

LESSON NOTES

# Japanese Counters for Beginners #9 Sara

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# VOCABULARY

Kanji	Kana	Romaji	English
一皿	ひとさら	hito-sara	one dish
二皿	ふたさら、にさら	futa-sara, ni-sara	two dishes
三皿	みさら、さんさら	mi-sara, san-sara	three dishes
四皿	よんさら	yon-sara	four dishes
五皿	ごさら	go-sara	five dishes
六皿	ろくさら	roku-sara	six dishes
七皿	ななさら	nana-sara	seven dishes
八皿	はっさら、はちさら	ha-ssara, hachi-sara	eight dishes
九皿	きゅうさら	kyū-sara	nine dishes
十皿	じゅっさら	ju-ssara	ten dishes
畳	じょう	jō	counter for the size of rooms
皿	さら	sara	counter for dishes or plates

## SAMPLE SENTENCES

<p>マグロを一皿、お願いします。 <i>Maguro o hito-sara, o-negai shimasu.</i></p> <p>One plate of tuna (sushi), please.</p>	<p>トマトを二皿買いました。 <i>Tomato o futa-sara kaimashita.</i></p> <p>I bought two plates of tomatoes.</p>
<p>餃子を三皿ください。 <i>Gyōza o san-sara kudasai.</i></p> <p>Can I have three plates of dumplings?</p>	<p>りんごを四皿買いました。 <i>Ringo o yon-sara kaimashita.</i></p> <p>I bought four plates of apples.</p>
<p>お寿司を七皿食べました。 <i>O-sushi o nana-sara tabemashita.</i></p> <p>I ate seven plates of sushi.</p>	<p>サラダを八皿用意します。 <i>Sarada o ha-ssara yōi shimasu.</i></p> <p>I will prepare eight plates of salad.</p>

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お寿司を十皿食べました。  
*O-sushi o ju-ssara tabemashita.*

I ate ten plates of sushi.

この部屋は、六畳です。  
*Kono heya wa, roku-jō desu.*

This room is as large as six tatami mats.

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唐揚げを六皿頼みましょう。  
*Karaage o roku-sara tanomimashō.*

Let's order six plates of fried chicken.

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## GRAMMAR

**The Focus of This Lesson Is 皿 (*sara*), the Counter for Dishes or Plates**

トマトを二皿買いました。

*Tomato o ni-sara kaimashita.*

"I bought two plates of tomatoes."

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This counter word actually means "dish" or "plate." You can use this counter to count plates, and food on the plates. It doesn't have to be cooked food; when you count plates or platefuls of something, you can use this counter. A plate of mandarin oranges, for example.