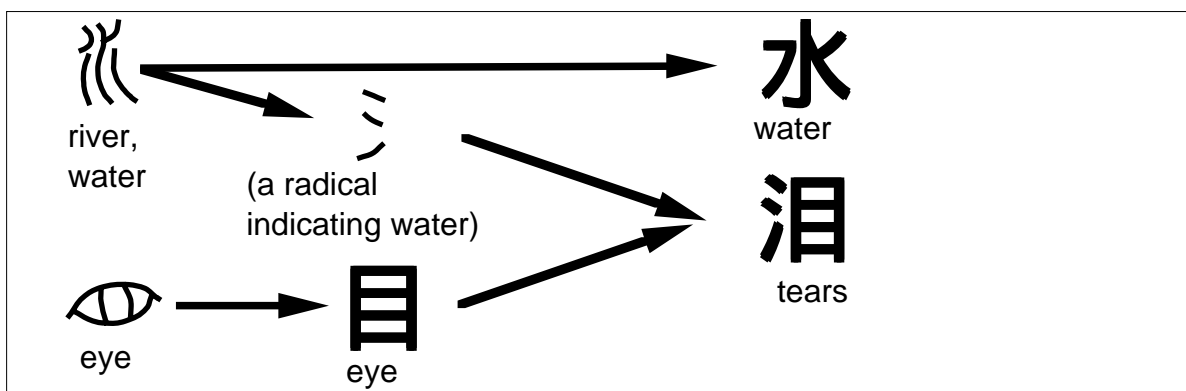
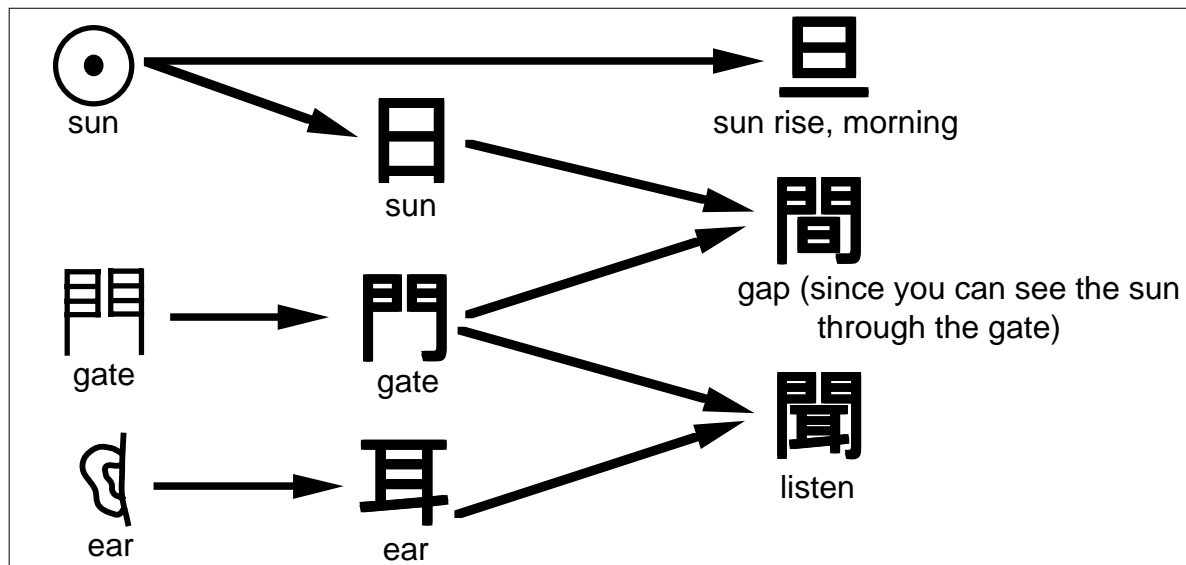


## Appendix E Introduction to 'kanji's

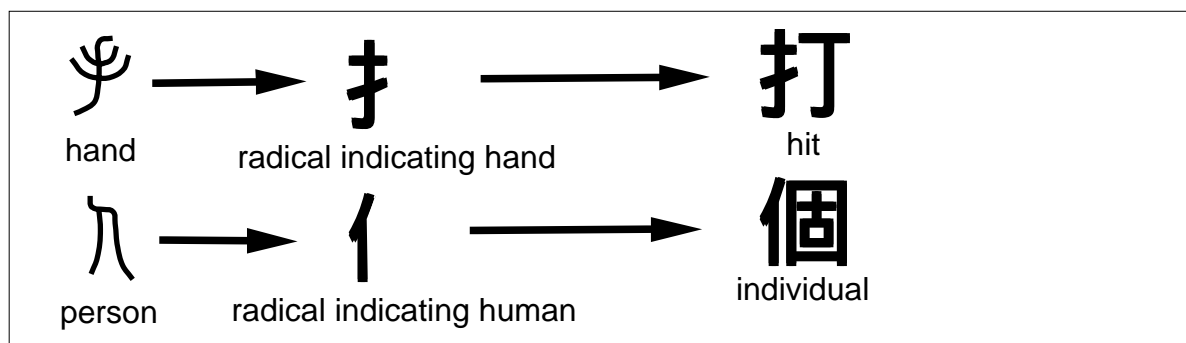
Kanji started as pictographs just like Egyptian hieroglyphs. Although most 'kanji's express concept that can not be expressed this way and not a pictograph in that sense, some of them can be easily traced back to original drawings.

Here are some examples:

pictograph    kanji/radical    kanji



Most 'kanji's represent hard-to-draw-up concept. Hence they are often made of a radical called 'hen' (a building block of a character that indicate what type of concept the character represents) and an additional something (called 'tsukuri') to specify the character.



The 'tsukuri' may represent the pronunciation that indicates the concept or other specific feature of the concept. Hence, memorizing various radicals will make memorizing 'kanji's easier. . Here,