

LESSON TRANSCRIPT

# Japanese Counters for Beginners

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Do you know how to count a loaf of bread? You'll find out at the end of this lesson!

Hi everybody! I'm Alisha

こんにちは、 Yamamori です。

When counting inanimate thin or flat objects, you can use the counter...

Okay, let's count from 1 to 10 with this counter. Yamamori-sensei will give you the numbers one by one. Repeat after Yamamori-sensei.

Okay. Now let's take a look at some sample sentences that use this counter.

Yamamori-sensei will give you three sample sentences. Listen carefully to what sorts of objects can be counted with 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.

Now we know how to count slices of bread, but how about a loaf? Do you know how to say a loaf?

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?

枚

一枚

二枚

三枚

四枚

五枚

六枚

七枚

八枚

九枚

十枚

CDを10枚、買いました。

How many pieces of paper are there?

一斤

(pause) 枚

Examples of thin or flat objects are paper and cards. We can also use this counter for not totally flat objects like plates and dishes. It doesn't matter if it's circle or a square, so slices of bread, ham and cheese, and CDs and DVDs can be counted with this counter, too.

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.

I bought 10

CDs.

紙が7枚あります。

A loaf is usually sliced into 4, 5, 6, 8 or 10 slices and is sold in supermarkets, but at bakeries, you can ask for a customized size. For example, you can ask for...

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

For the number seven, it's 'nana mai', because 'shichi mai' sounds very similar to number 1's counter, 'ichimai'.

テーブルに、お皿が5枚あります。

How many slices of cheese did you eat?

食パンを二斤、ください。

There are 5 dishes on the table.

チーズを3枚食べました。

It means, "Can I have two loaves of bread, please?"

毎朝、パンを2枚食べます。

I eat 2 slices of bread every morning.