

LESSON TRANSCRIPT

Japanese Counters for Beginners

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Soku

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Do you know how to count chairs? I'll tell you the answer at the end of this lesson!

Hi everybody! I'm Alisha

こんにちは、 Yamamori です。

When you count pairs of shoes, you can use the counter...

Okay, let's count numbers 1 to 10 with this counter.

Okay. Now let's take a look at some sample sentences that use this counter.

It's now time for a Quiz. I'm going to ask you a question in English. Answer the question in Japanese. Are you ready? Be sure to use the right counter.

Do you know how to count chairs? The answer is...

Okay, everyone. That's it for this lesson. I'll see you next time!

Welcome to Japanese Counters for Beginners, where you'll learn how to count all sorts of different objects in Japanese! Yamamori-sensei, what counter will we learn in this lesson?

足

一足

二足

三足

四足

五足

六足

七足

八足

九足

十足

くつが五足あります。

How many pairs of socks are there?

一脚

(pause) 足

You can use this counter to count pairs of shoes and pairs of socks. The kanji for this counter means "foot" and "leg", so that's why you can use this counter for your feet and legs!

Did you notice that there were some numbers that sounded different to how they usually sound? When you say the numbers 1, 8 and 10, you should be careful.

Yamamori-sensei will give you the right pronunciation once again.

There are 5 pairs of shoes.

靴下が八足あります。

The Kanji for this counter also means "legs", but it doesn't mean "feet". Chairs and desks have four "legs", so you can use this counter to count those items, like...

First, let's take a look at what sorts of objects can be counted with the

counter.

For number 1, it's 'i-ssoku', not 'ichi-soku'

For number 8, it's 'ha-ssoku', not 'hachi-soku'

For number 10, it's 'ju-ssoku', not 'juu-soku.'

For number 3, it's 'san-zoku' not 'san-soku'. Only this number three takes 'zoku'.

靴下を三足買いました。

How many pairs of shoes did you buy?

椅子が一脚壊れました。

I bought 3 pairs of socks.

靴を六足買いました。

And that means "one chair is broken".

サンダルを二足持っています。

I have 2 pairs of sandals.