

Welcome to kami

Let's get started with some fun activities so you can get to know the amazing Kami tools and features!

Hi! I'm **Kami**,
a **Shiba Inu**!



1. Use the **Markup** tool to highlight the meaning of **"Shiba"** and **"Inu"**.



Excerpt from the National Shiba Club of America about the origin of the Shiba Inu:

A small, sturdy, double-coated, prick-eared dog with a fox-like expression; the Shiba Inu originated in Japan, quite possibly as early as 1500 BC.

The first Shiba was officially recognised by the Japanese Preservation Society (NIPPO) in 1932.

In 1936, the Shiba was designated a 'precious natural treasure' in its country of origin. The name Shiba Inu was first used to identify the breed in the 1920's. "Inu" means dog, but the translation of "Shiba" varies.

Shiba can mean the colour of or an actual brushwood plant indigenous to the Shiba's habitat; more often Shiba means small.

Thus, Shiba Inu is translated as "brushwood dog" or "small dog". It is the smallest of a family of breeds known as the "Japanese Native Breeds".

The others are the Akita (largest) and the Kishu, Hokkaido, Shikoku and Kai (medium). Shibas appeared in the United States after the end of World War II.

About the Shiba. National Shiba Club of America. (n.d.).
<https://www.shibas.org/about.html>.

2. Use the **Text Box** tool to write a quick summary of what you just learnt.

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3. Use the **Voice Comment** tool to record yourself pronouncing **"Shiba Inu"**.





4. Use the **Add Media** tool to place an image of a real-life **Shiba Inu dog**.



Tip: Click **Google Image Search** and type in “**Shiba Inu**”.



Image 1

Image 2

Image 3



5. Use the **Markup** tool to underline the colours of the **Shiba Inu** mentioned here.



Excerpt from the National Shiba Club of America about the physical characteristics of the Shiba Inu:

The Shiba is a very proportionate dog with a height to length ratio of 10 to 11. Males run from 36.8cm to 41.9 cm tall with females typically about 2.5 cm shorter.

It is a medium-boned, moderately compact, and well-muscled dog with a spitz-like appearance. Weight varies according to height, up to about 25 pounds.

Because of its hunting heritage, it should be quick, agile, and able to turn quickly. It has a dense double coat similar to that of a husky.

The breed standard has the following colours: Red, Red Sesame (sable), and Black and Tan. White and cream shadings are present on the legs, belly, chest, and part of the face and tail.

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6. Use the **Drawing** tool to colour the **Shiba Inu's** coat.