

**English:**

name
noted
distinguished
reputation

On-Yomi:

メイ
ミヨウ

Kun-Yomi:

な
-な
と

Bushu (Radical) Info:

口 (くち) - mouth
夕 (ゆうべ) - evening

Henshall Mnemonic: mouth calls name at night

Levels: JLPT N5 | JLPT 4 (old) | Grade 1

Frequency: #177 of the 2500 most used kanji in newspapers

Common Words and/or Phrases Using this Kanji:

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JLPT N5 Words

- [平仮名](#) [ひらがな]
(n) hiragana; 47 syllables; the cursive syllabary [K] [D] [Jisho]
- [片仮名](#) [かたかな]
(n) katakana [K] [D] [Jisho]
- [名前](#) [なまえ]
(n) name [K] [D] [Jisho]
- [有名](#) [ゆうめい]
(adj-na,n) fame [K] [D] [Jisho]

JLPT N3 Words

- [署名](#) [しょめい]
(n,vs) signature [K] [D] [Jisho]
- [名](#) [な]
(n) name; reputation [K] [D] [Jisho]
- [名人](#) [めいじん]
(n) master; expert [K] [D] [Jisho]

JLPT N2 Words

- [宛名](#) [あてな]
(n) address; direction [K] [D] [Jisho]
- [仮名](#) [かな]
(n) (uk) Japanese syllabary (alphabets); kana [K] [D] [Jisho]

- [仮名遣い](#) [かなづかい]
(n) kana orthography; syllabary spelling [\[K\]](#) [\[D\]](#) [\[Jisho\]](#)
- [氏名](#) [しめい]
(n) full name; identity [\[K\]](#) [\[D\]](#) [\[Jisho\]](#)
- [振り仮名](#) [ふりがな]
furigana (hiragana over kanji); pronunciation key [\[K\]](#) [\[D\]](#) [\[Jisho\]](#)
- [送り仮名](#) [おくりがな]
kana written after a kanji to complete the full (usually kun) reading of the word (may inflect) [\[K\]](#) [\[D\]](#) [\[Jisho\]](#)
- [代名詞](#) [だいめいし]
(n) pronoun [\[K\]](#) [\[D\]](#) [\[Jisho\]](#)
- [題名](#) [だいめい]
(n) title [\[K\]](#) [\[D\]](#) [\[Jisho\]](#)
- [地名](#) [ちめい]
(n) place name [\[K\]](#) [\[D\]](#) [\[Jisho\]](#)
- [名作](#) [めいさく]
(n) masterpiece [\[K\]](#) [\[D\]](#) [\[Jisho\]](#)
- [名刺](#) [めいし]
(n) business card [\[K\]](#) [\[D\]](#) [\[Jisho\]](#)
- [名詞](#) [めいし]
(n) noun [\[K\]](#) [\[D\]](#) [\[Jisho\]](#)
- [名字](#) [みょうじ]
(n) surname; family name [\[K\]](#) [\[D\]](#) [\[Jisho\]](#)
- [名所](#) [めいしょ]
(n) famous place [\[K\]](#) [\[D\]](#) [\[Jisho\]](#)
- [名物](#) [めいぶつ]
(n) famous product; special product; speciality; specialty [\[K\]](#) [\[D\]](#) [\[Jisho\]](#)

JLPT N1 Words

- [姓名](#) [せいめい]
(n) full name [\[K\]](#) [\[D\]](#) [\[Jisho\]](#)
- [著名](#) [ちょめい]
(adj-na,n) well-known; noted; celebrated [\[K\]](#) [\[D\]](#) [\[Jisho\]](#)
- [本名](#) [ほんみょう]
(n) real name [\[K\]](#) [\[D\]](#) [\[Jisho\]](#)

Other Popular Words Not Classified by JLPT

- [異名](#) [いみょう]
(n) another name; nickname; alias [\[K\]](#) [\[D\]](#) [\[Jisho\]](#)
- [汚名](#) [おめい]
(n) stigma; dishonour; infamy [\[K\]](#) [\[D\]](#) [\[Jisho\]](#)
- [仮名](#) [かめい]
(n) alias; pseudonym; pen name; nom de plume [\[K\]](#) [\[D\]](#) [\[Jisho\]](#)
- [改名](#) [かいいい]
(n,vs) name change [\[K\]](#) [\[D\]](#) [\[Jisho\]](#)
- [芸名](#) [げいめい]
(n) stage name [\[K\]](#) [\[D\]](#) [\[Jisho\]](#)
- [呼び名](#) [よびな]
(n) given name; popular name [\[K\]](#) [\[D\]](#) [\[Jisho\]](#)
- [功名](#) [こうみょう]
(n) great achievement [\[K\]](#) [\[D\]](#) [\[Jisho\]](#)
- [高名](#) [こうめい]

(adj-na,n) fame; renown [K] [D] [Jisho]

- **国名** [こくめい]
(n) country name [K] [D] [Jisho]
- **指名** [しめい]
(n,vs) name; nominate; designate [K] [D] [Jisho]
- **指名手配** [しめいてはい]
(n) search for a named suspect [K] [D] [Jisho]
- **実名** [じつめい]
(n) real name [K] [D] [Jisho]
- **社名** [しゃめい]
(n) name of company [K] [D] [Jisho]
- **襲名** [しゅうめい]
(n) succession to another's professional name [K] [D] [Jisho]
- **書名** [しょめい]
(n) book title [K] [D] [Jisho]
- **除名** [じょめい]
(n,vs) expulsion; excommunication [K] [D] [Jisho]
- **人名** [じんめい]
(n) person's name [K] [D] [Jisho]
- **大義名分** [たいぎめいぶん]
(n) a just cause [K] [D] [Jisho]
- **大名** [だいまいよう]
(n) Japanese feudal lord [K] [D] [Jisho]
- **知名** [ちめい]
(adj-na,n) well-known [K] [D] [Jisho]
- **同名** [どうみよう]
(n) same name [K] [D] [Jisho]
- **匿名** [とくめい]
(n) anonymity; pseudonym [K] [D] [Jisho]
- **筆名** [ひつめい]
(n) alias; pseudonym; pen name; nom de plume [K] [D] [Jisho]
- **病名** [びょうめい]
(n) name of a disease [K] [D] [Jisho]
- **品名** [ひんめい]
(n) name of product [K] [D] [Jisho]

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