Reading signs and work notices: commands, ～な, ～こと and ～中

Name: _____ Date: _____

1. New kanji

Readings: on'yomi in katakana / kun'yomi in hiragana. The number is the stroke count.

待 **to wait**
タイ / ま(つ)
9 strokes

走 **to run**
ソウ / はし(る)
7 strokes

重 **heavy**
ジュウ / おも(い)
9 strokes

犬 **dog**
ケン / いぬ
4 strokes

作 **to make**
サク・サ / つく(る)
7 strokes

2. Trace and write

Look at the model, trace the grey kanji, then write it on your own in the empty boxes. Follow the stroke order: top to bottom, left to right.

to wait	待	待	待	待			
to run	走	走	走	走			
heavy	重	重	重	重			
dog	犬	犬	犬	犬			
to make	作	作	作	作			

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3. Matching

Write the letter of the correct meaning next to each word.

1.	止まれ	____	A. getting ready (closed)
2.	走るな	____	B. all day
3.	作業中	____	C. please refrain
4.	準備中（じゅんび）	____	D. waiting room
5.	一日中	____	E. work in progress
6.	重い	____	F. heavy
7.	待合室（あい）	____	G. Stop!
8.	ご遠慮（えんりょ）ください	____	H. No running

4. Read the apartment rules

Read the rules, then answer in English.

> 【さくらハイツ　住む方へのお願(ねが)い】
> 一、ごみは、決(き)められた日の朝八時までに出すこと。
> 二、ろうかや階段(かいだん)に自転車や荷(に)物をおかないこと。
> 三、小さい犬とねこは飼(か)ってもいいですが、大きい犬は飼(か)えません。
> 四、夜十時から朝七時までは、大きい音(おと)を出さないこと。
> 五、ベランダでのタバコはご遠慮(えんりょ)ください。

1. By when must you put out the rubbish? _____
2. Where must you not leave your bicycle? _____
3. Can you keep a big dog? _____
4. Between which hours must you be quiet? _____
5. Can you smoke on the balcony? _____

5. What does the sign say?

Write the meaning in English.

1. 止まれ _____
2. 入るな _____
3. ヘルメットをかぶること _____
4. 営業(えい)中 _____
5. 撮影(さつえい)はご遠慮(えんりょ)ください _____
6. 重い物は二人で運ぶこと _____

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Answer key

3. Matching

- 1 → G (Stop!)
- 2 → H (No running)
- 3 → E (work in progress)
- 4 → A (getting ready (closed))
- 5 → B (all day)
- 6 → F (heavy)
- 7 → D (waiting room)
- 8 → C (please refrain)

4. Read the apartment rules

- 1. By 8 a.m. on the set day
- 2. In the corridors or on the stairs
- 3. No (small dogs and cats are OK)
- 4. 10 p.m. to 7 a.m.
- 5. No (please refrain)

5. What does the sign say?

- 1. Stop
- 2. Keep out / Do not enter
- 3. Wear a helmet
- 4. Open (for business)
- 5. Please don’t take photos
- 6. Carry heavy things with two people

Sections 1 and 2 have no fixed answers: compare your writing with the model and the stroke-order tips in the lesson.