

LESSON NOTES

Japanese Counters for Beginners

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Kai

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VOCABULARY

| Kanji | Kana | Romaji | English |
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| 一回 | いっかい | ikkai | once, one time |
| 二回 | にかい | nikai | twice |
| 三回 | さんかい | san-kai | three times |
| 四回 | よんかい | yon-kai | four times |
| 五回 | ごかい | go-kai | five times |
| 六回 | ろっかい | ro-kkai | six times |
| 七回 | ななかい | nana-kai | seven times |
| 八回 | はっかい、はちかい | ha-kkai, hachi-kai | eight times |
| 九回 | きゅうかい | kyū-kai | nine times |
| 十回 | じゅっかい | ju-kkai | ten times |
| 回 | かい | kai | counter for the number of times |
| 軒 | けん | ken | counter for houses or buildings such as shops |

SAMPLE SENTENCES

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| <p>サッカーでは、イエローカードを二回もらうと、退場です。</p> <p><i>Sakkā de wa, ierō kādo o ni-kai morau to, taijō desu.</i></p> <p>In soccer, if you receive a yellow card twice, you're out of the game.</p> | <p>暗証番号を三回間違えると、ロックがかかります。</p> <p><i>Anshō bangō o san-kai machigaeru to, rokku ga kakarimasu.</i></p> <p>If you enter the wrong PIN number three times, your account will be locked.</p> |
| <p>日本に、四回行ったことがあります。</p> <p><i>Nihon ni, yon-kai itta koto ga arimasu.</i></p> <p>I've been to Japan four times.</p> | <p>このレストランに五回行ったことがあります。</p> <p><i>Kono resutoran ni go-kai itta koto ga arimasu.</i></p> <p>I've been to this restaurant five times.</p> |

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| <p>私は、この映画を六回見ました。 <i>Watashi wa, kono eiga o ro-kkai mimashita.</i></p> <p>I've watched this movie six times.</p> | <p>私は、この本を七回読みました。 <i>Watashi wa, kono hon o nana-kai yomimashita.</i></p> <p>I've read this book seven times.</p> |
| <p>同じ事を十回も言わせないでください。 <i>Onaji koto o ju-kkai mo iwasenaide kudasai.</i></p> <p>Please don't make me repeat the same thing ten times.</p> | <p>一日一回、この薬を飲んで下さい。 <i>Ichinichi i-kkai, kono kusuri o nonde kudasai.</i></p> <p>Please take this medicine once a day.</p> |
| <p>この近くに、もう一軒おいしいお店があります。 <i>Kono chikaku ni, mō i-ken oishii o-mise ga arimasu.</i></p> <p>There's one more restaurant near here where the food is delicious.</p> | |

GRAMMAR

The Focus of This Lesson Is 回 (*kai*), the counter for the number of times.

私は、この映画を六回見ました。
Watashi wa kono eiga o ro-kkai mimashita.
"I've watched this movie 6 times."

This counter is for counting the number of times rather than objects. For example, have you watched the same movie more than once? Or, maybe you go to the gym twice a week. That's when you can use this counter! You can use this counter to refer to the number of times something is repeated.