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Kanji Paper

My full name is Tessa Visser. The kanji I have selected for the composition of my first name, Tessa, are 鉄作. For the “Te” portion of my name, I have chosen the character 鉄, meaning “iron.” For “ssa,” I chose the character 作, which can stand for “to manufacture” and “composition,” amongst other various other meanings. I chose this character because I like to make art, for example by drawing. Together, these kanjis can form “iron work.”

Idioms that contain these characters are for example 作文 (さくぶん), which means “essay.” 作る (つくる) is also the verb for “to make.” An example of usage of these kanji would be: びじゅつかんの中にたくさん有名な作品があります。

An illustration of the use of the character 鉄 would be the combination 地下鉄 (ちかてつ), which is the idiom for “subway.” An example sentence could be: 電車は鉄から作られました。

As for my last name, Visser (フィッセル), I chose different kanji. Instead of focusing on the phonetic characteristics of the kanji, I searched for characters that more closely matched the original meaning of my last name. This is also partly because the Japanese kana system does not have a specific kanji that matched the フイ to my knowledge. “Visser” is the Dutch word for fisherman, and I thus decided to use the kanji for that. The kanji representing this definition is 漁師 (りょうし), which translates as fisherman.