

LESSON TRANSCRIPT

# Japanese Counters for Beginners

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Do you know how to count youkan? 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 a piece of meat, 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? Make sure to use the right counter.

Do you know the Japanese confectionery called 'youkan'? This confectionery has a special counter. Can you guess what it would be? 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?

切れ

一切れ

二切れ

三切れ

四切れ

五切れ

六切れ

七切れ

八切れ

九切れ

十切れ

マグロを四切れ買いました。

How many fillets of fish did you buy?

一棹

(pause) 切れ

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.

Did you notice that there were some numbers that sounded different from the usual numbers? Counting 1, 2 and 3 takes a special form. And when you read the number 6 and 10, you should be careful. Yamamori-sensei will give you the right pronunciation once again.

I bought 4 fillets of tuna.

魚を六切れ買いました。

This counter means 'rod'. When you count rods or bars of 'youkan', you can use this counter. For

example,

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

For number 1, it's 'hito-kire'

For number 2, it's 'futa-kire'

For number 3, it's 'mi-kire'

For number 6, it's 'ro-kire', not 'roku-kire.'

For number 10, it's 'ju-kkire', not 'juu-kire'

この肉は、一切れいくらですか？

How many pieces of cake are you going to give your younger sister?

羊羹を一棹ください。

How much is 1 fillet of this meat?

妹にケーキを三切れあげます。

and it means "Can I have one whole youkan, please?"

アップルパイを二切れ食べました。

I ate 2 slices of apple pie.