

Japanese Writing: Kanji

There are three different Japanese alphabets. The Kanji alphabet is made up of symbols rather than letters. This means each symbol stands for a word or an idea, rather than there being a group of letters forming a word. To read Kanji well, a person needs to know at least 2,000 symbols! Below is a list of a few of them. The characters are written much differently from Latin letters. Practice writing them by hand.

芸

Art

独

Alone

神

God

信

Believe

樂園

Paradise

夢

Dream

命

Life

心

Heart

地

Earth

水

Water

氣

Spirit

望

Hope

森

Forest

太陽

Sun

月

Moon

真

Truth

冬

Winter

夏

Summer

春

Spring

防

Protect