

LESSON TRANSCRIPT

Japanese Counters for Beginners

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Do you know how to count flowers? 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 books, 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.

Now it's 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 flowers? 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?

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一冊

二冊

三冊

四冊

五冊

六冊

七冊

八冊

九冊

十冊

机に本が十冊あります。

How many books did you read?

一輪

(pause) 冊

You can use this counter when you count books and anything similar to books. This means that things that have a cover and pages, such as photo albums and schedule books, can be counted with this counter.

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 10 books on the desk.

本を五冊読みました。

This is the counter used for any flower. This counter is focused on the shape of a blossomed flower without considering the long stem part. If you find one tulip in a park, you can say,

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

counter.

For number 1, it's 'i-ssatsu', not 'ichi-satsu'

For number 8, it's 'ha-ssatsu', not 'hachi-satsu'

For number 10, it's 'ju-ssatsu', not 'juu-satsu.'

雑誌を三冊買います。

How many notebooks did you buy?

チューリップが一輪咲いている。

I'll buy 3 magazines.

ノートを六冊買いました。

And it means "there is one open tulip."

アルバムを二冊作りました。

I made 2 books of photos.