

LESSON TRANSCRIPT

Japanese Counters for Beginners

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Hai

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Do you know how to count sets of cups and saucers? 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 you count drinks, 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.

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 you use the right counter.

Do you know how to count a set of cups and saucers? 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?

杯

一杯

二杯

三杯

四杯

五杯

六杯

七杯

八杯

九杯

十杯

毎朝、コーヒーを二杯飲みます。

How many glasses of juice did you drink?

一客

(pause) 杯

You can use this counter for "a glass of" something and also "a cup of" something. In Japanese, it doesn't matter if the drink is in a glass or a mug.

Did you notice that there were some numbers that sounded different to how they usually sound? As usual, there were some numbers of which you should be careful, and those are the numbers 1, 3 and 10. Yamamori-sensei will give you the right pronunciation once again.

I drink 2 cups of coffee every morning.

ジュースを四杯飲みました。

You can use this counter to count sets of cups and saucers, when cups don't have a drink in them. 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-ppai, not 'ichi-hai.'

For number 10, it's 'ju-ppai' not 'juu-hai.'

For number 3, it's 'san-bai' not 'san-hai'. Only this number three takes 'bai'.

ビールを三杯、飲みました。

How many cups of tea do you drink every day?

ティーカップを二客、買いました。

I had 3 glasses of beer.

毎日、紅茶を六杯飲みます。

And that means "I bought two sets of teacups and saucers."

毎日、野菜ジュースを一杯、飲んでください。

Please drink 1 glass of vegetable juice every day.