

LESSON TRANSCRIPT

# Japanese Counters for Beginners

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Do you know how to count square meters? 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 dishes and plates, 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 the Quiz. I'm going to ask you a question in English. Answer the question in Japanese. Are you ready? Be sure to use the right counter.

When we express the area of a room, Japanese people use the special counter for square meters. Do you know what it is? 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?

皿

一皿

二皿

三皿

四皿

五皿

六皿

七皿

八皿

九皿

十皿

トマトを二皿買いました。

How many plates of sushi did you eat?

一畳

(pause) 皿

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.

Did you notice that there were some numbers that sounded different to how they usually sound? Counting 1, 2 and 3 dishes takes a special form. When you read the number 10, you should be careful. Yamamori-sensei will give you the right pronunciation once again.

I bought 2 plates of

tomatoes.

お寿司を七皿食べました。

This counter means "tatami mat"; in Japanese, the size of rooms was traditionally measured by how many tatami mats they had. For example,

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

For number one, it's 'hito-sara'

For number two, it's 'futa-sara'

For number three, it's 'mi-sara'.

For number ten, it's 'ju-ssara', not 'juu-sara.'

お寿司を 10 皿食べました。

How many plates of apples did you buy?

この部屋は、6 畳です。

I ate 10 plates of sushi.

りんごを四皿買いました。

And this means "this room is as large as six tatami mats".

餃子を三皿ください。

Can I have 3 plates of dumplings?