-na)  
果実 かじつ fruit, nut, berry (n)  
確実 かくじつ certainty, reliability, soundness (adj-na, n)  
現実 げんじつ reality (n)  
口実 こうじつ excuse, pretext (n)

# 客

guest, visitor, customer, client

キヤク, カク

**Compounds:**

観客 かんきやく audience, spectator(s) (n)  
客 きやく guest, customer (n)  
客観 かくかん object (as opposed to subject) (n, adj-no)  
客観的 きゃつかんてき objective (adj-na)  
客室 きやくしつ drawing room, guest room (n)

# 宮

Shinto shrine, constellations, palace, princess

みや  
キュウ, グウ, ク, クウ

**Compounds:**

# 害

harm, injury

ガイ

**Compounds:**

加害者 かがいしや assailant (n)  
害 がい injury, harm, evil influence, damage (n)  
害虫 がいちゆう harmful insect, noxious insect (n)  
公害 こうがい pollution, public nuisance, contamination (n)  
災害 さいがい calamity, disaster, misfortune (n)

# 宿

inn, lodging, relay station, dwell, lodge, be pregnant, home, dwelling

やど, やど. る, やど. す  
シュク

**Compounds:**

下宿 げしゆく boarding, lodging, boarding house (n, vs)  
合宿 がっしゆく lodging together, training camp, boarding house (n, vs)  
宿 やど inn, lodging (n)  
宿屋 やどや inn (n)  
宿題 しゆくだい homework (n)

# 察

guess, presume, surmise, judge, understand

サツ

**Compounds:**

観察 かんさつ observation, survey (n, vs)  
 警察 けいさつ police (n)  
 検察 けんさつ examination, prosecutor (n, vs)  
 察する さつする to guess, to sense, to presume, to judge, to sympathize with, to sympathise with (suru verb - special class)  
 視察 しさつ inspection, observation (n, vs)

## 寺

Buddhist temple

てら  
ジ

Compounds:

寺 てら temple (Buddhist) (n)  
 寺院 じいん temple (n)

## 対

vis-a-vis, opposite, even, equal, versus, anti-, compare

あいて. こた. える. そろ. い. つれあ. い. なら. ぶ. むか. う  
タイ. ツイ

Compounds:

応対 おうたい receiving, dealing with (n, vs)  
 絶対 ぜったい absoluteness, absolute, unconditional, unmistakable (n, adj-no)  
 相対的 そうたいてき relative (adj-na)  
 対応 たいおう interaction, correspondence, coping with, dealing with, support (n, vs)  
 対決 たいけつ confrontation, showdown (n, vs)

## 局

bureau, board, office, affair, conclusion, court lady, lady-in-waiting, her apartment

つぼね  
キョク

Compounds:

局 きょく channel (ie TV or radio), station, department, affair, situation (n, n-suf)  
 結局 けっきょく after all, eventually (n-adv, n)  
 支局 しきょく branch office (n)  
 政局 せいきょく political situation (n)  
 当局 とうきょく authorities, this office (n)

## 岩

boulder, rock, cliff

いわ  
ガン

Compounds:

## 岸

beach

きし  
ガン

Compounds:

沿岸 えんがん coast, shore (n)  
 海岸 かいがん coast, beach (n)  
 岸 きし bank, coast, shore (n)  
 岸辺 きしべ bank (of a river) (n)  
 河岸 かし river bank, riverside, fish market (n)

## 島

island

しま  
トウ

Compounds:

半島 はんとう peninsula (n)  
 列島 れっとう archipelago, chain of islands (n)



# 州

state, province

す  
 シュウ, ス

Compounds:

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# 巢

nest, rookery, hive, cobweb, den

す, すくう  
 ソウ

Compounds:

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# 差

distinction, difference, variation, discrepancy, margin, balance

さ, す, さし  
 サ

Compounds:

格差 かくさ qualitative difference, disparity (n) 誤差 ごさ measurement error, calculation error (n) 差 さ difference, variation (n, n-suf) 差し引き さしひき deduction, subtraction, balance, ebb and flow, rise and fall (n) 差し掛かる さしかかる to come near to, to approach (v5r)
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# 希

hope, beg, request, pray, beseech, Greece, dilute (acid), rare, few, phenomenal

まれ  
 キ, ケ

Compounds:

希 まれ rare, seldom (adj-na)
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# 席

seat, mat, occasion, place

むしろ  
 セキ

Compounds:

客席 きやくせき guest seating (n) 欠席 けつせき absence, non-attendance (n, vs) 座席 ざせき seat (n) 出席 しゅつせき attendance, presence (n, vs) 席 せき seat (n)
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# 帯

sash, belt, obi, zone, region

おびる, おび  
 タイ

Compounds:

一帯 いったい region, zone, whole place (n) 温帯 おんたい temperate zone (n) 携帯 ケータイ something carried (in the hand), handheld, mobile telephone, cell phone (n, vs, n) 所帯 しょたい household, home, family, housekeeping (n) 地帯 ちたい area, zone (n)
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# 帳

notebook, account book, album

とばり  
 チョウ

Compounds:

通帳 つうちょう passbook, bankbook (n)
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# 平

even, flat, peace

たいら, -だいら, ひら, ひら-  
ヘイ, ビョウ, ヒョウ

**Compounds:**

公平 こうへい fairness, impartial, justice (adj-na, n)  
水平 すいへい level, horizontality (adj-na, adj-no)  
水平線 すいへいせん horizon (related to sea or lakes) (n)  
地平線 ちへいせん horizon (related to land) (n)  
不公平 ふこうへい unfairness, injustice, partiality (adj-na, n)

# 幸

happiness, blessing, fortune

さいわい, さち, しあわせ  
コウ

**Compounds:**

幸い さいわい happiness, blessedness (adj-na, adv, n)  
幸福 こうふく happiness, blessedness (adj-na, n)  
不幸 ふこう unhappiness, sorrow, misfortune, disaster, accident, death (adj-na, n)

# 底

bottom, sole, depth, bottom price, base, kind, sort

そこ  
テイ

**Compounds:**

海底 かいてい bottom of the ocean (n)  
底 そこ bottom, sole (n)  
徹底 てってい thoroughness, completeness (n, vs)  
到底 どうてい (cannot) possibly (adv)

# 府

borough, urban prefecture, govt office, representative body, storehouse

フ

**Compounds:**

政府 せいふ government, administration (n)  
府庁 ふちょう prefectural office (n)  
府立 ふりつ managed by an urban prefecture (adj-no, n)

# 庫

warehouse, storehouse

くら  
コ, ク

**Compounds:**

金庫 かねぐら safe, vault, treasury, provider of funds (n)  
車庫 しゃこ garage, car shed, carport (n)  
倉庫 そうこ storehouse, warehouse, godown (n)  
文庫 ぶんこ library, book collection, paperback book (n)  
冷蔵庫 れいぞうこ refrigerator (n)

# 庭

courtyard, garden, yard

にわ  
テイ

**Compounds:**

家庭 かてい home, family, household (n)  
校庭 こうてい schoolyard, campus (n)  
市庭 いちば (town) market, (the) marketplace (n)  
中庭 なかにわ courtyard, quadrangle, middle court (n)  
庭 にわ garden (n)

# 康

ease, peace

コウ

**Compounds:**

健康 けんこう health, sound, wholesome (adj-na, n)

# 式

style, ceremony, rite, function, method, system, form, expression

シキ

**Compounds:**

- 株式 かぶしき stock (company) (n)
- 儀式 ぎしき ceremony, rite, ritual, service (n)
- 旧式 きゅうしき old type, old style (adj-na, adj-no)
- 形式 けいしき form, formality, format, appearance, mode, math expression (n)
- 形式的 けいしきてき formal (adj-na)

# 弓

bow, bow (archery, violin)

ゆみ  
 キュウ

**Compounds:**

- 弓 ゆみ bow (and arrow) (n)

# 当

hit, right, appropriate, himself

あ. たる. あ. たり. あ. てる. あ. て. まさ. に. まさ. に. べし  
 トウ

**Compounds:**

- 該当 がいとう corresponding, answering to, coming under, applying to (n, vs)
- 割当てる わりあてる to assign, to allot, to allocate, to divide among, to distribute, to prorate (Ichidan verb, vt)
- 見当 けんとう aim, mark, estimate, guess, approximation, direction (n)
- 心当たり ころあたり having some knowledge of, happening to know (n)
- 正当 せいとう just, justifiable, right, due, proper, equitable, reasonable, legitimate, legal, lawful (adj-na, n)

# 形

shape, form, style

かた. -がた. かたち. なり  
 ケイ. ギョウ

**Compounds:**

- 形見 かたみ memento, souvenir (n)
- 形式 けいしき form, formality, format, appearance, mode, math expression (n)
- 形式的 けいしきてき formal (adj-na)
- 形成 けいせい formation, molding, taking form (n, vs)
- 形容詞 けいようし (true) adjective, i-adjective (n)

# 役

duty, war, campaign, drafted labor, office, service, role

ヤク. エキ

**Compounds:**

- 区役所 くやくしょ ward office, council (regional) (n)
- 現役 げんえき active duty, active service (n)
- 市役所 しやくしょ municipal office, council, city hall (n)
- 主役 しゅやく leading part, leading actor (actress) (n)
- 重役 おもやく director, high executive, (person with) heavy responsibilities (n)

# 径

diameter, path, method

みち. こみち. さしわたし. ただちに  
 ケイ

**Compounds:**

- 径 みち road, street, way, method (n)
- 半径 はんけい radius (n)

# 徒

junior, emptiness, vanity, futility, uselessness, ephemeral thing, gang, set, party, people

いたずら. あだ  
 ト

Compounds:

生徒 せいと pupil (n)
徒歩 とほ walking, going on foot (n)

得

gain, get, find, earn, acquire, can, may, able to, profit, advantage, benefit

え.る. う.る  
 トク

Compounds:

獲得 かくとく acquisition, possession (n, vs)
取得 しゆとく acquisition (n, vs)
拾得 しゆうとく picking up, finding (n, vs)
所得 しょとく income, earnings (n)
心得 こころえ knowledge, information (n)

必

invariably, certain, inevitable

かなら.ず  
 ヒツ

Compounds:

必ず かならず necessarily, certainly, without fail, positively, invariably (adv)
必ずしも かならずしも (not) always, (not) necessarily, (not) all, (not) entirely (adv)
必修 ひっしゅう required (subject) (n)
必須 ひっす indispensable, required (adj-na, n)
必然 ひつぜん inevitable, necessary (n)

念

wish, sense, idea, thought, feeling, desire, attention

ネン

Compounds:

概念 がいねん general idea, concept, notion (n)
観念 かねん idea, notion, conception, sense (eg of duty), resignation, preparedness, acceptance (n, vs)
記念 きねん commemoration, memory (n, vs)
記念日 きねんび holiday, anniversary, memorial day (n)
懸念 けねん worry, fear, anxiety, concern (n, vs)

息

breath, respiration, son, interest (on money)

いき  
 ソク

Compounds:

休息 きゆうそく rest, relief, relaxation (n, vs)
消息 しょうそく news, letter, circumstances (n)
息 おき breath, breathing, tone, mood (n)
息 そく son, penis (n)
息切れ いきぎれ shortness of breath (n, vs)

悲

jail cell, grieve, sad, deplore, regret

かな.しい. かな.しむ  
 ヒ

Compounds:

慈悲 じひ compassion, benevolence, charity, mercy (n)
悲観 ひかん pessimism, disappointment (n, vs)
悲劇 ひげき tragedy, disaster (n)
悲惨 ひさん disastrous, tragic, miserable, wretched, pitiful (adj-na)
悲鳴 ひめい shriek, scream (n, vs)

想

concept, think, idea, thought

おも.う  
 ソウ. ソ

Compounds:

回想 かいそう reflection, reminiscence (n, vs)
--

感想 かんそう impressions, thoughts (n, vs)  
 空想 くうそう daydream, fantasy, fancy, vision (n, vs)  
 幻想 げんそう illusions (n)  
 構想 こうそう plan, plot, idea, conception (n, vs)

## 愛

love, affection, favourite

いと. しい  
 アイ

Compounds:

愛 あい love, affection (n, n-suf)  
 愛しい いとしい lovely, dear, beloved, darling (adj)  
 愛する あいする to love (suru verb - special class, vt)  
 愛情 あいじょう love, affection (n)  
 愛読 あいどく reading with pleasure (n, vs)

## 感

emotion, feeling, sensation

カン

Compounds:

感じ かんじ feeling, sense, impression (n)  
 感じる かんじる to feel, to sense, to experience (ichidan verb, intransitive verb)  
 感覚 かんかく sense, sensation (n, vs)  
 感激 かんげき deep emotion, impression, inspiration (n, vs)  
 感謝 かんしゃ thanks, gratitude (adj-na, n, vs)

## 成

turn into, become, get, grow, elapse, reach

な. る. な. す. -な. す  
 セイ. ジョウ

Compounds:

完成 かんせい complete, completion, perfection, accomplishment (n, vs)  
 既成 きせい established, completed, existing (n, adj-no)  
 形成 けいせい formation, molding, taking form (n, vs)  
 結成 けっせい formation (n, vs)  
 構成 こうせい organization, organisation, configuration, composition (n, vs)

## 戦

war, battle, match

いくさ. たたか. う. おのの. く. そよぐ. わなな. く  
 セン

Compounds:

策戦 さくせん military or naval operations, tactics, strategy (n)  
 終戦 しゅうせん end of war, cessation of hostilities (n)  
 戦災 せんさい war damage (n)  
 戦死 せんし death in action (n, vs)  
 戦車 せんしゃ tank (military vehicle) (n)

## 戸

door, counter for houses, door radical (no. 63)

と  
 コ

Compounds:

井戸 いど water well (n)  
 雨戸 あまど sliding storm door (n)  
 戸籍 こせき census, family register (n)  
 戸棚 とだな cupboard, locker, closet, wardrobe (n)  
 戸締り とじまり closing up, fastening the doors (n)

## 才

genius, years old, cubic shaku

サイ

Compounds:

才能 さいのう talent, ability (n)

才 さい -years-old, ability, gift, talent, aptitude, genius (suffix)  
 秀才 しゅうさい prodigy (n)  
 人才 じんさい man of talent, capable person (n)  
 天才 てんさい genius, prodigy, natural gift (n)

# 打

strike, hit, knock, pound, dozen

う.つ. う.ち- ふ.つ  
 ダ. ダアス

**Compounds:**

打上げる うちあげる to launch, to shoot up, (of waves) dash, to wash up (ashore), to finish, to close (Ichidan verb, vt)  
 打つ うつ to hit (something inanimate), to strike, to beat (on something), to type, to tap (eg a key) (v5t)  
 打撃 だげき blow, shock, strike, damage, batting (baseball) (n)  
 打破 だは break-down, defeat, abolish (n, vs)  
 打撲 だぼく blow, hit (on the body), beating (n, vs)

# 投

throw, discard, abandon, launch into, join, invest in, hurl, give up, sell at a loss

な.げる. -な.げ  
 トウ

**Compounds:**

投げる なげる to throw, to cast away, to face defeat, to give up (Ichidan verb, vt)  
 投じる とじる to throw, to cast, to invest (Ichidan verb, intransitive verb)  
 投影 とうえい projection (n, vs)  
 投資 とうし investment (n, vs)  
 投書 とうしょ letter to the editor, letter from a reader, contribution (n, vs)

# 折

fold, break, fracture, bend, yield, submit

お.る. おり. お.り. -お.り. お.れる  
 セツ

**Compounds:**

屈折 くっせつ bending, indentation, refraction, inflection (n, vs)  
 骨折 こっせつ bone fracture (n, vs)  
 折 おり chance, suitable time (n-adv, n-t)  
 折り返し おりかえし by return, (call or write back) without delay, lapel, cuffs, flap, chorus, refrain, repetition, aliasing (in imaging), shuttle service, back-to-back, BTB (adv, n, adj-no)  
 折り返す おりかえず to turn up, to fold back, to loopback (a signal, a message) (v5s, vt)

# 拾

pick up, gather, find, go on foot, ten

ひろ.う  
 シュウ. ジュウ

**Compounds:**

收拾 しゅうしゅう control, settling, coping (n, vs)  
 拾う ひろう to pick up, to find, to gather (v5s, vt)  
 拾得 しゅうとく picking up, finding (n, vs)

# 指

finger, point to, indicate, put into, play (chess), measure (ruler)

ゆび. さ.す. -さ.し  
 シ

**Compounds:**

指 ゆび finger (n)  
 指す さす to point, to nominate, to select someone, to specify some person, to identify, to indicate, to point out (v5s, vt)  
 指揮 しき command, direction (n, vs)  
 指示 しじ indication, instruction, designation, directions (n, vs)  
 指し図 さしず instruction, mandate, directions (n, vs)

# 挙

raise, plan, project, behavior, actions

あ.げる. あ.がる. こぞ.る  
 キョ

**Compounds:**

選挙 せんきよ election (n, vs)

挙句 あげく in the end, finally, after all, at last (n-adv, n-t)

改 reformation, change, modify, mend, renew, examine, inspect, search

あらた. める. あらた. まる  
 カイ

Compounds:

改めて あらためて another time, again, over again, anew, formally (adv)  
 改革 かいかく reform, reformation, innovation (n, vs)  
 改札 かいさつ examination of tickets (n, vs)  
 改正 かいせい revision, amendment, alteration (n, vs)  
 改善 かいぜん betterment, improvement, incremental and continuous improvement (n, vs)

放 set free, release, fire, shoot, emit, banish, liberate

はな. す. -っぱな. し. はな. つ. はな. れる. こ. く. ほう. る  
 ホウ

Compounds:

解放 かいほう release, unleashing, liberation, emancipation, deallocation (of computer memory), setting free (n, vs)  
 開放 かいほう open, throw open, liberalization, liberalisation (n, vs)  
 釈放 しゃくほう release, liberation, acquittal (n, vs)  
 追放 ついほう exile, banishment (n, vs)  
 放す はなす to separate, to set free, to turn loose (v5s, vt)

救 salvation, save, help, rescue, reclaim

すく. う  
 キュウ

Compounds:

救い すくい help, aid, relief, salvation (n)  
 救う すくう to rescue from, to help out of, to save (v5s, vt)  
 救援 きゆうえん relief, rescue, reinforcement (n, vs)  
 救急車 きゆうきゆうしゃ ambulance (n)  
 救済 きゆうさい relief, aid, rescue, salvation, help (n, vs)

敗 failure, defeat, reversal

やぶ. れる  
 ハイ

Compounds:

失敗 しっぱい failure, mistake, blunder (n, adj-no, vs)  
 勝敗 しょうはい victory or defeat, issue (of battle) (n)  
 敗る やぶる to tear, to violate, to defeat, to smash, to destroy (v5r, vt)  
 敗戦 はいせん defeat, losing a war (n, vs)  
 敗北 はいぼく defeat (as a verb it means 'to be defeated') (n, vs)

散 scatter, disperse, spend, squander

ち. る. ち. らす. -ち. らす. ち. らかず. ち. らかる. ばら  
 サン

Compounds:

解散 かいさん breakup, dissolution (n, vs)  
 散らかる ちらかる to be in disorder, to lie scattered around (v5r, intransitive verb)  
 散らし チラシ scattering, leaflets (n)  
 散らす ちらす to scatter, to disperse, to distribute (v5s, vt)  
 散らばる ちらばる to be scattered about (v5r, intransitive verb)

数 number, strength, fate, law, figures

かず. かぞ. える. しばしば. せ. める. わずらわ. しい  
 スウ. ス. サク. ソク. シュ

Compounds:

過半数 かはんすう majority (n)  
 画数 かくすう stroke count (n)

回数 かいすう number of times, frequency, count (n)  
 回数券 かいすうけん book of tickets (n)  
 奇数 きすう odd number (n)

## 整

organize, arranging, tune, tone, meter, key (music)

ととのえる, ととのう  
 セイ

### Compounds:

整備 せいび maintenance, servicing, outfitting (n, vs)  
 整理 せいり sorting, arrangement, organization, putting in order, adjustment, regulation, liquidation (n, vs)  
 整列 せいれつ standing in a row, forming a line, alignment (n, vs)  
 調整 ちょうせい regulation, adjustment, tuning, modification, alteration (n, vs)

## 旗

national flag, banner, standard

はた  
 キ

### Compounds:

旗 はた flag (n)  
 国旗 こつき national flag (n)

## 昔

once upon a time, antiquity, old times

むかし  
 セキ, シャク

### Compounds:

一昔 ひとむかし ages, long time, decade, the past ten years (n)  
 昔 むかし olden days, former (adj-no, n-adv, n-t)  
 昔話 むかしばなし folklore, legend (n)

## 星

star, spot, dot, mark

ほし, -ほし  
 セイ, ショウ

### Compounds:

衛星 えいせい satellite (n)  
 火星 かせい Mars (planet) (n)  
 星 ほし star (n)  
 星座 せいざ constellation (n)

## 昨

yesterday, previous

サク

### Compounds:

昨年 さくねん last year (n-adv, n-t)  
 昨晚 さくばん last night (n-adv, n-t)  
 昨夜 さくや evening, last night (n-adv, n-t)  
 一昨日 おととい day before yesterday (n-adv, n-t)  
 一昨年 おとし year before last (n-adv, n-t)

## 昭

shining, bright

ショウ

### Compounds:

昭和 しょうわ Showa era (1926.12.25-1989.1.7) (n)

## 景

scenery, view

ケイ

### Compounds:

景気 けいき condition, state, business (condition) (n)



景色 けしき scenery, scene, landscape (n)  
 光景 こうけい scene, spectacle (n)  
 背景 はいけい background, scenery, setting, circumstance (n)  
 不景氣 ふけいき business recession, hard times, depression, gloom, sullenness, cheerlessness (adj-na, n)

## 晴

clear up

は.れる, は.れ, は.れ-, -ば.れ, は.らす  
 セイ

Compounds:

快晴 かいせい good weather (n)  
 見晴らし みはらし view (n)  
 晴天 せいてん fine weather (n)  
 素晴らしい すんばらしい wonderful, splendid, magnificent (adj)

## 曲

bend, music, melody, composition, pleasure, injustice, fault, curve, crooked, perverse, lean

ま.がる, ま.げる  
 キョク

Compounds:

歌謡曲 かようきよく popular song (n)  
 戯曲 ぎきよく play, drama (n)  
 曲 きよく tune, piece of music (n, n-suf)  
 曲り角 まがりかど street corner, road turn, bend in the road, turning point (n)  
 曲る まがる to bend, to curve, to warp, to wind, to twist, to turn, to be awry, to be askew, to be crooked (v5r, intransitive verb)

## 最

utmost, most, extreme

もっと.も, つま  
 サイ, シュ

Compounds:

最も もっとも most, extremely (adv)  
 最悪 さいあく the worst (adj-na, n)  
 最期 さいご one's last moment, one's time of death (n-adv, n)  
 最強 さいきょう strongest (n)  
 最近 さいきん latest, most recent, nowadays (adj-no, n-adv, n-t)

## 望

ambition, full moon, hope, desire, aspire to, expect

のぞむ, もち  
 ボウ, モウ

Compounds:

冀望 きぼう hope, wish, aspiration (n, vs)  
 失望 しつぼう disappointment, despair (n, vs)  
 絶望 ぜつぼう despair, hopelessness (n, vs)  
 待ち望む まちのぞむ to look anxiously for, to wait eagerly for (v5m, vt)  
 待望 たいぼう expectant waiting, long-awaited (n, vs, adj-no)

## 期

period, time, date, term

キ, ゴ

Compounds:

延期 えんき postponement, adjournment (n, vs)  
 過渡期 かとき transition period (n)  
 学期 がつき school term, semester (n)  
 期間 きかん period, term (n)  
 期限 きげん term, period, time frame, time limit, deadline, cutoff (date) (n)

## 未

un-, not yet, hitherto, still, even now, sign of the ram, 1-3PM, eighth sign of Chinese zodiac

いまだ, まだ, ひつじ  
 ミ, ビ

Compounds:

未開 みかい savage land, backward region, uncivilized, uncivilised (adj-na, n, adj-no)

未婚 みこん unmarried (adj-no, n)  
 未熟 みじゆく inexperience, unripeness, raw, unskilled, immature, inexperienced (adj-na, n)  
 未遂 みすい attempt (at crime) (n, n-suf)  
 未然 みぜん before it happens, previously (n)

## 末

end, close, tip, powder, posterity

すえ  
 マツ, バツ

**Compounds:**

期末 きまつ end of term (n)  
 結末 けつまつ end, conclusion (n)  
 月末 つきずえ end of the month (n-adv, n-t)  
 跡始末 あとしまつ settlement (of affairs), remedial measures, cleaning up afterwards (n, vs)  
 歳末 さいまつ year end (n)

## 札

tag, paper money, counter for bonds, placard, bid

ふだ  
 サツ

**Compounds:**

改札 かいさつ examination of tickets (n, vs)  
 札 ふだ token, label, ticket, card, charm, talisman (n)  
 入札 にゆうさつ bid, bidding (n, vs)  
 名札 なふだ name plate, name tag (n)  
 落札 らくさつ having one's bid accepted (eg for contract) (n, vs)

## 材

lumber, log, timber, wood, talent

ザイ

**Compounds:**

材木 ざいもく lumber, timber (n)  
 材料 ざいりょう ingredients, material (n)  
 取材 しゆざい collecting data (eg for a newspaper article), covering an event (n, vs)  
 素材 そざい raw materials, subject matter (n)  
 木材 もくざい lumber, timber, wood (n)

## 束

bundle, sheaf, ream, tie in bundles, govern, manage, control

たば, たばねる, つか, つかねる  
 ソク

**Compounds:**

花束 はなたば bunch of flowers, bouquet (n)  
 拘束 こうそく restriction, restraint (n, vs)  
 束 たば bundle, bunch, sheaf, coil (n)  
 束縛 そくばく restraint, shackles, restriction, confinement, binding (n, vs)  
 約束 やくそく arrangement, promise, appointment, pact, engagement, convention, rule (n, vs)

## 松

pine tree

まつ  
 ショウ

**Compounds:**

松 まつ pine tree, highest (of a three-tier ranking system) (n)

## 板

plank, board, plate, stage

いた  
 ハン, バン

**Compounds:**

看板 かんばん sign, signboard, doorplate, poster, billboard, appearance, figurehead, policy, attraction, closing time (n)  
 黒板 こくばん blackboard (n)  
 板 いた board, plank, sheet (of metal), plate (of glass), pane, slab, cutting board, chopping board, stage (ie at a theatre) (n)

板画 はんが woodcut, woodblock print, art print (n)  
甲板 こうはん (ship) deck (n)

## 果

fruit, reward, carry out, achieve, complete, end, finish, succeed

は. たす. はた. す. -は. たす. は. てる. -は. てる. は. て  
力

### Compounds:

果たす はたす to accomplish, to fulfill, to carry out, to achieve (v5s)  
果てし無い はてしない endless, boundless, everlasting (adj)  
果実 かじつ fruit, nut, berry (n)  
果物 かぶつ fruit (n)  
逆効果 ぎゃっこうか backfire, counterproductive, opposite effect (n)

## 柱

pillar, post, cylinder, support

はしら  
チュウ

### Compounds:

柱 はしら pillar, post, support, prop, mainstay, counter for buddhas, gods, nobles, etc. (n, suffix, counter)  
電柱 でんちゆう telephone pole, telegraph pole, lightpole (n)

## 栄

flourish, prosperity, honor, glory, splendor

さか. える. は. え. -ば. え. は. える. え  
エイ. ヨウ

### Compounds:

栄える さかえる to prosper, to flourish (ichidan verb, intransitive verb)  
栄光 えいこう glory (n)  
繁栄 はんえい prospering, prosperity, thriving, flourishing (n, vs)

## 根

root, radical, head (pimple)

ね. -ね  
コン

### Compounds:

屋根 やね roof (n)  
垣根 かきね hedge (n)  
根 ね root (n)  
根回し ねまわし making necessary arrangements (n, vs)  
根気 こんき patience, perseverance, persistence, tenacity, energy (n)

## 案

plan, suggestion, draft, ponder, fear, proposition, idea, expectation, bill, worry

つくえ  
アン

### Compounds:

案の定 あんのじょう just as one thought, as usual (adv, exp)  
案外 あんがい unexpectedly (adj-na, n-adv)  
案内 あんない information, guidance, leading, to guide, to show (around), to conduct (n, vs)  
提案 ていあん proposal, proposition, suggestion (n, vs)  
答案 とうあん examination paper, examination script (n)

## 梅

plum

うめ  
バイ

### Compounds:

梅雨入り つゆいり entering the rainy season, beginning of the rainy season (n, vs)  
梅 ウメ plum, Japanese apricot, prunus mume, lowest (of a three-tier ranking system) (n)  
梅干 うめぼし dried plum (n)  
梅雨明け つゆあけ the end of the rainy season (n, vs)

# 械

contraption, fetter, machine, instrument

かせ  
カイ

**Compounds:**

器械 きがい machine, mechanism, instrument, appliance, apparatus (n)

# 植

plant

う.える. う.わる  
シヨク

**Compounds:**

移植 いしょく transplanting, porting, implantation, engrafting (n, vs)  
植える うえる to plant, to grow (Ichidan verb, vt)  
植物 しょくぶつ plant, vegetation (n)  
植物園 しょくぶつえん botanical garden (n)  
植民地 しょくみんち colony, colonial (n, adj-no)

# 極

poles, settlement, conclusion, end, highest rank, electric poles, very, extremely, most, highly, 10\*\*48

きわ.める. きわ.まる. きわ.まり. きわ.み. き.める. -ぎ.め. き.まる  
キョク, ゴク

**Compounds:**

窮極 きゆうきよく ultimate, extreme, final, eventual (n, adj-no)  
極 ごく quite, very, octillion, 10^48 (adv, n)  
極楽 ごくらく Sukhavati (Amitabha's Pure Land), paradise (n)  
極限 きよくげん utmost limits, limit (n)  
極端 きよくたん extreme, extremity (adj-na, n)

# 様

Esq., way, manner, situation, polite suffix

さま. さん  
ヨウ. ショウ

**Compounds:**

ご苦労様 ごくろうさま thank you very much for your ..., I appreciate your efforts (exp, adj-na)  
一樣 いちよう uniformity, evenness, similarity, equality, impartiality (adj-na, n)  
奥様 おくさま wife, your wife, his wife, married lady, madam (n)  
皆様 みなさま everyone (n)  
神様 かみさま God (n)

# 標

signpost, seal, mark, stamp, imprint, symbol, emblem, trademark, evidence, souvenir, target

しるべ. しるし  
ヒョウ

**Compounds:**

標語 ひょうご motto, slogan, catchword (n)  
標識 ひょうしき sign, mark, flag (n)  
標準 ひょうじゆん standard, level, norm (n)  
標本 ひょうほん example, specimen, sample (n)  
目標 もくひょう mark, objective, target (n)

# 横

sideways, side, horizontal, width, woof

よこ  
オウ

**Compounds:**

横 よこ horizontal (as opposed to vertical), lying down, side-to-side (as opposed to front-to-back), width, breadth, side (of a box, etc.), beside, aside, next to, unconnected (n)  
横たわる よこたわる to lie down, to stretch out (vsr, intransitive verb)  
横顔 よこがお face in profile, profile, face seen from the side (n)  
横綱 よこづな yokozuna (sumo grand champion) (n)  
横取り よこどり usurpation, snatching, seizure (n, vs)

bridge

# 橋

はし  
キョウ

**Compounds:**

橋 はし bridge (n)  
 棧橋 さんばし wharf, bridge, jetty, pier (n)  
 鉄橋 てつきょう railway bridge, iron bridge (n)  
 陸橋 りつきょう overland bridge, viaduct, overhead bridge, overpass (n)  
 架け橋 かけはし bridge building, cross-linking (n, vs)

# 機

mechanism, opportunity, occasion, machine, airplane

はた  
キ

**Compounds:**

危機 きき crisis (n)  
 機会 きかい chance, opportunity (n)  
 機関 きかん mechanism, facility, engine, agency, organisation, institution, organ (n)  
 機関車 きかんしゃ locomotive, engine (n)  
 機構 きこう mechanism, organization, organisation (n)

# 欠

lack, gap, fail, yawning radical (no. 76)

か. ける. か. く  
ケツ. ケン

**Compounds:**

欠陥 けっかん defect, fault, deficiency (n)  
 欠席 けっせき absence, non-attendance (n, vs)  
 欠点 けってん faults, defect, weakness (n)  
 欠如 けつじょ lack, privation, deficiency (n, vs)  
 欠乏 けつぼう want, shortage, famine (n, vs)

# 次

next, order, sequence

つ. ぐ. つぎ  
ジ. シ

**Compounds:**

月次 げつじ every month, trite, common (adj-na, n, adj-na, n)  
 次いで ついで next, secondly, subsequently (adv, conjunction)  
 次ぐ つぐ to rank next to, to come after (v5g, intransitive verb)  
 次回 じかい next time (occasion) (n-adv, n-t)  
 次元 じげん dimension, perspective, point of reference, level (of something) (n)

# 歯

tooth, cog

よわい. は. よわ. い. よわい. する  
シ

**Compounds:**

歯 は tooth (n)  
 歯ブラシ はブラシ toothbrush (n)  
 歯医者 はいしや dentist (n)  
 歯科 しか dentistry (n)  
 歯止め はどめ brake (n, vs)

# 歴

curriculum, continuation, passage of time

レキ. レッキ

**Compounds:**

学歴 がくれき academic background (n)  
 歴る へる to pass, to elapse, to experience (Ichidan verb, vt)  
 経歴 けいれき personal history, career (n, vs)  
 履歴 りれき personal history, background, career, log (n)  
 履歴書 りれきしょ personal history, curriculum vitae, resume (n)

# 残

remainder, leftover, balance

のこる, のこす, そこなう, のこり  
ザン, サン

**Compounds:**

残り のこり remnant, residue, remaining, left-over (n, adj-no)  
 残業 ざんぎょう overtime (work) (n, vs)  
 残高 ざんだか (bank) balance, remainder (n)  
 残酷 ざんこく cruelty, harshness (adj-na, n)  
 残暑 ざんじょ lingering summer heat (n)

# 殺

kill, murder, butcher, slice off, split, diminish, reduce, spoil

ころす, -ごろし, そぐ  
サツ, サイ, セツ

**Compounds:**

暗殺 あんさつ assassination (n, vs)  
 虐殺 ぎやくさつ atrocity, massive killing (n, vs)  
 殺す ころす to kill (v5s, vt)  
 殺人 さつじん murder (n)  
 殺到 さつとう rush, flood (n, vs)

# 毒

poison, virus, venom, germ, harm, injury, spite

ドク

**Compounds:**

気の毒 きのどく pitiful, (a) pity (adj-na, n)  
 消毒 しょうどく disinfection, sterilization, sterilisation (n, vs)  
 中毒 ちゅうどく poisoning, addiction (n, vs, n-suf)  
 毒 どく poison, toxicant (n)  
 毒薬 どくやく poison (n)

# 毛

fur, hair, feather, down

け  
モウ

**Compounds:**

髪の毛 かみのけ hair (head) (n)  
 不毛 ふもう sterile, barren, unproductive, sour (adj-na, n, adj-no)  
 毛 け hair, fur (n)  
 毛糸 けいと knitting wool (n)  
 毛皮 もうひ fur, skin, pelt (n)

# 氏

family name, surname, clan

うじ, -うじ  
シ

**Compounds:**

氏名 しめい full name, identity (n)

# 氷

icicle, ice, hail, freeze, congeal

こおり, ひ, こおる  
ヒョウ

**Compounds:**

冰山 ひょうざん iceberg (n)  
 氷る こおる to freeze, to be frozen over, to congeal (v5r, intransitive verb)

# 求

request, want, wish for, require, demand

もとめる  
キユウ, グ

**Compounds:**

求人 きゅうじん offer of job (situation) (n, vs)

請求 せいきゅう claim, demand, charge, application, request, billing (for a service) (n, vs)  
 追求 ついきゅう pursuing (goal), pursuit, seeking, search, to pursue (eg goal), to seek (n, vs)  
 要求 ようきゅう demand, firm request, requisition (n, vs)  
 欲求 よつきゅう desire (n, vs)

# 決

decide, fix, agree upon, appoint  
 き.める, -ぎ.め, き.まる, さ.く  
 ケツ

**Compounds:**

可決 かけつ approval, adoption (eg motion, bill), passage (n, vs)  
 解決 かいけつ settlement, solution, resolution (n, vs)  
 議決 ぎけつ resolution, decision, vote (n, vs)  
 決して けして never, by no means (adv)  
 決める きめる to decide (Ichidan verb, vt)

# 汽

vapor, steam  
 キ

**Compounds:**

汽車 きしゃ train (steam) (n)  
 汽船 きせん steamship, steamboat, steamer (n)  
 汽笛 きてき steam whistle (n)

# 油

oil, fat  
 あぶら  
 ユ, ユウ

**Compounds:**

原油 げんゆ crude oil (n)  
 石油 せきゆ oil, petroleum, kerosene (n)  
 灯油 とうゆ lamp oil, kerosene (n)  
 油 あぶら oil (n)  
 油絵 あぶらえ oil painting (n)

# 治

reign, be at peace, calm down, subdue, quell, govt, cure, heal, rule, conserve  
 おさ.める, おさ.まる, なお.る, なお.す  
 ジ, チ

**Compounds:**

治まる おさまる to be at peace, to clamp down, to lessen (storm, terror, anger) (v5r, intransitive verb)  
 治める おさめる to govern, to manage, to subdue (Ichidan verb, vt)  
 治安 ちあん public order (n)  
 治療 ちりょう medical treatment, cure (n, vs)  
 自治 じち self-government, autonomy (n)

# 法

method, law, rule, principle, model, system  
 のり  
 ホウ, ハツ, ホツ, フラン

**Compounds:**

違法 いほう illegal, illegality, unlawfulness (adj-na, n)  
 憲法 けんぽう constitution (n)  
 合法 ごうほう legal, lawful, legality (adj-na, n)  
 司法 しほう administration of justice (n)  
 寸法 すんぽう measurement, size, extent, dimension (n)

# 波

waves, billows, Poland  
 なみ  
 ハ

**Compounds:**

寒波 かんぱ cold wave (n)  
 電波 でんぱ electro-magnetic wave, radio wave, nonsense (n, n, adj-na)

波長 はちよう wavelength (n)  
 波瀾 はらん troubles, ups and downs, stormy, uproarious (ie relationship) (n)

## 泣

cry, weep, moan

な.く  
 キュウ

## Compounds:

泣き声 なきごえ cry, crying voice (n, vs)

## 泳

swim

およ.ぐ  
 エイ

## Compounds:

水泳 すいえい swimming (n, vs)

## 活

lively, resuscitation, being helped, living

い.きる, い.かす, い.ける  
 カツ

## Compounds:

活気 かつき energy, liveliness (n)  
 活字 かつじ printing type (n)  
 活動 かつどう action, activity (n, vs)  
 活潑 かつぱつ vigor, vigour, active, lively (adj-na, n)  
 活躍 かつやく activity (esp. energetic), great efforts, conspicuous service, to flourish, to participate actively, to play an active role (n, vs)

## 流

current, a sink, flow, forfeit

なが.れる, なが.れ, なが.す, -なが.す  
 リュウ, ル

## Compounds:

一流 いちりゆう first-class, top grade, school (of art), foremost, top-notch, unique (n)  
 下流 かりゆう downstream, lower reaches of a river, lower classes (n)  
 海流 かいりゆう ocean current (n)  
 交流 こうりゆう intercourse, (cultural) exchange, intermingling, alternating current (n, vs)  
 三流 さんりゆう 3rd rate (n)

## 浅

shallow, superficial, frivolous, wretched, shameful

あさ.い  
 セン

## Compounds:

浅い あさい shallow, superficial (adj)

## 浴

bathe, be favored with, bask in

あ.びる, あ.びせる  
 ヨク

## Compounds:

海水浴 かいすいよく sea bathing, seawater bath (n)  
 日光浴 にっこうよく sunbathing (n, vs)  
 入浴 にゆうよく bathe, bathing (n, vs)  
 浴びせる あびせる to pour on (Ichidan verb, vt)  
 浴びる あびる to bathe, to bask in the sun, to shower (Ichidan verb, vt)

## 消

extinguish, blow out, turn off, neutralize, cancel

き.える, け.す  
 ショウ



**Compounds:**

解消 かいしょう cancellation, liquidation, resolution, reduction (eg of stress) (n, vs)  
 取消す とりけす to cancel, to revoke (v5s, vt)  
 消える きえる to go out, to vanish, to disappear (ichidan verb, intransitive verb)  
 消しゴム けしゴム eraser, India rubber (n)  
 消す けす to erase, to delete, to cross out, to turn off power, to extinguish, to put out, to bump off (v5s, vt)

**深**

deep, heighten, intensify, strengthen

ふか. い. -ぶか. い. ふか. まる. ふか. める. み-  
シン

**Compounds:**

深ける ふける to get late, to advance, to wear on (ichidan verb, intransitive verb)  
 深い ふかい deep, profound, thick, close (adj)  
 深まる ふかまる to deepen, to heighten, to intensify (v5r, intransitive verb)  
 深味 ふかみ depth, deep place (n)  
 深める ふかめる to deepen, to heighten, to intensify (ichidan verb, vt)

**清**

pure, purify, cleanse, exorcise, Manchu dynasty

きよ. い. きよ. まる. きよ. める  
セイ. ショウ. シン

**Compounds:**

清む すむ to clear (eg weather), to become transparent (v5m, intransitive verb)  
 清らか きよらか clean, pure, chaste (adj-na, n)  
 清潔 せいけつ clean (adj-na, n)  
 清算 せいさん liquidation, settlement (n, vs)  
 清掃 せいそう cleaning (n, vs)

**温**

warm

あたた. か. あたた. かい. あたた. まる. あたた. める. ぬく  
オン

**Compounds:**

温室 おんしつ greenhouse, hothouse, conservatory, glasshouse (n)  
 温泉 おんせん spa, hot spring, onsen (n)  
 温帯 おんたい temperate zone (n)  
 温暖 おんだん warmth (adj-na, n)  
 温度 おんど temperature (n)

**港**

harbor

みなと  
コウ

**Compounds:**

空港 くうこう airport (n)

**湖**

lake

みずうみ  
コ

**Compounds:**

湖 みずうみ lake (n)

**湯**

hot water, bath, hot spring

ゆ  
トウ

**Compounds:**

銭湯 せんとう bath-house, public bath (n)  
 湯 ゆ hot water (n)  
 湯気 ゆげ steam, vapour, vapor (n)

熱湯 ねっとう boiling water (n)

## 満

full, enough, pride, satisfy

み. ちる. み. つ. み. たす  
マン. バン

### Compounds:

円満 えんまん perfection, harmony, peace, smoothness, completeness, satisfaction, integrity (adj-na, n)  
肥満 ひまん corpulence, fatness, obesity (n, vs)  
不満 ふまん dissatisfaction, displeasure, discontent, complaints, unhappiness, disgruntled (adj-na, n)  
満員 まんいん full house, no vacancy, sold out, standing room only, full (of people), crowded (n)  
満月 まんげつ full moon (n)

## 漁

fishing, fishery

あさ. る  
ギョ. リョウ

### Compounds:

漁業 ぎょぎょう fishing (industry) (n)  
漁師 りょうし fisherman (n)  
漁船 ぎょせん fishing boat (n)  
漁村 ぎょそん fishing village (n)

## 灯

lamp, a light, light, counter for lights

ひ. ほ-. ともしび. とも. す. あかり  
トウ

### Compounds:

灯台 とうだい lighthouse (n)  
灯油 とうゆ lamp oil, kerosene (n)  
灯かり あかり light, brightness, glow, gleam, light, lights, lamp, lamplight (n)

## 炭

charcoal, coal

すみ  
タン

### Compounds:

石炭 せきたん coal (n)  
炭 すみ charcoal (n)  
炭酸 たんさん carbonic acid (n)

## 点

spot, point, mark, speck, decimal point

つ. ける. つ. く. た. てる. さ. す. とほ. す. とも. す. ぼち  
テン

### Compounds:

句読点 くとうてん punctuation mark(s) (n)  
欠点 けってん faults, defect, weakness (n)  
原点 げんてん origin (coordinates), starting point (n)  
減点 げんてん subtract, give a demerit (n, vs)  
採点 さいてん marking, grading, looking over (n, vs)

## 無

nothingness, none, ain't, nothing, nil, not

ない  
ム. ブ

### Compounds:

果てし無い はてしない endless, boundless, everlasting (adj)  
間も無く まもなく soon, before long, in a short time, (after verb) lacking time to ..., without time to ... (adv)  
虚無 きよむ nihility, nothingness (n)  
仕方が無い しかたがない it can't be helped, it's inevitable, it's no use, can't stand it, being impatient, being annoyed (exp, adj)  
台無し だいなし mess, spoiled, spoilt, (come to) nothing (adj-na, n)

# 然

sort of thing, so, if so, in that case, well

しか, しかり, しかし, さ  
 ぜん, ネン

**Compounds:**

依然 いぜん still, as yet, as it has been ('taru' adjective, adverb taking the 'to' particle, adv)  
 偶然 ぐうぜん (by) chance, unexpectedly, suddenly, accident, fortuity (adj-na, adj-no, n-adv, n)  
 公然 こうぜん open (eg secret), public, official, overt (adj-no, 'taru' adjective, adverb taking the 'to' particle)  
 自然 しぜん nature, spontaneity, naturally, spontaneously (adj-na, n, adv, adverb taking the 'to' particle)  
 自然科学 しぜんかがく natural science (n)

# 焼

bake, burning

やく, やき, やき-, -やき, やける  
 ショウ

**Compounds:**

焼そば やきそば fried soba (n)  
 焼酎 しょうちゅう shochu (Japanese liquor similar to vodka) (n)  
 燃烧 ねんしょう burning, combustion (n, vs)  
 夕焼け ゆうやけ sunset (n)  
 日焼 ひやけ sunburn, suntan (n, vs)

# 照

illuminate, shine, compare, bashful

てる, てらす, てれる  
 ショウ

**Compounds:**

参照 さんしょう reference, bibliographical reference, consultation, browsing (eg when selecting a file to upload on a computer) (n, vs)  
 照らす てらす to shine on, to illuminate (v5s, vt)  
 照る てる to shine (v5r, intransitive verb)  
 照会 しょうかい inquiry, enquiry, query, reference (n, vs)  
 照明 しょうめい illumination (n, vs)

# 熱

heat, temperature, fever, mania, passion

あつ, い  
 ネット

**Compounds:**

解熱 げねつ alleviation of fever (n, vs)  
 光熱費 こうねつひ cost of fuel and light (n)  
 高热 こうねつ high fever, pyro- (n, prefix)  
 情熱 じょうねつ passion, enthusiasm, zeal (adj-na, n)  
 熱 ねつ fever, temperature (n, n-suf)

# 牧

breed, care for, shepherd, feed, pasture

まき  
 ボク

**Compounds:**

牧畜 ぼくちく stock-farming (n)  
 牧场 まきば farm (livestock), ranch (US), station (Aus, NZ), pasture land, meadow, grazing land (n)

# 玉

jewel, ball

たま, たま-, -だま  
 ギョク

**Compounds:**

玉 たま ball, sphere, coin, jewel, pearl, testicles, staple (for a stapler), person (when commenting on their nature), character (n, n-suf, n, n)  
 御年玉 おとしだま New Year's gift (n)  
 目玉 めだま eyeball, loss leader, drawcard (n)  
 玉子 たまご eggs, egg, spawn, roe, cooked (usually boiled) hen egg, (an expert) in the making (n, n, n)  
 目玉商品 めだましょうひん bargain goods, eye-catching goods, featured product, loss leader (n)

king, rule, magnate

# 王

オウ, -ノウ

**Compounds:**

- 王国 おうこく kingdom, monarchy (n)
- 王子 おうじ prince (n)
- 王者 おうじゃ king, monarch, ruler (n)
- 王女 おうじょ princess (n)
- 王さま おうさま king (n)

# 球

ball, sphere

たま  
キュウ

**Compounds:**

- 球 たま globe, sphere, ball (n)
- 地球 ちきゅう the earth (n, adj-no)
- 電球 でんきゅう light bulb (n)
- 野球 やきゅう baseball (n)

# 由

wherefore, a reason

よし, よる  
ユ, ユウ, ユイ

**Compounds:**

- 経由 けいゆ go by the way, via (n, vs)
- 自由 じゆう freedom, liberty, as it pleases you (exp, adj-na, n)
- 不自由 ふじゆう discomfort, inconvenience, poverty, want, destitution, disability (adj-na, n)
- 由 よし reason, significance, cause (n)
- 由緒 ゆいしよ history, pedigree, lineage (n)

# 申

have the honor to, sign of the monkey, 3-5PM, ninth sign of Chinese zodiac

もうす, もうし, さる  
シン

**Compounds:**

- 申込む もうしこむ to apply for, to make an application, to propose (marriage), to challenge, to request (an interview), to book (v5m, vt)
- 申し出る もうしでる to report to, to tell, to suggest, to submit, to request, to make an offer, to come forward with information (Ichidan verb, vt)
- 申しあげる もうしあげる to say, to tell, to state, to do for (Ichidan verb, vt, auxiliary verb)
- 申し訳 もうしわけ apology, excuse (n)
- 申す もうす to be called, to say (v5s, vt)

# 畑

farm, field, garden, one's specialty, (kokuji)

はた, はたけ, -ばたけ

**Compounds:**

# 番

turn, number in a series

つが, い  
バン

**Compounds:**

- 一番 いちばん best, first, number one, game, round, bout, fall, event (in a meet) (n-adv)
- 交番 こうばん police box, alternation, alternating (eg current) (n, vs, n, adj-f)
- 順番 じゅんばん turn (in line), order of things, sequential order (n)
- 当番 とうばん being on duty (n)
- 番号 ばんごう number, series of digits (n)

# 登

ascend, climb up

のぼる, あがる  
トウ, ト, ドウ, ショウ, チョウ

**Compounds:**

山登り やまのぼり mountain climbing, mountaineering (n)  
 登記 とうき registry, registration (n, vs)  
 登校 とうこう attendance (at school) (n, vs)  
 登山 とざん mountain climbing (n, vs)  
 登場 とうじょう entry (on stage), appearance (on screen), entrance, introduction (into a market) (n, vs)

## 的

bull's eye, mark, target, object, adjective ending

まと  
 テキ

### Compounds:

樂觀的 らっかんてき optimistic, hopeful (adj-na)  
 楽天的 らくてんてき optimistic (adj-na, n)  
 客観的 きゃっかんてき objective (adj-na)  
 具体的 ぐたいてき concrete, tangible, definite, specific (adj-na)  
 形式的 けいしきてき formal (adj-na)

## 皮

pelt, skin, hide, leather, skin radical (no. 107)

かわ  
 ヒ

### Compounds:

皮肉 ひにく cynicism, sarcasm, irony, satire (adj-na, n)  
 皮フ ひフ skin (n)  
 毛皮 もうひ fur, skin, pelt (n)

## 皿

dish, a helping, plate

さら  
 ペイ

### Compounds:

灰皿 はいざら ashtray (n)

## 直

straightaway, honesty, frankness, fix, repair

ただちに, なおす, -なおす, なおる, なおき, すぐ  
 チョク, ジキ, ジカ

### Compounds:

見直す みなおす to look again, to get a better opinion of (v5s)  
 思い直す おもいなおす to re-think, to think back upon, to change one's mind (v5s, vt)  
 持直す もちなおす to recover, to rally, to improve, to pick up (v5s, vt)  
 書き直す かきなおす to write out, to make a fair copy, to rewrite (v5s, vt)  
 垂直 すいちよく vertical, perpendicular (adj-na, n)

## 相

inter-, mutual, together, each other, minister of state, councillor, aspect, phase, physiognomy

あい-  
 ソウ, ショウ

### Compounds:

外相 がいしょう Foreign Minister (n)  
 相図 あいず sign, signal (n, vs)  
 首相 しゅしょう Prime Minister, Chancellor (Germany, Austria, etc.), Premier (n)  
 真相 しんそう truth, real situation (n)  
 人相 にんそう physiognomy, looks, countenance (n)

## 省

focus, government ministry, conserve

かえり, みる, はぶ, く  
 セイ, ショウ

### Compounds:

外務省 がいむしょう Ministry of Foreign Affairs (n)  
 帰省 きせい homecoming, returning home (n, vs)

**省みる** かえりみる to look back (eg over shoulder or at the past), to turn around, to review, to reflect, to reconsider, to consider (usu. used in negative), to concern oneself about (ichidan verb, vt)  
**省略** しょうりやく omission, abbreviation, abridgment, abridgement (n, vs)  
**大蔵省** おおくらしょう (former) Ministry of Finance (succeeded by zaimushou in 2000) (n)

# 矢

dart, arrow

や  
 シ

**Compounds:**

# 石

stone

いし  
 セキ, シャク, コク

**Compounds:**

**化石** かせき fossil, petrification, fossilization, fossilisation (n, vs)  
**磁石** じしゃく magnet (n)  
**石けん** せっけん soap (n)  
**石炭** せきたん coal (n)  
**石油** せきゆ oil, petroleum, kerosene (n)

# 礼

salute, bow, ceremony, thanks, remuneration

レイ, ライ

**Compounds:**

**儀礼** ぎれい etiquette, courtesy (n)  
**御礼** おんれい thanking, expression of gratitude (n)  
**失礼** したれい discourtesy, impoliteness, Excuse me, Goodbye, to leave, to be rude (n, vs, adj-na, exp, vs, vs)  
**朝礼** ちょうれい morning assembly (company), pep talk (n)  
**無礼** ぶれい impolite, rude (adj-na, n)

# 祝

celebrate, congratulate

いわう  
 シュク, シュウ

**Compounds:**

**祝い** いわい celebration, festival (n)  
**祝う** いわう to congratulate, to celebrate (vs, vt)  
**祝電** しゆくでん congratulatory telegram (n)  
**祝日** しゆくじつ national holiday (n)  
**祝福** しゆくふく blessing (n, vs)

# 神

gods, mind, soul

かみ, かん-, こう-  
 シン, ジン

**Compounds:**

**安神** あんしん relief, peace of mind (adj-na, n, vs)  
**神輿** みこし portable shrine (carried in festivals) (n)  
**神** かみ god (n)  
**神経** しんけい nerve, sensitivity (n)  
**神社** じんじゃ Shinto shrine (n)

# 票

ballot, label, ticket, sign

ヒョウ

**Compounds:**

**投票** とうひょう voting, poll (n, vs)  
**票** ひょう label, ballot, ticket, sign (n, n-suf)

# 祭

ritual, offer prayers, celebrate, deify, enshrine, worship

まつ. る. まつ. り. まつり  
サイ

**Compounds:**

冠婚葬祭 かんこんそうさい important ceremonial occasions in family relationships (n)  
祭り まつり festival, feast (n)

# 福

blessing, fortune, luck, wealth

フク

**Compounds:**

幸福 こうふく happiness, blessedness (adj-na, n)  
祝福 しゆくふく blessing (n, vs)  
福祉 ふくし welfare, social security, social service, well-being (n)  
裕福 ゆうふく affluence, prosperity (adj-na, n)

# 科

department, course, section

カ

**Compounds:**

科 か department, section, (taxonomical) family (n, n-suf)  
科学 かがく science (n)  
科学者 かがくしゃ scientist (n)  
外科 げか surgical department (n)  
学科 がっか study subject, course of study (n)

# 秒

second (1/60 minute)

ビョウ

**Compounds:**

秒 びょう second (60th min) (n)  
秒読み びょうよみ countdown (n)

# 種

species, kind, class, variety, seed

たね. -ぐさ  
シュ

**Compounds:**

一種 ひとつさ species, kind, variety (adv, n)  
種目 しゆもく event, item of business (n)  
種類 しゆるい variety, kind, type, category, counter for different sorts of things (n, counter)  
人種 じんしゆ race (of people) (n)  
品種 ひんしゆ kind (of goods), brand, (taxonomical) form, breed, cultivar (n)

# 積

volume, product (x\*y), acreage, contents, pile up, stack, load, amass

つ. む. -づ. み. つ. もる. つ. もり  
セキ

**Compounds:**

積み立て つみたて savings (n)  
積む つむ to pile up, to stack, to load (car, ship, etc.), to pack (v5m)  
積みもり つもり intention, plan, conviction, belief (n)  
積る つもる to pile up, to accumulate, to estimate (v5r)  
積極的 せっきよくてき positive, active, proactive (adj-na)

# 章

badge, chapter, composition, poem, design

ショウ

**Compounds:**

章 しょう chapter, section, medal (n)  
文章 ぶんしょう sentence, article (n)

# 童

juvenile, child

わらべ  
ドウ

**Compounds:**

児童 じどう children, juvenile (n)  
童話 どうわ fairy-tale (n)

# 競

emulate, compete with, bid, sell at auction, bout, contest, race

きそう, せる  
キョウ, ケイ

**Compounds:**

競う きそう to compete with, to emulate (v5s, intransitive verb)  
競技 きょうぎ game, match, contest (n, vs)  
競争 きょうそう competition, contest, to compete (n, vs)  
競馬 けいば horse racing (n)  
競べる くらべる to compare, to make a comparison, to compete, to vie (Ichidan verb, vt)

# 竹

bamboo

たけ  
チク

**Compounds:**

竹 たけ bamboo, middle (of a three-tier ranking system) (n)

# 笑

laugh

わらう, えむ  
シヨウ

**Compounds:**

苦笑い にがわらい bitter smile (n, vs)  
笑い声 わらいごえ laughter (n)  
笑顔 えがお smiling face, smile (n, vs)  
微笑 びしょう smile (n, vs)

# 笛

flute, clarinet, pipe, whistle, bagpipe, piccolo

ふえ  
テキ

**Compounds:**

汽笛 きてき steam whistle (n)  
口笛 くちぶえ whistle (n)  
笛 ふえ flute, pipe, whistle (n)

# 第

No., residence

ダイ, テイ

**Compounds:**

次第 しいだい dependent upon, as soon as, immediately (upon), circumstances, order, precedence, program, programme, agenda (n-adv, n, n, n)  
次第に しいだいに gradually (progress into a state), in sequence, in order, in turn (adv)  
第宅 ていたく mansion, residence (n)  
落第 らくだい failure, dropping out of a class (n, vs)

# 筆

writing brush, writing, painting brush, handwriting

ふで  
ヒツ

**Compounds:**

鉛筆 えんぴつ pencil (n)  
執筆 しつぴつ writing (n, vs)  
随筆 ずいひつ essays, miscellaneous writings (n)  
筆 ふで writing brush (n)



筆記 ひっき (taking) notes, copying (n, vs)

# 等

etc., and so forth, class (first), quality, equal, similar

ひとしい, など, -ら  
トウ

**Compounds:**

1等 いっとう first-class, first-rank, A1, the most, the best (n)  
 何等 なんら whatever, what, what sort of, any kind of, nothing whatever (with neg. verb) (adv, n)  
 均等 きんとう equality, uniformity, evenness (adj-na, n)  
 高等 こうとう high class, high grade (adj-na, n)  
 高等学校 こうとうがっこう senior high school (n)

# 算

calculate, divining, number, abacus, probability

そろ  
サン

**Compounds:**

換算 かんざん conversion, change, exchange (n, vs)  
 計算 けいさん calculation, reckoning, count, forecast (n, vs)  
 決算 けっさん balance sheet, settlement of accounts (n)  
 採算 さいさん profit (n)  
 算数 さんすう arithmetic (n)

# 管

pipe, tube, wind instrument, drunken talk

くだ  
カン

**Compounds:**

管轄 かんかつ jurisdiction, control (n, vs)  
 管理 かんり control, management (eg of a business) (n, vs)  
 血管 けっかん blood vessel (n)  
 保管 ほかん charge, custody, safekeeping, deposit, storage (n, vs)  
 管 くだ pipe, tube (n, n-suf)

# 箱

box, chest, case, bin, railway car

はこ  
ソウ

**Compounds:**

# 節

node, season, period, occasion, verse, clause, stanza, honor, joint, knuckle, knob, knot, tune, melody

ふし, -ぶし, のっと  
セツ, セチ

**Compounds:**

関節 かんせつ joints (knee joint, elbow joint, etc.) (n)  
 季節 きせつ season (n)  
 使節 しせつ envoy, embassy, mission, delegate (n)  
 節 せつ occasion, time, section (of a literary work), verse, stanza, node (of a plant stem), clause, (taxonomical) section (n)  
 節約 せつやく economising, saving (n, vs)

# 米

rice, USA, metre

こめ, よね  
ペイ, マイ, メートル

**Compounds:**

新米 しんまい new rice, novice, beginner, tyro, newcomer, newbie (exp, n)  
 日米 にちべい Japan-America (n)  
 米価 べいか rice price (n)

# 粉

flour, powder, dust

デシメートル, こ, こな  
フン

**Compounds:**

小麦粉 こむぎこ wheat flour (n)  
粉 こ flour, meal, powder (n)  
粉末 ふんまつ fine powder (n)

# 糸

thread

いと  
シ

**Compounds:**

糸 いと thread, yarn, string (n, n-suf)  
毛糸 けいと knitting wool (n)  
繭糸 きぬいと silk thread (n)

# 紀

chronicle, account, narrative, history, annals, geologic period

キ

**Compounds:**

紀元 きげん era, AD (Christian era) (n)  
紀律 きりつ order, observance, discipline, rules, law, regulations (n)  
世紀 せいき century, era (n)

# 約

promise, approximately, shrink

ヤク

**Compounds:**

解約 かいやく cancellation of contract (n, vs)  
契約 けいやく contract, compact, agreement (n, vs)  
儉約 けんやく thrift, economy, frugality (adj-na, n, vs)  
公約 こうやく public commitment or promise (n, vs)  
婚約 こんやく engagement, betrothal (n, vs)

# 級

class, rank, grade

キュウ

**Compounds:**

階級 かいきゅう class, rank, grade (n)  
高級 こうきゅう high class, high grade (adj-na, n)  
初級 しょきゅう elementary level (n)  
上級 じょうきゅう advanced level, high grade, senior (n)  
中級 ちゅうきゅう intermediate level (n)

# 細

dainty, get thin, taper, slender, narrow

ほそい, ほそる, こまか, こまかい  
サイ

**Compounds:**

細かい ほそい thin, slender, fine (adj)  
細かい こまかい small, fine, minute, minor, trivial, sensitive, attentive (adj)  
細やか ささやか meagre, meager, modest (adj-na)  
細菌 さいきん bacillus, bacterium, germ (n)  
細工 さいく work, craftsmanship, tactics, trick (n, vs)

# 組

association, braid, plait, construct, assemble, unite, cooperate, grapple

くむ, くみ, -ぐみ  
ソ

**Compounds:**

取組む とくむ to tackle, to wrestle with, to engage in a bout, to come to grips with, to make effort, to strive for (v5m, intransitive verb)  
乗組員 のりくみいん crew (n)  
組込む くみこむ to insert, to include, to cut in (printing) (v5m, vt)

組み立てる くみたてる to assemble, to set up, to construct (Ichidan verb, vt)  
 組む くむ to put together (v5m)

# 結

tie, bind, contract, join, organize, do up hair, fasten

むすぶ, ゆう, ゆわえる  
 ケツ, ケチ

**Compounds:**

結び むすび ending, conclusion, union (n)  
 結ぶ むすぶ to tie, to bind, to link, to bear (fruit) (v5b)  
 結果 けっか result, consequence (n-adv, n-t)  
 結核 けっかく tuberculosis, tubercule (n)  
 結局 けっきょく after all, eventually (n-adv, n)

# 給

salary, wage, gift, allow, grant, bestow on

たまう, たもう, -たまえ  
 キュウ

**Compounds:**

給食 きゅうしょく school lunch, providing a meal (n, vs)  
 給与 きゅうよ pay, salary, wages, allowance, grant, supply (n, vs)  
 給料 きゅうりょう salary, wages (n)  
 供給 きょうきゅう supply, provision (n, vs)  
 月給 げつきゅう monthly salary (n)

# 絵

picture, drawing, painting, sketch

カイ, エ

**Compounds:**

絵具 えのぐ colors, colours, paints (n)  
 絵画 かいが picture, painting (n)  
 絵本 えほん picture book (n)  
 油絵 あぶらえ oil painting (n)  
 絵葉書 えはがき picture postcard (n)

# 続

continue, series, sequel

つづく, つづける, つぐない  
 ゾク, ショク, コウ, キョウ

**Compounds:**

継続 けいぞく continuation (n, vs, adj-no)  
 持続 じぞく continuation (n, vs)  
 接続 せつぞく connection, attachment, union, join, joint, link, changing trains, conjunction (n, vs)  
 相続 そうぞく succession, inheritance (n, vs)  
 続出 ぞくしゅつ appearance one after another (n, vs)

# 緑

green

みどり  
 リョク, ロク

**Compounds:**

緑 みどり green, greenery (esp. fresh verdure) (n)

# 線

line, track

すじ  
 セン

**Compounds:**

沿線 えんせん along railway line (n, adj-no)  
 曲線 きょくせん curve (n)  
 光線 こうせん beam, light ray (n)  
 新幹線 しんかんせん bullet train (very high speed), Shinkansen (n)  
 水平線 すいへいせん horizon (related to sea or lakes) (n)

# 練

practice, gloss, train, drill, polish, refine

ね.る. ね.り  
レン

**Compounds:**

未練 みれん lingering affection, attachment, regret(s), reluctance (adj-na, n)  
 練る ねる to knead, to work over, to polish up (eg a plan), to drill, to train (v5r, vt)  
 練習 れんしゅう practice, practise (n, vs)

# 置

placement, put, set, deposit, leave behind, keep, employ, pawn

お.く, -お.き  
チ

**Compounds:**

処置 しょち treatment, measure, step (n, vs)  
 設置 せっち establishment, institution (n, vs)  
 前置き まえおき preface, introduction (n, vs)  
 措置 そち measure, step (n, vs)  
 装置 そうち equipment, installation, apparatus, device (n, vs)

# 羊

sheep

ひつじ  
ヨウ

**Compounds:**

羊毛 ようもう wool (n)

# 美

beauty, beautiful

うつく.しい  
ビ, ミ

**Compounds:**

美事 みごと splendid, magnificent, beautiful, admirable, praiseworthy act, feat, commendable deed (adj-na, n)  
 讚美 さんび praise, adoration, glorification (n, vs)  
 美 び beauty (n, n-suf)  
 美しい うつくしい beautiful, lovely (adj)  
 美化 びか beautification, glorification (n, vs)

# 羽

feathers, counter for birds, rabbits

は.わ. はね  
ウ

**Compounds:**

羽子 はね feather, plume, wing, blade (fan, propeller, etc.) (n, n)  
 羽ばたく はばたく to flap (wings) (v5k, intransitive verb)  
 羽織 はおり haori (Japanese formal coat) (n)  
 羽 ば counter for birds and rabbits (counter)

# 老

old man, old age, grow old

お.いる. ふ.ける  
ロウ

**Compounds:**

敬老 けいろう respect for the aged (n)  
 老いる おいる to age, to grow old (Ichidan verb, intransitive verb)  
 老後 ろうご old age (n)  
 老人 ろうじん the aged, old person (n)  
 老若 ろうじゃく young and old, all ages (n, adj-na)

# 育

bring up, grow up, raise, rear

そだ.つ. そだ.ち. そだ.てる. はぐく.む  
イク

**Compounds:**

育ち そだち breeding, growth (n)  
 育つ そだつ to be raised (eg child), to be brought up, to grow (up) (v5t, intransitive verb)  
 育児 いくじ childcare, nursing, upbringing (n, vs)  
 教育 きょういく training, education (n, adj-no, vs)  
 飼育 しいく breeding, raising, rearing (n, vs)

## 胃

stomach, paunch, crop, craw

イ

Compounds:

胃 い stomach (n)  
 胃腸 いちょう stomach, gastrointestinal (adj-na, n)

## 脈

vein, pulse, hope

すじ  
 ミヤク

Compounds:

山脈 やまなみ mountain range (n)  
 動脈 どうみやく artery (n)  
 文脈 ぶんみやく context (n)  
 脈 みやく pulse (n)  
 脈絡 みやくらく chain of reasoning, logical connection, coherence, context (n)

## 腸

intestines, guts, bowels, viscera

はらわた  
 チョウ

Compounds:

胃腸 いちょう stomach, gastrointestinal (adj-na, n)  
 腸 わた guts, bowels, intestines (n)  
 盲腸 もうちょう appendix, caecum (n)

## 臣

retainer, subject

シン, ジン

Compounds:

総理大臣 そうりだいじん Prime Minister (n)  
 大臣 だいじん cabinet minister (n)

## 航

navigate, sail, cruise, fly

コウ

Compounds:

航海 こうかい sail, voyage (n, vs)  
 航空 こうくう aviation, flying (n)  
 航空機 こうくうき aircraft, aeroplane, airplane (n)  
 航空便 こうくうびん air mail (n)  
 航路 こうろ course, (sea) route, run (n)

## 船

ship, boat

ふね, ふな-  
 セン

Compounds:

汽船 きせん steamship, steamboat, steamer (n)  
 漁船 ぎよせん fishing boat (n)  
 船長 せんちょう ship's captain (n)  
 船舶 せんぱく ship (n)  
 船便 ふなびん surface mail (ship) (n)

good, pleasing, skilled

# 良

よ. い, -よ. い, い. い, -い. い  
リョウ

**Compounds:**

改良 かいりょう improvement, reform (n, vs)  
 仲良く なかよく making friends with, getting along well with, on cordial terms (adv, n, vs)  
 不良 ふりょう badness, delinquent, inferiority, failure (adj-na, n)  
 良好 りょうこう favorable, favourable, satisfactory (adj-na, n)  
 良心 りょうしん conscience (n)

# 芸

technique, art, craft, performance, acting, trick, stunt

う. える. のり. わざ  
ゲイ, ウン

**Compounds:**

園芸 えんげい horticulture, gardening (n)  
 芸術 げいじゆつ (fine) art, the arts (n)  
 芸能 げいのう public entertainment, accomplishments, attainments (n)  
 工芸 こうげい industrial arts (n)  
 文芸 ぶんげい literature, art and literature, belles-lettres (n)

# 芽

bud, sprout, spear, germ

め  
ガ

**Compounds:**

芽め sprout (n)  
 発芽 はつが burgeoning (n, vs)

# 苦

suffering, trial, worry, hardship, feel bitter, scowl

くる. しい, -ぐる. しい, くる. しむ, くる. しめる, なが. い, なが. る  
ク

**Compounds:**

ご苦労様 ごくろうさま thank you very much for your ..., I appreciate your efforts (exp, adj-na)  
 苦い ながい bitter (adj)  
 苦しい くるしい painful, difficult (adj)  
 苦しみ くるしみ pain, anguish, distress, suffering, hardship (n)  
 苦しむ くるしむ to suffer, to groan, to be worried (v5m, intransitive verb)

# 草

grass, weeds, herbs, pasture, write, draft

くさ, くさ-, -ぐさ  
ソウ

**Compounds:**

雑草 ざっそう weed (n)  
 草 くさ grass (n)  
 草花 そうか flower, flowering plant (n)  
 草原 くさはら grass-covered plain, grasslands, meadows, savannah, prairie, steppe (n)  
 草履 ぞうり zori (Japanese footwear sandals) (n)

# 荷

baggage, shoulder-pole load, bear (a burden), shoulder (a gun), load, cargo, freight

に  
カ

**Compounds:**

荷 に load, baggage, cargo (n)  
 荷造り にづくり packing, baling, crating (n, vs)  
 荷物 にもつ luggage, baggage, payload (of a packet, cell, etc.) (n)  
 出荷 しゅつか shipping, outgoing freight, forwarding (n, vs)  
 入荷 にゅうか arrival of goods, goods received (n, vs)

# 落

fall, drop, come down

お. ちる. お. ち. お. とす

ラク

Compounds:

一段落 ひとだんらく pause (n, vs)  
 落ち入る おちいる to fall, to trap, to cave in, to collapse (v5r, intransitive verb)  
 見落す みおとす to overlook, to fail to notice, to miss (seeing) (v5s, vt)  
 聚落 じゅらく village, community, settlement, town, colony (animals, etc.) (n)  
 墮落 だらく depravity, corruption, degradation (n, vs)

葉

leaf, plane, lobe, needle, blade, spear, counter for flat things, fragment, piece

は  
 ヨウ

Compounds:

言葉使い ことばづかい speech, expression, wording (n, vs)  
 木ノ葉 きのは foliage, leaves of trees (n)  
 葉 は leaf (n)  
 黄葉 もみじ autumn colours, fall colors, leaves changing color (colour), leaves turning red, red leaves (n, vs, n)  
 枝葉 しょう leaves and branches, side issues, foliage (n)

虫

insect, bug, temper

むし  
 チュウ, キ

Compounds:

害虫 がいちゅう harmful insect, noxious insect (n)  
 昆虫 こんちゅう insect, bug (n)  
 弱虫 よわむし coward, weakling (n)  
 虫 むし insect (n)

血

blood

ち  
 ケツ

Compounds:

血 ち blood, consanguinity (n)  
 血圧 けつあつ blood pressure (n)  
 血液 けつえき blood (n)  
 血縁 けつえん blood relative or relationship, consanguinity (n)  
 血管 けっかん blood vessel (n)

街

boulevard, street, town

まち  
 ガイ, カイ

Compounds:

街頭 がいとう in the street (n)  
 街道 かいどう highway (esp. one existing from the Edo period), main road (n)  
 市街 しがい urban areas, the streets, town, city (n)  
 街 ちょう town, block, neighborhood, street, road, 109.09 m, 0.99 hectares (n)  
 街並 まちなみ street (of stores and houses), townscape, (look of) stores and houses on street (n)

衣

garment, clothes, dressing

ころも, きぬ, -ぎ  
 イ, エ

Compounds:

衣裳 いしょう clothing, costume, outfit, garment, dress (n)  
 衣食住 いしょくじゅう necessities of life (food, clothing and shelter) (n)  
 衣服 いふく clothes (n)  
 衣料 いりょう clothing (n)  
 更衣室 こういしつ locker room, changing room, dressing room (n)

surface, table, chart, diagram

# 表

おもて, -おもて, あらわ. す, あらわ. れる, あら. わす  
ヒョウ

**Compounds:**

公表 こうひょう official announcement, proclamation (n, vs)  
 図表 ずひょう chart, diagram, graph, figure (n)  
 代表 だいひょう representative, representation, delegation, type, example, model (n, vs)  
 発表 はっぴょう announcement, publication (n, vs)  
 表 おもて surface, face (ie visible side of an object), front (of a building) of a coin etc (n)

# 要

need, main point, essence, pivot, key to

いる  
ヨウ

**Compounds:**

強要 きょうよう coercion, extortion (n, vs)  
 主要 しゅよう chief, main, principal, major (adj-na, n)  
 需要 じゅよう demand, request (n)  
 重要 じゅうよう important, momentous, essential, principal, major (adj-na, n)  
 不必要 ふひつよう unnecessary (adj-na, n)

# 覚

memorize, learn, remember, awake, sober up

おぼ. える, さ. ます, さ. める, さと. る  
カク

**Compounds:**

覚え おぼえ memory, sense, experience (n)  
 覚悟 かくご resolution, resignation, readiness, preparedness (n, vs)  
 感覚 かんかく sense, sensation (n, vs)  
 幻覚 げんかく hallucination, illusion (n)  
 錯覚 さっかく optical illusion, hallucination (n, vs)

# 観

outlook, look, appearance, condition, view

み. る, しめ. す  
カン

**Compounds:**

外観 がいかん appearance, exterior, facade (n)  
 楽観的 らっかんてき optimistic, hopeful (adj-na)  
 観客 かんきやく audience, spectator(s) (n)  
 観光 かんこう sightseeing (n, vs)  
 観察 かんさつ observation, survey (n, vs)

# 角

angle, corner, square, horn, antlers

かど, つの  
カク

**Compounds:**

町角 まちかど street corner (n)  
 角 かど corner (eg desk, pavement), edge (n)  
 角度 かくど angle (n)  
 曲り角 まがりかど street corner, road turn, bend in the road, turning point (n)  
 三角 さんかく triangle, triangular (n)

# 訓

instruction, Japanese character reading, explanation, read

おし. える, よ. む, くん. ずる  
クン, キン

**Compounds:**

訓える おしえる to teach, to inform, to instruct (ichidan verb, vt)  
 教訓 きょうくん lesson, precept, moral instruction (n, vs)  
 訓連 くんれん practice, practise, training (n, vs)  
 特訓 とっくん special training, intensive training, crash course (n, vs)



# 記

scribe, account, narrative

しる.す  
キ

**Compounds:**

記す しるす to note, to write down (vs)  
記憶 きおく memory, recollection, remembrance, storage (n, vs)  
記号 きごう symbol, code, sign (n, adj-no)  
記事 きじ article, news story, report, account (n)  
記者 きしゃ reporter (n)

# 詩

poem, poetry

うた  
シ

**Compounds:**

詩 うた song, classical Japanese poetry (esp. tanka), modern poetry (n)  
詩人 しじん poet (n)  
詩歌 しか Japanese (and Chinese) poetry (n)

# 課

chapter, lesson, section, department, division, counter for chapters (of a book)

カ

**Compounds:**

課 か lesson, section (in an organization), division, department, counter for lessons and chapters (of a book) (n, n-suf, counter)  
課税 かぜい taxation (n, vs)  
課題 かだい subject, theme, task (n)  
課長 かちょう section manager, section chief (n)  
課程 かてい course, curriculum (n)

# 調

tune, tone, meter, key (music), writing style, prepare, exercise, investigate

しら.べる. しら.べ. ととの.う. ととの.える  
チヨウ

**Compounds:**

下調べ したしらべ preliminary investigation, preparation (n, vs)  
強調 きょうちよう emphasis, highlight, stress, stressed point (n, vs)  
好調 こうちよう favourable, favorable, promising, satisfactory, in good shape (adj-na, n)  
順調 じゅんちよう favourable, favorable, doing well, OK, all right (adj-na, n)  
体調 たいちよう physical condition (n)

# 談

discuss, talk

ダン

**Compounds:**

縁談 えんだん marriage proposal, engagement (n)  
会談 かいだん conversation, conference, discussion, interview (n, vs)  
座談会 ざだんかい symposium, round-table discussion (n)  
雑談 ざつだん chatting, idle talk (n, vs)  
商談 しょうだん business discussion, negotiation (n, vs)

# 議

deliberation, consultation, debate, consideration

ギ

**Compounds:**

会議 かいぎ meeting, conference, session, assembly, council, convention, congress (n, vs)  
議員 ぎいん member of the Diet, congress or parliament (n)  
議会 ぎかい Diet, congress, parliament (n)  
議決 ぎけつ resolution, decision, vote (n, vs)  
議題 ぎだい topic of discussion, agenda (n)

# 谷

valley

たに. きわ. まる  
コク

Compounds:

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# 豆

beans, pea, midget

まめ, まめ-  
トウ, ス

Compounds:

小豆 あずき adzuki beans (n) 大豆 だいず soya bean (soybean), soy (Glycine max) (n) 豆腐 とうふ tofu, bean-curd (n) 納豆 なっとう natto (fermented soybeans) (n)
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# 象

elephant, pattern after, imitate, image, shape, sign (of the times)

かたど. る  
ショウ, ゾウ

Compounds:

印象 いんしょう impression (n, vs) 気象 きしょう weather, climate (n) 現象 げんしょう phenomenon (n) 象徴 しょうちょう symbol (n, vs) 対象 たいしょう target, object (of worship, study, etc.), subject (of taxation, etc.) (n)
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# 貝

shellfish

かい  
パイ

Compounds:

貝 かい shell, shellfish (n) 貝がら かいがら shell (n)
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# 負

defeat, negative, -, minus, bear, owe, assume a responsibility

ま. ける, ま. かず, お. う  
フ

Compounds:

勝負 しょうぶ victory or defeat, match, contest, game, bout (n, vs) 背負う しょう to be burdened with, to carry on back or shoulder (v5s, vt) 負う おう to bear, to owe (v5s, vt) 負け まけ defeat, loss, losing (a game) (n) 負ける まける to lose, to be defeated (Ichidan verb, intransitive verb)
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# 貨

freight, goods, property

たから  
カ

Compounds:

貨車 かしゃ freight car, van (n) 貨物 かぶつ cargo, freight, money or assets (n) 貨幣 かへい money, currency, coinage (n) 外貨 がいか imported goods, foreign money (n) 硬貨 こうか coin (n)
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# 貯

savings, store, lay in, keep, wear mustache

た. める, たくわ. える  
チヨ

Compounds:

貯金 ちよきん (bank) savings (n, vs) 貯える たくわえる to store, to lay in stock (Ichidan verb, vt)
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# 費

expense, cost, spend, consume, waste

つい. やす, つい. える  
ヒ

**Compounds:**

会費 かいひ membership fee (n)  
 学費 がくひ tuition, school expenses (n)  
 経費 けいひ expenses, cost, outlay (n)  
 交通費 こうつうひ traveling expenses, travelling expenses, carfare (n)  
 光熱費 こうねつひ cost of fuel and light (n)

# 賞

prize, reward, praise

ほ. める  
シヨウ

**Compounds:**

観賞 かんしょう admiration, enjoyment (n, vs)  
 鑑賞 かんしょう appreciation (eg of art), aesthetic sense (n, vs)  
 懸賞 けんしょう offering prizes, winning, reward (n)  
 賞 しょう prize, award (n, n-suf)  
 賞金 しょうきん prize, monetary award (n)

# 路

path, route, road, distance

-じ, みち  
ロ, ル

**Compounds:**

回路 かいろ circuit (electric) (n)  
 航路 こうろ course, (sea) route, run (n)  
 高速道路 こうそくどうろ highway, freeway, expressway, motorway (n)  
 十字路 じゅうじろ crossroads (n)  
 進路 しんろ route, course, career, university choices, course (of future life) (n)

# 身

somebody, person, one's station in life

み  
シン

**Compounds:**

刺し身 さしみ sashimi (sliced raw fish) (n)  
 自身 じしん by oneself, personally (n)  
 受け身 うけみ passive, passive voice (adj-na, n)  
 出身 しゅっしん person's origin (town, city, country, etc.), institution from which one graduated (n)  
 上半身 じょうはんしん upper half of body, bust (n)

# 軍

army, force, troops, war, battle

ゲン

**Compounds:**

海軍 かいぐん navy (n)  
 空軍 こうぐん Air Force (n)  
 軍 ぐん army, force, troops (n, n-suf)  
 軍拡 ぐんかく military expansion, expansion of armaments (n)  
 軍艦 ぐんかん warship, battleship (n)

# 輪

wheel, ring, circle, link, loop, counter for wheels and flowers

わ  
リン

**Compounds:**

車輪 しゃりん (car) wheel (n)  
 年輪 ねんりん annual tree ring (n)  
 輪ゴム わゴム rubber band (n)  
 輪廓 りんかく contours, outlines, features (n)

**辞** resign, word, term, expression

や. める. いな. む  
ジ

**Compounds:**

御辞儀 おじぎ bow (n, vs)  
御世辞 おせじ flattery, compliment (n)  
辞 けとば language, dialect, word, words, phrase, term, expression, remark, speech, (manner of) speaking (n)  
辞書 じしょ dictionary, lexicon, letter of resignation (n)  
辞職 じしょく resignation (n, vs)

**農** agriculture, farmers

ノウ

**Compounds:**

農家 のうか farmer, farm family (n)  
農協 のうきょう agricultural cooperative (n)  
農業 のうぎょう agriculture (n)  
農耕 のうこう farming, agriculture (n)  
農場 のうじょう farm (agriculture) (n)

**辺** environs, boundary, border, vicinity

あた. り. ほと. り. -べ  
ヘン

**Compounds:**

海辺 かいへん beach, seashore (n)  
岸辺 きしべ bank (of a river) (n)  
周辺 しゅうへん circumference, outskirts, environs, around, in the area of, in the vicinity of, (computer) peripheral (n)  
浜辺 はまべ beach, foreshore (n)  
辺 へん area, vicinity, side (of triangle, rectangle, etc.), circumstances (n)

**返** return, answer, fade, repay

かえ. す. -かえ. す. かえ. る. -かえ. る  
ヘン

**Compounds:**

引返す ひきかえす to repeat, to send back, to bring back, to retrace one's steps (v5s, vt)  
恩返し おんがえし requital of a favour, requital of a favor (n, vs)  
繰返す くりかえす to repeat, to do something over again (v5s, intransitive verb)  
言返す いいかえす to repeat, to talk back, to answer back (v5s, vt)  
取返す とりかえす to regain, to recover, to get back (v5s, vt)

**追** chase, drive away, follow, pursue, meanwhile

お. う  
ツイ

**Compounds:**

追いこす おいこす to pass (eg car), to outdistance, to outstrip (v5s, vt)  
追い込む おいこむ to herd, to corner, to drive (v5m, vt)  
追い出す おいだす to expel, to drive out (v5s, vt)  
追加 ついか addition, supplement, append (eg to a file), appendix (n, vs)  
追及 ついきゅう investigation (eg into someone's guilt), questioning, pressing, catching up, overtaking (n, vs)

**速** quick, fast

はや. い. はや-. はや. める. すみ. やか  
ソク

**Compounds:**

加速 かそく acceleration (n, vs)  
快速 かいそく high speed, celerity, mobility, express (train that bypasses many stations) (adj-na, n)  
急速 きゅうそく rapid (eg progress) (adj-na, n)  
減速 げんそく deceleration (n, vs)  
高速 こうそく high speed, high gear, highway, freeway, expressway, motorway (adj-na, n)

**連** take along, lead, join, connect, party, gang, clique

つら.なる, つら.ねる, つ.れる, -づ.れ  
レン

**Compounds:**

訓連 くんれん practice, practise, training (n, vs)  
 国連 こくれん UN, United Nations (n)  
 連ねる つらねる to link, to join, to put together (ichidan verb, vt)  
 連れ つれ companion, company (n, vs)  
 連れる つれる to lead, to take (a person) (ichidan verb)

**遊** play

あそ.ぶ, あそ.ばす  
ユウ, ユ

**Compounds:**

遊び あそび playing (n, n-suf)  
 遊ぶ あそぶ to play, to make a visit (esp. for pleasure), to be idle, to do nothing (v5b, intransitive verb)  
 遊園地 ゆうえんち amusement park (n)

**達** accomplished, reach, arrive, attain

-たち  
タツ, ダ

**Compounds:**

私達 わたくしたち we, us (n)  
 上達 じょうたつ improvement, advance, progress (n, vs)  
 速達 そくたつ express, special delivery (n, vs)  
 達する たつする to reach, to get to (suru verb - special class)  
 達成 たつせい achievement (n, vs)

**選** elect, select, choose, prefer

えら.ぶ  
セン

**Compounds:**

選挙 せんきょ election (n, vs)  
 選手 せんしゅ player (in game), team member (n)  
 選出 せんしゅつ election (n, vs)  
 選択 せんたく selection, choice, option (n, vs)  
 選定 せんてい selection (n, vs)

**郡** county, district

こうり  
ゲン

**Compounds:**

郡 こおり district, county (n)

**部** section, bureau, dept, class, copy, part, portion, counter for copies of a newspaper or magazine

-べ  
ブ

**Compounds:**

一部 いちぶ one part, one portion, one section, some, one copy (eg of a document) (n-adv, n)  
 一部分 いちぶぶん part, portion, section (n)  
 外部 がいぶ the outside, external (n, adj-no)  
 学部 がくぶ department of a university, undergraduate (n)  
 幹部 かんぶ management, (executive) staff, leaders (n)

**配** distribute, spouse, exile, rationing

くば.る  
ハイ

**Compounds:**

気配 きはい indication, sign, hint, presence, trend, quotation (esp. stock market) (n)  
 勾配 こうばい slope, incline, gradient, grade, pitch (n)  
 支配 しばい rule, control, direction (n, vs)  
 手配 てはい arrangement, search (by police) (n, vs)  
 心配 しんぱい worry, concern, anxiety, care (adj-na, n, vs)

酒

sake, alcohol

さけ, さか-  
 シュ

**Compounds:**

居酒屋 いざかや bar, pub, tavern (n)  
 禁酒 きんしゆ prohibition, temperance, abstinence (n, vs)  
 酒 さけ alcohol, sake (n)  
 酒屋 さかや liquor store, wine shop, bottle shop, sake dealer, liquor-store owner, brewer (n)  
 日本酒 にほんしゆ sake, Japanese rice wine (n)

里

ri, village, parent's home, league

さと  
 リ

**Compounds:**

郷里 きょうり birth-place, home town (n)  
 里 リ ri (old Japanese unit of distance, approx. 3.927km or 2.44 miles), neighbourhood (under the ritsuryo system; orig. of 50 homes), unit of area (approx. 654m by 654m) (n)  
 旧里 きゅうり home town, birthplace, old village, historic village, native place, one's old home (n)

量

quantity, measure, weight, amount, consider, estimate, surmise

はか.る  
 リョウ

**Compounds:**

質量 しつりょう mass (n)  
 重量 じゅうりょう weight, heavyweight boxer (n)  
 数量 すうりょう quantity, volume (n)  
 測量 そくりょう measurement, surveying (n, vs)  
 多量 たりょう large quantity (adj-na, n)

鉄

iron

くろがね  
 テツ

**Compounds:**

国鉄 こくてつ national railway (n)  
 私鉄 してつ private railway (n)  
 製鉄 せいてつ iron manufacture (n)  
 地下鉄 ちかてつ underground train, subway (n)  
 鉄 てつ iron (n)

録

record

ロク

**Compounds:**

記録 きろく record, minutes, document, a record (eg in sports), results, score, to record, to document, to set a record (eg in sports), to show a result, to reach a value (n, vs)  
 登録 とうろく registration, accession, register, entry, record (n, vs)  
 目録 もくろく catalogue, catalog, list (n)  
 録音 ろくおん (audio) recording (n, vs)  
 録音テープ ろくおんテープ audio tape, magnetic tape (n)

鏡

mirror, speculum, barrel-head, round rice-cake offering

かがみ  
 キョウ, ケイ

Compounds:

鏡 かがみ mirror (n)  
 顕微鏡 けんびきょう microscope (n)  
 望遠鏡 ぼうえんきょう telescope (n)  
 眼鏡 めがね spectacles, glasses (n)

関

connection, barrier, gateway, involve, concerning

せき, -ぜき, かが, わる, からくり, かんぬき  
 カン

Compounds:

関する かんする to concern, to be related (suru verb - special class)  
 関係 かんけい relation, connection (n, vs)  
 関心 かんしん concern, interest (n)  
 関税 かんぜい customs, duty, tariff (n)  
 関節 かんせつ joints (knee joint, elbow joint, etc.) (n)

陸

land, six

おか  
 リク, ロク

Compounds:

上陸 じょうりく landing, disembarkation (n, vs)  
 大陸 たいりく continent (n)  
 着陸 ちゃくりく landing, alighting, touch down (n, vs)  
 内陸 ないりく inland (n)  
 離陸 りりく takeoff (n, vs)

陽

sunshine, yang principle, positive, male, heaven, daytime

ひ  
 ヨウ

Compounds:

太陽 たいよう sun, solar (n)  
 陽気 ようき cheerful, merry, season, weather (adj-na, n)  
 陽当たり ひあたり exposure to the sun, sunny place, per day (n)  
 陽射し ひざし sunlight, rays of the sun (n)  
 陽 よう yang, sunlight-side, warmth, sunshine, surface, appearances (n)

隊

regiment, party, company, squad

タイ

Compounds:

機動隊 きどうたい riot police, riot squad (n)  
 軍隊 ぐんたい army, troops (n)  
 自衛隊 じえいたい self-defence force, self-defense force, Japan Self-Defence Force, JSDF (n)  
 兵隊 へいたい soldier, sailor (n)

階

storey, stair, counter for storeys of a building

きざはし  
 カイ

Compounds:

階 かい stories, storeys, counter for storeys and floors of a building (n, n-suf, counter)  
 階級 かいきゅう class, rank, grade (n)  
 階段 かいだん stairs, stairway, staircase (n)  
 段階 だんかい gradation, grade, stage, steps, order, class, phase (n)  
 中産階級 ちゅうさんかいきゅう middle class, bourgeoisie (n)

雪

snow

ゆき  
 セツ

Compounds:

初雪 はつゆき first snow (of season) (n)  
 吹雪 ふぶき snow storm (n)  
 積雪 せきせつ fallen snow (n)  
 雪 ゆき snow (n)  
 雪融け ゆきどけ snow thaw, thawing (n, vs)

## 雲

cloud  
 くも, -ぐも  
 ウン

### Compounds:

雲 くも cloud (n)

## 静

quiet  
 しず-, しずか, しずまる, しずめる  
 セイ, ジョウ

### Compounds:

安静 あんせい rest (adj-na, n)  
 静止 せいし stillness, repose, standing still (n, vs)  
 静肅 せいしゆく silent (adj-na, n)  
 冷静 れいせい calm, composure, coolness, serenity (adj-na, n)

## 面

mask, face, features, surface  
 おも, おもて, つら  
 メン, ベン

### Compounds:

一面 いちめん one face, one surface, the whole surface, one aspect, one side, (on) the other hand, one broad, flat object, front page (n, n-adv)  
 仮面 かめん mask, disguise (n)  
 画面 がめん terminal screen, scene, picture, the field (in TV), photo (n)  
 海面 かいめん sea level, (surface of) sea (n)  
 外面 げめん outer surface, outward appearance, outside, exterior, outside, outer, outward, exterior, external (n, adj-no)

## 順

obey, order, turn, right, docility, occasion  
 ジュン

### Compounds:

手順 てじゆん process, procedure, sequence, protocol, instruction (n)  
 順 じゆん order, turn (adj-na, n, n-suf)  
 順位 じゆんい order, rank, precedence (n)  
 順序 じゆんじよ order, sequence, procedure (n)  
 順調 じゆんちよう favourable, favorable, doing well, OK, all right (adj-na, n)

## 願

petition, request, vow, wish, hope  
 ねがう, -ねがい  
 ガン

### Compounds:

願 いねがい desire, wish, request, prayer, petition, application (n)  
 願 うねがう to desire, to wish, to hope, to beg, to request, to implore, to pray, to have something done for oneself (v5s, vt, auxiliary verb)  
 願書 がんしょ written application or petition (n)  
 祈願 きがん prayer (n, vs)  
 出願 しゆつがん application (n, vs)

## 類

sort, kind, variety, class, genus  
 たぐい  
 ルイ

### Compounds:

種類 しゆるい variety, kind, type, category, counter for different sorts of things (n, counter)  
 書類 しよるい documents, official papers (n)



親類 しんるい relation, kin (n)  
 人類 じんるい mankind, humanity (n)  
 同類 どうるい the same kind, accomplice (n)

## 飛

fly, skip (pages), scatter

とぶ, とばす, -とばす  
 ヒ

### Compounds:

飛上がる とびあがる to spring, to jump up, to fly up, to skip (v5r, intransitive verb)  
 飛ばす とばす to fly, to fire, to hurl, to skip over, to omit, to drop (eg stitch), to run or drive fast, to gallop, to spread a rumour (rumor), to tell a story, to remove, to get rid of, to transfer, to attack, to jeer at (v5s, vt)  
 飛行 ひこう aviation (n, vs)  
 飛行機 ひこうき aeroplane, airplane, aircraft (n)  
 飛行場 ひこうじょう airfield, airport (n)

## 養

foster, bring up, rear, develop, nurture

やしなう  
 ヨウ, リョウ

### Compounds:

栄養 えいよう nutrition, nourishment (n)  
 休養 きゅうよう rest, break, recreation (n, vs)  
 教養 きょうよう culture, education, refinement, cultivation (n, vs)  
 扶養 ふよう support, maintenance (n, vs)  
 養う やしなう to rear, to maintain, to support (eg family), to cultivate (v5s, vt)

## 馬

horse

うま, うま-, ま  
 バ

### Compounds:

競馬 けいば horse racing (n)  
 馬 うま horse, promoted bishop (shogi) (n)

## 鳴

chirp, cry, bark, sound, ring, echo, honk

なく, なる, ならす  
 メイ

### Compounds:

怒鳴る どなる to shout, to yell (v5r, intransitive verb)  
 悲鳴 ひめい shriek, scream (n, vs)  
 鳴らす ならす to ring, to sound, to chime, to beat, to snort (nose) (v5s, vt)  
 鳴る なる to sound, to ring, to resound, to echo, to roar, to rumble (v5r, intransitive verb)

## 麦

barley, wheat

むぎ  
 バク

### Compounds:

蕎麦 そまむぎ buckwheat (Fagopyrum esculentum), soba (Japanese buckwheat noodles) (n)  
 小麦 こむぎ wheat (n)  
 小麦粉 こむぎこ wheat flour (n)  
 大麦 おおむぎ barley (Hordeum vulgare) (n)  
 麦 むぎ wheat, barley, oat (oats) (n)

## 黄

yellow

き, こ-  
 コウ, オウ

### Compounds:

黄色い きいろい yellow (adj)  
 黄昏 こうこん dusk, twilight (n)  
 黄色 おうしょく yellow, amber (adj-na, n)

黄葉 もみじ autumn colours, fall colors, leaves changing color (colour), leaves turning red, red leaves (n, vs, n)

## 鼻

nose, snout

はな  
び

### Compounds:

耳鼻科 じびか otolaryngology, concerning the ear, nose, and throat (n)  
鼻 はな nose (n)

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