



English:
Zen
silent meditation

On-Yomi:
ゼン
セン

Kun-Yomi:
しずか
ゆずる

Bushu (Radical) Info: 示 (しめす) - show

Levels: JLPT N1 | JLPT 1 (old) | Grade 8
Frequency: #1902 of the 2500 most used kanji in newspapers

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JLPT N1 Words

- 禅 [ぜん]
(n) Zen (Buddhism) [K] [D] [Jisho]

Other Popular Words Not Classified by JLPT

- 座禅 [ざぜん]
(n) (Zen) meditation [K] [D] [Jisho]
- 禅寺 [ぜんでら]
(n) Zen temple [K] [D] [Jisho]
- 禅宗 [ぜんしゅう]
(n) Zen sect [K] [D] [Jisho]
- 禅僧 [ぜんそう]
(n) Zen priest [K] [D] [Jisho]
- 禅問答 [ぜんもんどう]
(n) Zen dialogue; Zen questions and answers [K] [D] [Jisho]

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