

Adjectives

Adjectives are words which describe a noun and are placed directly before the noun. Japanese adjectives are very different from their English counterparts. They are divided in two groups.

'i- adjectives' or true adjectives are words ending with an 'i' in the end. They are of Japanese origin e.g. *akai – red* and *shiroi – white*.

'na-adjectives' or pseudo adjectives are words of Chinese origin or foreign origin e.g. *kirei – beautiful* and *shizuka – quiet*

Adjectives

ōkii	おおきい	big
chiisai	ちいさい	small
nagai	ながい	long
shiroi	しろい	white
akai	あかい	red
aoi	あおい	blue
kiroi	きいろい	yellow
kuroi	くろい	black
chairoi	ちゃいろい	brown

That white building is a bank

Asoko no shiroi biru wa ginkou desu

あそこ の 白いビル は 銀行 です

V ta~ga

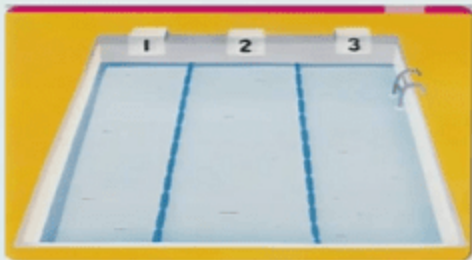
Kinou eiga o mimashita ka.

*Tomodachi no uchi e ikimashita ga,
eiga o mimasen deshita*



Kinou pu-ru e ikimashita ka.

Ikimashita ga, daremo imasen deshita.



Practice

Practice colour by telling the colour of the flowers in the picture



Akai hana



Aoi hana



Kiiroi hana



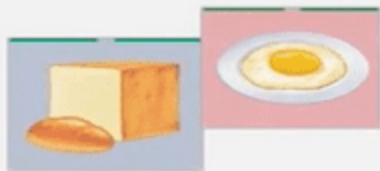
Pinku hana



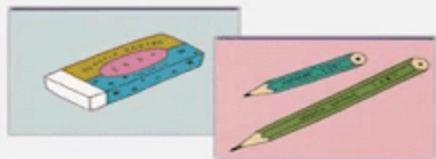
Shiroi hana

N1 to N2

Pan to tamago o tabemasu



Enpitsu to keshigomu o kaimasu



Kocha to ocha o nomimasu



Ga

Particle 'ga' is a grammatical particle and is used

- to emphasize the subject.
- follows the subject or topic directly like particle 'wa'.
- indicates existence of someone or something at a specific location.
- the verb is different in animate and inanimate cases.

e.g. Enpitsu ga arimasu

えんぴつ が あります

There is a pencil.

Hito ga imasu

ひと が います

There is a man/person.

Practice

Practice saying ga arimasu / ga imasu



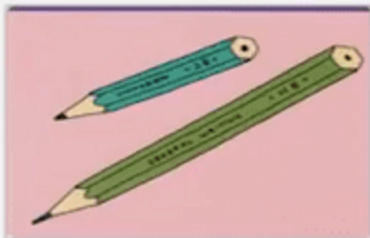
Tsuru ga imasu



Kasa ga arimasu



Hito ga imasu



Enpitsu ga arimasu

Kanji

小さい

ちいさい

chiisai

small
(3-strokes)

大きい

おおきい

ookii

big
(3-strokes)

白い

しろい

shiroi

white
(5-strokes)

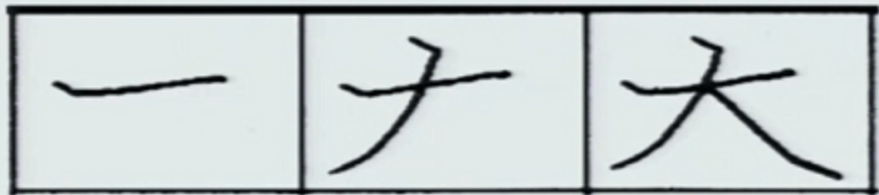
Some new words with kanji characters

大人	otona	おとな	adult
大野	oono	おおの	large field
大使	taishi	たいし	ambassador
大事	daiji	だいじ	important
小屋	koya	こや	hut
小石	koishi	こいし	small stone



→ 大

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Practice



ōkii



chiisai



chiisai



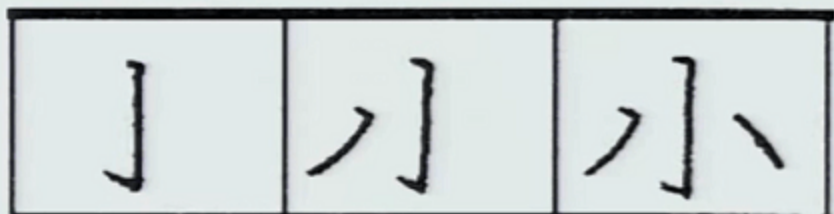
ōkii

Hiragana-sa

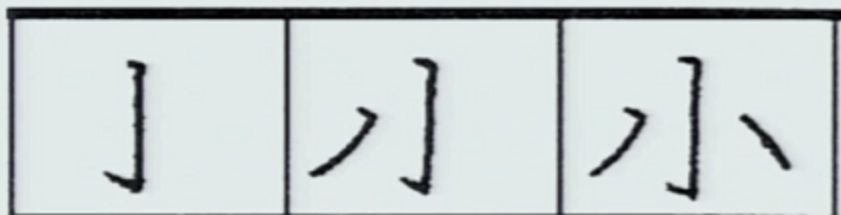
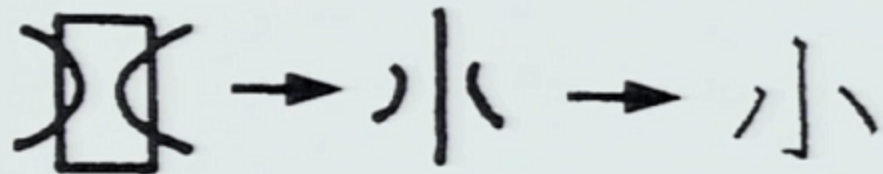


Stroke order

灬 → 水 → 小



Stroke order



Vocabulary

kono hen	このへん	around here
bikkuri	びっくり	surprised
toshoukan	としょうかん	library
daidokoro	だいどころ	kitchen
otaku	お-たく	house (polite)
uchi	うち	house
kaidan	かいだん	stairs
musume	むすめ	daughter
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