

LESSON TRANSCRIPT

Japanese Counters for Beginners

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Do you know how to count buildings? 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 talking about a floor, 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 you use the right counter.

Do you know how to count buildings? 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?

階

一階

二階

三階

四階

五階

六階

七階

八階

九階

十階

私の家は、六階です。

Which floor has a cinema?

一棟

(pause) 階

When you say the floor or storey, 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.

Did you notice that there were some numbers that sounded different to how they usually sound? When you read the numbers 1, 3, 6 and 10, you should be careful.

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

My apartment is on the 6th floor.

映画館は、七階です。

You can use this counter for apartment buildings and office buildings. For example...

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

For number 1, it's i-kkai, not 'ichi-kai.'

For number 6, it's 'ro-kkai' not

'roku-kai.'

For number 10, it's 'ju-kkai' not 'juu-kai.'

受付は、二階です。

Which floor are you going to?

よく似たマンションが三棟、ならんでいます。

The reception is on the 2nd floor.

九階に行きます。

And this means "There are 3 very similar apartment buildings lined up."

ここは、三階です。

This floor is the 3rd floor.