

LESSON NOTES

# Japanese Counters for Beginners

## #6

### Kai

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# VOCABULARY

Kanji	Kana	Romaji	English
一階	いっかい	i-kkai	first floor
二階	にかい	ni-kai	second floor
三階	さんかい	san-gai, san-kai	third floor
四階	よんかい	yon-kai	fourth floor
五階	ごかい	go-kai	fifth floor
六階	ろっかい	ro-kkai	sixth floor
七階	ななかい	nana-kai	seventh floor
八階	はちかい	hachi-kai	eighth floor
九階	きゅうかい	kyū-kai	ninth floor
十階	じゅっかい	ju-kkai	tenth floor
階	かい	kai	counter for floors
棟	とう、むね	tō, mune	counter for buildings

## SAMPLE SENTENCES

<p>一階はロビーです。 <i>Ikkai wa robī desu.</i></p> <p>The lobby is on the first floor.</p>	<p>受付は、二階です。 <i>Uketsuke wa, ni-kai desu.</i></p> <p>The reception is on the second floor.</p>
<p>ここは、三階です。 <i>Koko wa, san-gai desu.</i></p> <p>This floor is the third floor.</p>	<p>事務所は、このビルの四階です。 <i>Jimusho wa, kono biru no yon-kai desu.</i></p> <p>The office is on the fourth floor of this building.</p>
<p>私の家は、六階です。 <i>Watashi no ie wa, ro-kkai desu.</i></p> <p>My apartment is on the sixth floor.</p>	<p>映画館は、七階です。 <i>Eiga-kan wa, nana-kai desu.</i></p> <p>The movie theater is on the seventh floor.</p>

<p>九階に行きます。 <i>Kyūkai ni ikimasu.</i></p> <p>I'm going to the ninth floor.</p>	<p>このマンションは、十階建てです。 <i>Kono manshon wa, ju-kkai date desu.</i></p> <p>This apartment building has ten storeys.</p>
<p>あとで、五階に来て下さい。 <i>Ato de, go-kai ni kite kudasai.</i></p> <p>Please come to the fifth floor later.</p>	<p>よく似たマンションが三棟、ならんでいます。 <i>Yoku nita manshon ga san-tō, narande imasu.</i></p> <p>There are three very similar apartment buildings lined up.</p>

## GRAMMAR

**The Focus of This Lesson Is The Counter 階 (*kai*), the Counter for Floors**

私の家は、六階です。

*Watashi no ie wa, ro-kkai desu.*

"My apartment is on the sixth floor."

When you say the floor or storeys, you can use this counter. Please note that counting floors in Japanese starts with the first floor, and there's no "ground floor." This means that the ground floor IS the first floor in Japanese.