Let's Count!

Japanese · beginner · kids numbers · children · 6 min

Lyricate
LEARN IT IN MUSIC

01 VOCABULARY

Beginner Japanese learning song about kids numbers. The voice drills each chunk with its meaning so the words attach to the sound - listen, then answer in the gaps.

	CHUNK	MEANING	IN CONTEXT
1	**いち、に、さん、かぞえよう!** Ichi, ni, san, kazoeyou!	One, two, three, let's count!	when you want to start a counting game
2	**て に ゆびが ごほん あります。** Te ni yubi ga gohon arimasu.	I have five fingers on my hand.	talking about your fingers
3	**じゅうまで かぞえてみて。** Juu made kazoete mite.	Try counting up to ten.	when you want someone to practice counting

NEW WORDS (17)

ichi いち
one

go ご
five

hachi はち
eight

kazoeyou かぞえよう
let's count

hon ほん
long thin things (pencils, fingers)

made まで
up to

san さん
three

roku ろく
six

kyuu きゅう
nine

te て
hand

gohon ごほん
five long things (go + hon)

kazoete かぞえて
count

yon よん
four

shichi しち
seven

juu じゅう
ten

yubi ゆび
finger

arimasu あります
there is

Practice tip · First listen without reading and just tap the pulse; on the second pass, say each chunk out loud in the pause after the echo.

[SOUND DRILL]

i

chi

ni

sa

n

yo

n

go

ro

ku

[REVIEW]

Konnichiwa, namae wa nani?

Hello, what's your name?

Boku no okaasan to otousan!

My mom and dad!

Neko to inu!

Cat and dog!

Aka, ao, midori!

Red, blue, green!

[VERSE 1]

Ichi!

One!

ichi

one

Ni!

Two!

ni

two

San!

Three!

san

three

Ichi, ni, san, kazoeyou!

One, two, three, let's count!

kazoeyou

let's count

[CHORUS]

Ichi, ni, san!

One, two, three!

Yon, go, roku!

Four, five, six!

Shichi, hachi, kyuu!

Seven, eight, nine!

Juu!

Ten!

[VERSE 2]

Yon!

Four!

yon

four

Go!

Five!

go

five

Roku!

Six!

roku

six

Yon, go, roku!

Four, five, six!

[VERSE 3]

Shichi!

Seven!

shichi

seven

Hachi!

Eight!

hachi

eight

Kyuu!

Nine!

kyuu

nine

Juu!

Ten!

juu

ten

Shichi, hachi, kyuu, juu!

Seven, eight, nine, ten!

[CHORUS]

Ichi, ni, san!

One, two, three!

Yon, go, roku!

Four, five, six!

Shichi, hachi, kyuu!

Seven, eight, nine!

Juu!

Ten!

[VERSE 4]

Te ni yubi ga arimasu!

I have fingers on my hand!

te

hand

yubi

finger

arimasu

there is

Te ni yubi ga gohon arimasu!

I have five fingers on my hand!

hon

long thin things

gohon

five long things

[VERSE 5]

Juu made kazoete mite!

Try counting up to ten!

made

up to

kazoete

count

Kazoeyou!

Let's count!

Ichi, ni, san, yon, go!

One, two, three, four, five!

Roku, shichi, hachi, kyuu, juu!

Six, seven, eight, nine, ten!

[CHORUS]

Ichi, ni, san!

One, two, three!

Yon, go, roku!

Four, five, six!

Shichi, hachi, kyuu!

Seven, eight, nine!

Juu!

Ten!

[RECAP]

Ichi, ni, san, kazoeyou!

Te ni yubi ga gohon arimasu!

Juu made kazoete!

Grey lines are a reading aid for the script; the singer performs the language itself.

HOW TO USE THIS SONG

1. Listen to the whole song once without reading — just follow the pulse.
2. Listen again while reading the lyrics; let the echo lines carry the meaning.
3. On the third pass, say each chunk out loud in the pause after it is sung.
4. Use one phrase from this sheet today, in a real conversation or out loud.

DRILL MAP

SAY THIS	IT MEANS	WHEN / HOOK
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