

Counting in Japanese – Part 2

Beyond 100

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The same principles of counting in Japanese continues above 100 for example : -

English	Japanese	Pronounced	Kanji
One Hundred (100)	Hyaku	He a cue	百

Therefore : -

English	Translates	Japanese
Two hundred (200)	2 – 100's	Ni hyaku
Three hundred (300)	3 – 100's	San byaku *
Four hundred (400)	4 – 100's	Yon hyaku
Five hundred (500)	5 – 100's	Go hyaku
Six hundred (600)	6 – 100's	Rop pyaku *
Seven hundred (700)	7 – 100's	Nana hyaku
Eight hundred (800)	8 – 100's	Hap pyaku *
Nine hundred (900)	9 – 100's	Ku hyaku

* Note the slight phonetic changes needed in Japanese for some of the numbers used in the 100's.

If you want to develop your Kanji, just put the singular Kanji ideograph in front of the “Hyaku” 100 ideograph for your hundreds. Add any singular Kanji after the “100” for other digits.

Hundreds, tens and units – examples

Number	Translates	Japanese
224	2 – 100's, 2 – 10's and 1	Ni hyaku ni ju shi
336	3 – 100's, 3 – 10's and 6	San byaku san ju roku
455	4 – 100's, 5 – 10's and 5	Yon hyaku go ju go
581	5 – 100's, 8 – 10's and 1	Go hyaku hachi ju ichi

677	6 – 100's, 7 – 10's and 7	Rop pyaku nana ju nana
711	7 – 100's, 10 and 1	Nana hyaku ju ichi
844	8 – 100's, 4 – 10's and 4	Hap pyaku yon ju yon
999	9 – 100's, 9 – 10's and 9	Ku hyaku ku ju ku

And for those really keen to test themselves :-

English	Translates	Japanese	Kanji
One thousand	1,000	Sen	千
Three thousand	3 – 1,000's	San zen *	三千
Eight thousand	8 – 1,000's	Has sen *	八千
Ten thousand	10,000	Man	万
One hundred thousand	10 - 10,000's	Ju man	十万
One million	100 - 10,000's	Hyaku man	百万

* Again note the slight phonetic changes needed in Japanese for some of the numbers used.

The Japanese do not count in hundreds and thousands as we do in the West, instead they count in tens of hundreds and thousands until they reach one million.

Now try some Japanese numbers yourself, such as writing down your phone number, bank account, etc, etc.

And if you are really keen, try working out the Kanji also !!