

生

▶LIFE
▶BE BORN
▶STUDENT

4302

■4-5-2

セイ ショウ い(きる) いかす い(ける)
う(まれる) う(まれ) うまれ う(む) お(う)
は(える) は(やす) き なま なま- い おい
いき なる[▲] な(す)[▲] む(す)[▲] -う[▲] ㊦ いく
うぶ おぶ みふ

㊦ 生 shēng

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[RADICAL]

Standard form: 生 *umareru* 'birth' (産 甞 甥)

Description: birth

[COMPOUNDS]

- ① a (act of being alive) **LIFE, existence**
 b (interval between birth and death) **LIFETIME, life**
 a 生命 *せいめい* life
 生保(=生命保険) *せいほ*(=せいめいほけん) life insurance
 生死 *せいし* life and death
 b 生前 *せいぜん* during one's lifetime
 一生 *いっしょう* a lifetime
 終生 *しゅうせい* all one's life

[INDEPENDENT]

【せい 生】LIFE, living; [humble] I

生を享ける *せいをうける* be born, live【しょうじる(=しょうずる) 生じる(=生ずる)] hap-
pen, arise, be produced; produce, create, cause;
grow変化が生じた *へんかがしょうじた* Change took place

[KUN]

【いきる 生きる】

- ① a (be alive) **live, exist**
 b (make a living) **live (on), subsist**
 a 生き *いき* freshness; stet
 生き物 *いきもの* living creature
 b 人はパンのみにて生きるに非ず *ひとはぱんのみにていくるにあらず* Man does not live by bread alone
 ② [formerly also 活きる] **be enlivened**
 生き生きと *いきいきと* lively, vividly
 その一語で文章が生きる *そのいちごでぶんしょうがいきる* That single word gives life to the style

[SPECIAL READINGS]

生憎[▲] *あいにく* unfortunately, unluckily; I am sorry, but...生絹[▲] *すずし* raw silk goods芝生 *しばふ* lawn, turf弥生[▲] *やよい* third month (of the lunar calendar), March

[SYNONYMS]

- ① **life**
 生 LIFE → 4302
 命 LIFE → 2529
 寿 LONGEVITY → 4367
 ② a **animal**
 獣 BEAST → 2357
 畜 LIVESTOCK → 2572
 物 living thing → 1067

[USAGE]

① 【いきる】

- 生きる
 ① a (be alive) live, exist
 b (make a living) live (on), subsist
 ② [formerly also 活きる] be enlivened
 ③ *baseball* be safe

活きる

[now usu. 生きる] be enlivened

② 【いかす】

- 生かす
 ① a let live, keep alive
 b revive; stet
 ② [formerly also 活かす] make the most of
 ③ [formerly also 活かす] put life [vividness] into, vivify

活かす

[now usu. 生かす]

- ① make the most of
 ② put life [vividness] into, vivify

[HOMOPHONES]

いきる 活 ACTIVE → 0446

いかす 活 ACTIVE → 0446

いける

活 ACTIVE → 0446

埋 BURY → 0470

[COMPOUND FORMATION]

① 【先生 せんせい】

先生 'teacher; doctor' is a scholar (生 ㊦㊧) who studied ahead (先) of others.

② 【一生懸命(=一所懸命) いっしょうけんめい(=いっしょけんめい)】

一生懸命に 'for life, with all one's might', originally written 一所懸命に, is to risk (懸) one's life (命) in protecting a single (一) place (所), i.e., the territory of one's feudal lord. 所 was mistakenly replaced by 生 ㊦, which is more common today.

[NOTE]

➡ see also USAGE notes at 産 4089 and 成 4346

➡ see COMPOUND FORMATION for 生涯 生るうがい → 涯 0609

★ 生 is said to have a total of more than 200 readings, which is more than any other character.