

Thank you for purchasing the Counting Expansion!

Welcome to the Counting Expansion for Japanese: The Game! This expansion is an intermediate-level addition to your game that will allow you to learn the intricacies of counting in Japanese. To use this deck, please set all Number cards off to the side and shuffle the rest into your play deck. You may grab one number during any of your turns to use with the cards from this expansion.

Overview

Counting in Japanese comes off as odd to English speakers because they use something called "counters" when they count objects. The interesting thing about this, though, is that we use counters in English as well without even realizing it! To prove it, we'll look at an example — when you ask someone for paper (such as printing paper), which of the following do you say?

- Can I have 5 papers?
- Can I have 5 sheets of paper?

I'm willing to bet it's the second one. I've underlined the counter in the sentence: sheets. That's right, that's a counter! This same counter exists in Japanese, too, and looks like this: 校 (mai: sheets/layers).

How to Count

This deck contains one of each number from 1-10, as well as the powers of 10 up to 10,000. When you want to build a number larger than 10 (such as 42), you simply put the \square (yon: 4) card before the + (juu: 10) card and follow that with the \square (ni: 2) card. So, what you end up with is: $\square + \square$ (yon-juu-ni: 42). Pretty simple, right? Let's try a bigger number such as 31,462! We'll build this number from left to right to make things easier on ourselves.

- 1. So, first we have to build the 30,000 part. To do this we'll use the cards Ξ (san: 3) and \overline{D} (man: 10,000), becoming Ξ \overline{D} (san-man: 30,000).
- 2. Next we need to build the 1,000 part. To do this, we simply just need to use the f (sen: 1,000) card. We now have f (san-man-sen: 31,000).
- 3. Now we'll build 400 by using the card 四 (yon: 4) and 百 (hyaku: 100), which is 四百 (yon-byaku: 400). Our full number is now 三万千四百 (san-man-sen-yon-byaku: 31,400).
- 4. And now we'll build the last part, which is 62. For this, we'll need 3 cards: % (*roku*: 6), + (*juu*: 10), and = (*ni*: 2). Putting them together we get % + = (*roku-juu-ni*: 62).
- 5. We are now complete! The end result is: 三万千四百六十二 (san-man-sen-yon-byaku-roku-juu-ni: 31, 462). Did you get that? If not, try doing it with the cards in your hands.

Yon and shi both mean four. Nana and shichi both mean seven. Ku and kyuu both mean nine. Different counters have their own set pronunciations for each, which you'll see on the card. We polled Japanese speakers, teachers, editors, native speakers, and those who speak it as a second language and found individuals have their own favored methods of pronouncing four, seven, and nine when they count, so go ahead and pick your favorites.

How to Use Counters

There are a couple of ways to use counters in Japanese. Each of the counter cards in Japanese: The Game (teal-colored with COUNTER at the top) shows how its pronunciation changes with every number in this deck as well as the interrogative counter. To use a counter, you simply place the counter card after the number card. It is important to note that any number + counter combination becomes a noun and can be used in any place that a noun can be used. For example:

Number: Ξ (*go*) – 5 Number + Counter: Ξ 枚 (*go mai*) – 5 sheets (of paper)

To use this in a sentence, you place the Number + Counter combo right before the verb of the sentence. As an example, let's look at how to say "I bought 3 cars."

Without Counters: 車を買った (kuruma o katta) – (I) bought a car.

With Counters: 車を三台買った (kuruma o san dai katta) – (I) bought 3 cars.

This also works with sentences that do not have a direct object, such as when you say things like, "There are 5 people."

Without Counters: 人がいる (hito ga iru) – There is (a) person.

With Counters: 人が五人いる (hito ga go nin iru) – There are 5 people.

The cards have example sentences so that you get a lot of exposure to how to use the counters; and the particles in the deck contain detailed explanations to make sure you are using counters properly.

People learn different ways, so please go ahead and break out the cards and build these examples (and more from your own imagination) with your hands. The physical performance will teach you through all senses and help solidify these concepts in your mind so they become as native to you as chopping carrots or playing a video game.

Questions, comments, concerns? Since this is an intermediate deck, it can be a bit tricky to fully understand. Please do not hesitate to ask for help on our social media or through email!

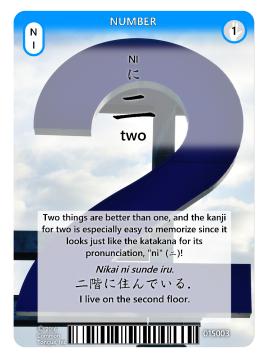
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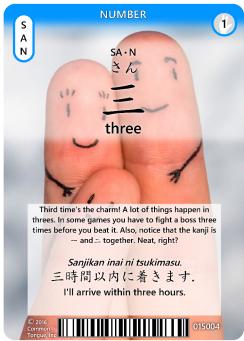
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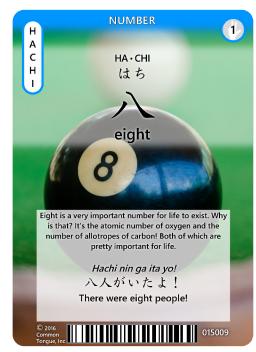


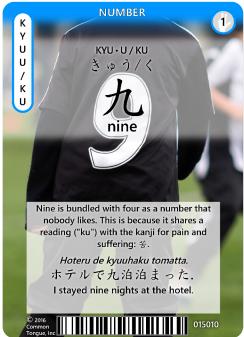


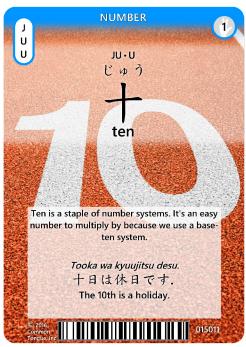






























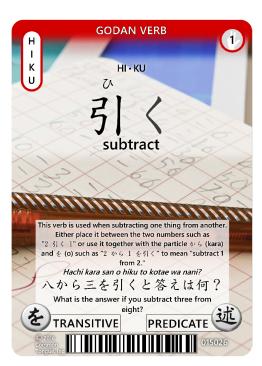




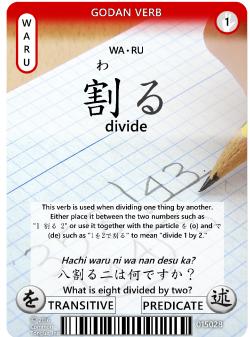


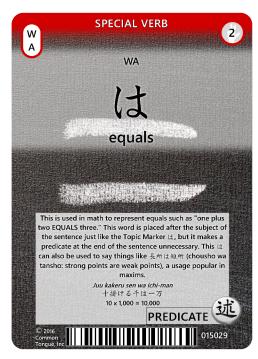






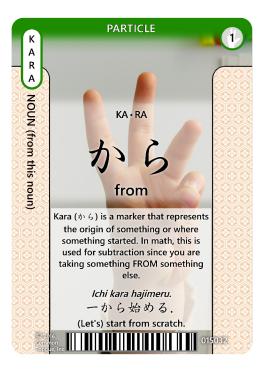






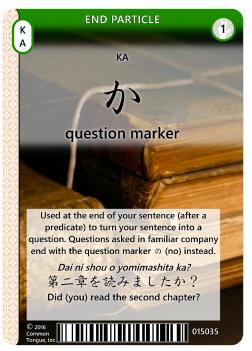


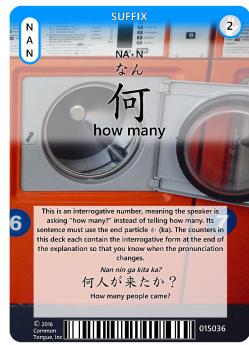












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