

LESSON NOTES

Japanese Counters for Beginners

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Ko

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VOCABULARY

Kanji	Kana	Romaji	English
一個	いっこ	i-kko	one (small and round) thing
二個	にこ	ni-ko	two (small and round) things
三個	さんこ	san-ko	three (small and round) things
四個	よんこ	yon-ko	four (small and round) things
五個	ごこ	go-ko	five (small and round) things
六個	ろっこ	ro-kko	six (small and round) things
七個	ななこ	nana-ko	seven (small and round) things
八個	はちこ	ha-kko, hachi-ko	eight (small and round) things
個	こ	ko	counter for small and round objects
丁	ちょう	chō	counter for blocks of tofu
九個	きゅうこ	kyū-ko	nine (small and round) things
十個	じゅっこ	ju-kko	ten (small and round) things

SAMPLE SENTENCES

<p>ポップコーンが二個落ちた。 <i>Poppu kōn ga ni-ko ochita.</i></p> <p>Two pieces of popcorn dropped.</p>	<p>トマトを三個ください。 <i>Tomato o san-ko kudasai.</i></p> <p>Can I have three tomatoes, please?</p>
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<p>ドーナッツを六個ください。 <i>Dōnattsu o ro-kko kudasai.</i></p> <p>Six doughnuts please.</p>	<p>リンゴが七個あります。 <i>Ringo ga nana-ko arimasu.</i></p> <p>There are seven apples.</p>
<p>一個のスイカを八個に切りました。 <i>Ikko no suika o hachi-ko ni kirimashita.</i></p> <p>I cut a watermelon into eight pieces.</p>	<p>弟がキャンディーを六個食べた。 <i>Otōto ga kyandī o ro-kko tabeta.</i></p> <p>My younger brother ate six candies.</p>
<p>とうふを二丁、買ってきて。 <i>Tōfu o ni-chō katte kite.</i></p> <p>Buy two tofu and come back.</p>	<p>スーパーで、スイカを九個買ってきた。 <i>Sūpā de, suika o kyū-ko kattekita.</i></p> <p>I bought nine watermelons and came back.</p>
<p>私はケーキを十個買いました。 <i>Watashi wa kēki o ju-kko kaimashita.</i></p> <p>I bought ten cakes.</p>	

GRAMMAR

The Focus of This Lesson Is 個 (Ko), the Counter for Small and Round Objects

私はケーキを10個買いました。

Watashi wa kēki o ju-kko kaimashita.

"I bought ten cakes."

What is small and what is round? You could use this counter to count various objects; objects as large as watermelons, or as small as a piece of candy.

And it doesn't have to be completely circular! You could use it to describe eggs, popcorn, or other things like that!