



Common Radicals. The term radical refers to the building blocks of kanji. Virtually all Japanese kanji characters are either a single radical or are made up of two or more radicals. By memorizing kanji as a combination of parts rather than as a unique character, one greatly simplifies the learning process.

### **JOSHU - Common Kanji Radicals**

Kanji radicals aren't required for Japanese proficiency, but ignorance of them is a shortcoming nevertheless. With that said, this article intends to explain the basics of kanji radicals (as well as their quirkiness), and also introduce to the reader a good beginning vocabulary on the subject.

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