

Counting to 20 in Japanese

Counting in Japanese is actually really easy. In most Karate styles, techniques are performed in tens, and it is common to count in Japanese in dojos all over the world. Just like bowing, counting in Japanese is a characteristic of Karate.

In order to count up to 20, all you need to know is the Japanese terms for 1 through 10.

English to Japanese

Practice printing each number in Japanese.

one = **ichi**

two = **ni**

three = **san**

four = **shi**

five = **go**

six = **roku**

seven = **shichi**

eight = **hachi**

nine = **kyu**

ten = **jyu**

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10 _____

When we count in Japanese for numbers higher than 10, we say the tens first, and the ones.

Practice counting from 11 to 20.

English to Japanese

Practice printing each number in Japanese.

11 = "ten (and) one" = **jyu ichi**

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12 = "ten (and) two" = **jyu ni**

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13 = "ten (and) three" = **jyu san**

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14 = "ten (and) four" = **jyu shi**

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15 = "ten (and) five" = **jyu go**

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16 = "ten (and) six" = **jyu roku**

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17 = "ten (and) seven" = **jyu shichi**

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18 = "ten (and) eight" = **jyu hachi**

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19 = "ten (and) nine" = **jyu kyu**

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20 = "two tens" = **ni ju**

20 _____

Practice Writing Japanese Numbers 1 to 10 as kanji

Number	Kanji	Practice Space
Ichi	一	
Ni	二	
San	三	
Shi	四	
Go	五	
Roku	六	
Shichi	七	
Hachi	八	
Kyu	九	
Ju	十	