

LESSON TRANSCRIPT

Japanese Counters for Beginners

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Do you know how to count blocks of tofu? 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 small or round 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.

It's now 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 how to count blocks of tofu? 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?

個

一個

二個

三個

四個

五個

六個

七個

八個

九個

十個

私はケーキを10個買いました。

How many apples are there?

1丁

(pause) 個

But 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!

Did you notice that there were some numbers that sounded different to how they usually sound? When you read the numbers 1, 6 and 10, you should be careful.

Yamamori-sensei will give you the right pronunciation once again.

I bought 10

cakes.

リンゴが7個あります。

This is the counter to use for tofu. Your mother may ask you like this.

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

For number 1, it's 'i-kko, not 'ichi-ko.'

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

For number 10, it's 'ju-kko' not 'juuko.'

1個のスイカを8個に切りました。

How would you ask for 6 doughnuts?

とうふを2丁、買ってきて。

I cut a watermelon into 8 pieces.

ドーナッツを6個ください。

It literally means "Buy 2 tofu and come back."

トマトを3個ください。

Can I have 3 tomatoes, please?