

LESSON TRANSCRIPT

Japanese Counters for Beginners

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Do you know how to count fireworks? 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 cars, 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.

There's a special counter for fireworks. Do you know what it 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?

台

一台

二台

三台

四台

五台

六台

七台

八台

九台

十台

自動販売機が三台あります。

How many cars are there?

一発

(pause) 台

This counter is for any kind of vehicle, like bicycles and cars, machines and electrical tools such as computers, mobile phones, fridges, vending machines and game machines. You can also use this counter for counting large furniture including beds and cupboards.

This counter doesn't change for specific numbers, so it's very easy. Still, there are some tips when you count with this counter. Yamamori-sensei will give you the right pronunciation once again with some key points.

There are 3 vending machines.

車が十台あります。

This counter is used for counting big fireworks that are shot into the sky, and also for gunshots. For the small Japanese sparklers that you can hold in your hand, we don't

use this counter. So how do we use this counter?

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

For the number 7, it's better to say 'nana dai', because 'shichi dai' sounds very similar to number 1's counter, 'ichi-dai'.

携帯電話を二台持っています。

How many computers do you have?

花火が三発、上がりました。

I have 2 mobile phones.

パソコンを一台持っています。

And that means "three fireworks were shot."

この駐車場は、車を八台止められます。

There are 8 car spaces in this parking lot.