

Etymology of kurai

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I came across another interesting etymology today. くらい meaning "position" or "rank." It comes from くら, or くら... and referred to the position in which one sat in relation to the emperor. The closer you were, the higher your "position" or "rank."

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