



English:
left

On-Yomi:
サ
シャ

Kun-Yomi:
ひだり
そ

Bushu (Radical) Info: 工 (たくみ) - craft

Henshall Mnemonic: left hand steadies carpenter's square

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

Frequency: #630 of the 2500 most used kanji in newspapers

Common Words and/or Phrases Using this Kanji:

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JLPT N5 Words

- [左](#) [ひだり]
(n) left hand side [\[K\]](#) [\[D\]](#) [\[Jisho\]](#)

JLPT N3 Words

- [左右](#) [さゆう]
(n,vs) (1) left and right; (2) influence; control; domination [\[K\]](#) [\[D\]](#) [\[Jisho\]](#)

JLPT N2 Words

- [左様なら](#) [さようなら]
(conj,int) (uk) good-bye [\[K\]](#) [\[D\]](#) [\[Jisho\]](#)

JLPT N1 Words

- [左利き](#) [ひだりきき]
(n) left-handedness; sake drinker; left-hander [\[K\]](#) [\[D\]](#) [\[Jisho\]](#)

Other Popular Words Not Classified by JLPT

- [右往左往](#) [うおうさおう]
(n) move about in confusion; go every which way; going right and left; this way and that [\[K\]](#) [\[D\]](#) [\[Jisho\]](#)
- [向かって左](#) [むかってひだり]
on the left as one faces (it) [\[K\]](#) [\[D\]](#) [\[Jisho\]](#)
- [左記](#) [さき]
(n) undermentioned (statement); following [\[K\]](#) [\[D\]](#) [\[Jisho\]](#)
- [左手](#) [ひだりて]
(n) left hand [\[K\]](#) [\[D\]](#) [\[Jisho\]](#)
- [左遷](#) [させん]
(n,vs) demotion; degradation [\[K\]](#) [\[D\]](#) [\[Jisho\]](#)

- [左前](#) [ひだりまえ]
(n) downward course; being badly off; wearing a kimono with the right side tucked under the left [K] [D] [Jisho]
- [左側](#) [ひだりがわ]
(n) left; left (hand) side [K] [D] [Jisho]
- [左派](#) [さは]
(n) left wing [K] [D] [Jisho]
- [左様なら](#) [さよなら]
(conj,int) (uk) good-bye [K] [D] [Jisho]
- [左翼](#) [さよく]
(n) left wing [K] [D] [Jisho]
- [左腕](#) [さわん]
(n) (1) left arm; (2) left-handed (baseball pitcher) [K] [D] [Jisho]

Find more details for 左 at jisho.org, Yookoso! or WWWJDIC

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