

English:
place

On-Yomi:
ショ

Kun-Yomi:
ところ
-ところ
どころ
とこ
せ

Bushu (Radical) Info: 戸 (とびらのと) - door

Henshall Mnemonic: chop down door with ax to get into place

Levels: JLPT N3 | JLPT 3 (old) | Grade 3

Frequency: #221 of the 2500 most used kanji in newspapers

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JLPT N5 Words

- [所](#) [ところ]
(n) place [\[K\]](#) [\[D\]](#) [\[Jisho\]](#)
- [台所](#) [だいどころ]
(n) kitchen [\[K\]](#) [\[D\]](#) [\[Jisho\]](#)

JLPT N4 Words

- [近所](#) [きんじょ]
(n) neighbourhood [\[K\]](#) [\[D\]](#) [\[Jisho\]](#)
- [事務所](#) [じむしょ]
(n) office [\[K\]](#) [\[D\]](#) [\[Jisho\]](#)
- [住所](#) [じゅうしょ]
(n) address (e.g. of house); residence; domicile [\[K\]](#) [\[D\]](#) [\[Jisho\]](#)
- [場所](#) [ばしょ]
(n) place; location [\[K\]](#) [\[D\]](#) [\[Jisho\]](#)

JLPT N3 Words

- [所が](#) [ところが]
(conj) however; while; even if [\[K\]](#) [\[D\]](#) [\[Jisho\]](#)
- [所で](#) [ところで]
by the way; even if; no matter what [\[K\]](#) [\[D\]](#) [\[Jisho\]](#)
- [所為](#) [せい]
(n) cause; reason; fault [\[K\]](#) [\[D\]](#) [\[Jisho\]](#)
- [所謂](#) [いわゆる]

(adj-pn,adv) the so-called; so to speak [K] [D] [Jisho]

▪ [停留所](#) [ていりゅうじょ]

(n) bus or tram stop [K] [D] [Jisho]

JLPT N2 Words

▪ [箇所](#) [かしょ]

(n) passage; place; point; part [K] [D] [Jisho]

▪ [所々](#) [ところどころ]

(n-adv,n-t) here and there; some parts (of something) [K] [D] [Jisho]

▪ [短所](#) [たんしょ]

(n) (1) defect; demerit; weak point; (2) disadvantage [K] [D] [Jisho]

▪ [長所](#) [ちょうしょ]

(n) (1) strong point; merit; (2) advantage [K] [D] [Jisho]

▪ [便所](#) [べんじょ]

(n) toilet; lavatory; rest room; latrine; comfort station [K] [D] [Jisho]

▪ [名所](#) [めいしょ]

(n) famous place [K] [D] [Jisho]

▪ [役所](#) [やくしょ]

(n) government office; public office [K] [D] [Jisho]

▪ [余所](#) [よそ]

(n) another place; somewhere else; strange parts [K] [D] [Jisho]

JLPT N1 Words

▪ [箇所](#) [かしょ]

(n) passage; place; point; part [K] [D] [Jisho]

▪ [所在](#) [しよざい]

(n) whereabouts [K] [D] [Jisho]

▪ [所持](#) [しよじ]

(n,vs) possession; owning [K] [D] [Jisho]

▪ [所属](#) [しよぞく]

(n) attached to; belong to [K] [D] [Jisho]

▪ [所定](#) [しよてい]

(n) fixed; prescribed [K] [D] [Jisho]

▪ [所得](#) [しよとく]

(n) income; earnings [K] [D] [Jisho]

Other Popular Words Not Classified by JLPT

▪ [営業所](#) [えいぎょうしょ]

business office; place of business [K] [D] [Jisho]

▪ [夏場所](#) [なつばしょ]

(n) summer wrestling tournament [K] [D] [Jisho]

▪ [休憩所](#) [きゅうけいじょ]

(n) restroom; lounge [K] [D] [Jisho]

▪ [急所](#) [きゅうしょ]

(n) vitals; tender spot; secret; key [K] [D] [Jisho]

▪ [給油所](#) [きゅうゆうじょ]

petrol filling station [K] [D] [Jisho]

▪ [居場所](#) [いばしょ]

(n) whereabouts [K] [D] [Jisho]

▪ [興信所](#) [こうしんじょ]

(n) detective agency [K] [D] [Jisho]

- [区役所](#) [くやくしょ]
(n) ward office; council (regional) [K] [D] [Jisho]
- [刑務所](#) [けいむしょ]
(n) prison; penitentiary [K] [D] [Jisho]
- [経済研究所](#) [けいざいけんきゅうしょ]
economics research centre [K] [D] [Jisho]
- [研究所](#) [けんきゅうじょ]
(n) research establishment (institute, laboratory, etc.) [K] [D] [Jisho]
- [見所](#) [みどころ]
(n) highlight; promise [K] [D] [Jisho]
- [現住所](#) [げんじゅうしょ]
(n) (present) address [K] [D] [Jisho]
- [御所](#) [ごしょ]
(n) old imperial palace [K] [D] [Jisho]
- [碁会所](#) [ごかいじょ]
(n) commercial go-playing parlour [K] [D] [Jisho]
- [拘留所](#) [こうちしょ]
(n) prison; detention house [K] [D] [Jisho]
- [高所](#) [こうしょ]
(n) high altitude; heights; elevation; broad view [K] [D] [Jisho]
- [裁判所](#) [さいばんしょ]
(n) court; courthouse [K] [D] [Jisho]
- [市役所](#) [しやくしょ]
(n) municipal office; council; city hall [K] [D] [Jisho]
- [支所](#) [ししょ]
(n) branch (office) [K] [D] [Jisho]
- [至る所](#) [いたるところ]
(adv,n-t) everywhere [K] [D] [Jisho]
- [事業所](#) [じぎょうしょ]
(n) plant; enterprise place; office [K] [D] [Jisho]
- [収容所](#) [しゅうようじょ]
(n) home; asylum; camp [K] [D] [Jisho]
- [出張所](#) [しゅっちょうじょ]
(n) branch office; agency; sub-branch [K] [D] [Jisho]
- [春場所](#) [はるばしょ]
(n) the spring sumo tournament [K] [D] [Jisho]

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