

LESSON TRANSCRIPT

# Japanese Counters for Beginners

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Do you know how to count detached houses? 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 we refer to the number of times, we 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 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.

When you count detached houses, you need to use a special counter. Do you know what this counter is? 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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一回

二回

三回

四回

五回

六回

七回

八回

九回

十回

私は、この映画を六回見ました。

How many times have you read this book?

一軒

(pause) 回

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.

Did you notice that there were some numbers that sounded different to how they usually sound? When you say the numbers 1, 6 and 10, you should be careful.

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

I've watched this movie 6 times.

私は、この本を七回読みました。

This counter is used for counting shops, restaurants and houses. If you go to a

restaurant where tables are fully booked, you might say...

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

"For number one, it's i-kkai, not 'ichi-kai.'

For number six, it's 'ro-kkai' not 'roku-kai.'

For number 10, it's 'ju-kkai' not 'juu-kai.'

Now, do you remember the counter for floors? It sounds similar, but here's the difference. The first floor is 'i-kkai' and one time or once is 'i-kkai' (lowering the pitch at the final 'i'). Also, to say 'three times', you can't say 'san-gai' because it only means 'third floor' regardless of your intonation."

日本に、四回行ったことがあります。

How many times have you been to this restaurant?

この近くに、もう一軒おいしいお店があります。

I've been to Japan 4 times.

このレストランに五回行ったことがあります。

And it means "there's one more restaurant near here where the food is delicious."

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