

LESSON NOTES

# Japanese Counters for Beginners

## #15

### Kire

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# VOCABULARY

Kanji	Kana	Romaji	English
一切れ	ひときれ	hito-kire	one piece/slice
二切れ	ふたきれ	futa-kire	two pieces/slices
四切れ	よんきれ	yon-kire	four pieces/slices
三切れ	みきれ、さんきれ	mi-kire, san-kire	three pieces/slices
五切れ	ごきれ	go-kire	five pieces/slices
六切れ	ろっきれ	ro-kkire	six pieces/slices
七切れ	ななきれ	nana-kire	seven pieces/slices
八切れ	はちきれ	hachi-kire	eight pieces/slices
九切れ	きゅうきれ	kyū-kire	nine pieces/slices
十切れ	じゅっきれ	ju-kkire	ten pieces/slices
切れ	きれ	kire	counter for slices, fillets and pieces of meat.
棹	さお	sao	counter for rods or bars of 'youkan.'

## SAMPLE SENTENCES

<p>この肉は、一切れいくらですか。 <i>Kono niku wa, hito-kire ikura desu ka.</i></p> <p>How much is one fillet of this meat?</p>	<p>アップルパイを二切れ食べました。 <i>Appuru pai o futa-kire tabemashita.</i></p> <p>I ate two slabs of apple pie.</p>
<p>マグロを四切れ買いました。 <i>Maguro o yon-kire kaimashita.</i></p> <p>I bought four fillets of tuna.</p>	<p>妹にケーキを三切れあげます。 <i>Imōto ni kēki o mi-kire agemasu.</i></p> <p>I'll give my sister three pieces of cake.</p>
<p>ステーキ用の肉を五切れ買います。 <i>Sutēki-yō no niku o go-kire kaimasu.</i></p> <p>I'll buy five pieces of meat for steak.</p>	<p>魚を六切れ買いました。 <i>Sakana o ro-kkire kaimashita.</i></p> <p>I'll buy six fillets of steak.</p>

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サーモンを三切れと、サバを七切れください。

*Sāmon o mi-kire to, saba o nana-kire kudasai.*

Can I have three fillets of salmon and seven fillets of mackerel, please?

チーズケーキを、もう一切れ食べてもいいですか。

*Chīzukēki o, mō hito-kire tabete mo ii desu ka.*

Can I eat one more slab of cheese cake?

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羊羹を一棹ください。

*Yōkan o hito-sao kudasai.*

Can I have one whole youkan, please?

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## GRAMMAR

**The Focus of This Lesson Is 切れ (*kire*), the counter for Slices, Fillets and Pieces of Meat.**

**マグロを四切れ買いました。**

***Maguro o yon-kire kaimashita,*  
"I bought four fillets of tuna."**

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You can use this counter to count slices, fillets and pieces of meat, fish, bread, cake, and so on. The kanji for this counter means "cut," so it literally means the number of cuts.