

Numbers Counting

1 → ichi

2 → ni

3 → san

4 → shi, yon

5 → go

6 → roku

7 → shichi, nana

8 → hachi

9 → ku, kyuu

10 → juu

Shi → death

People avoid house no. which ends with 4

e.g. there is no 4th floor → skips from 3rd to 5th

In flights, during announcement, shichi can be misheard as ichi ji

(7'o clock → 1'o clock)

∴ We say nana ji

ku → means suffering [bad luck no.]

For no. > 10 →

Eg: 18 → juu hachi, 16 → juu roku, 14 → juu yon (shi)

17 →

[For no. > 10 → Don't write "ichi juu"]

For no. > 20 →

ni + juu + No. [2 + 10 + 1, 2, ...]

For no. > 30 →

san + juu + No. [3 + 10 + 1, 2, ...]

For no. > 40 →

yon + juu + No. [Do not write as shi juu]

For no. > 70 →

nana + juu + No. [7 + 10 + 1, 2, 3, ...]

[Do not write shichi juu]

For no. > 90 →

kyuu + juu + No. [Do not write as ka juu]

3 special cases for 4, 7, 9

Eg: 80 → hachi juu, 30 → san juu, 70 → nana juu, 40 → yon juu

44 → yon juu yon, 77 → nana juu nana, 66 → roku juu roku

76 → nana juu roku, 23 → ni juu san, 45 → yon juu go

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Zero (0) → rei, maru, zēro (zeh-roh)

[For No. 0]

spirit circle

for no. > 100 we use hyakun

for no. > 1000 we use sen

• No > 100 :-

- 100 \rightarrow hyakun
- 200 \rightarrow ni hyakun
- (*) 300 \rightarrow san Byaku [we use Byaku]
- 400 \rightarrow yon hyakun
- 500 \rightarrow go hyakun
- (*) 600 \rightarrow ropp Pyaku [we do not use roku & use Pyaku]
- 700 \rightarrow nana hyakun
- (*) 800 \rightarrow hap Pyaku [we do not use hachi & use Pyaku]
- 900 \rightarrow kyuu hyakun

Eg :- 122 \rightarrow hyakun ni juu ni, 222 \rightarrow ni hyakun ni juu ni,
333 \rightarrow san byakun san juu san, 117 \rightarrow hyakun juu nana,
195 \rightarrow hyakun kyuu juu go, 720 \rightarrow nana byakun ni juu,
270 \rightarrow ni hyakun nana juu, 999 \rightarrow kyuu byakun kyuu juu kyuu

• No. > 1000 :-

- 1000 \rightarrow sen
- 2000 \rightarrow ni sen
- (*) 3000 \rightarrow san Zen
- 4000 \rightarrow yon sen
- 5000 \rightarrow go sen
- 6000 \rightarrow roku sen [during pronunciation, roku \rightarrow roku]
- 7000 \rightarrow nana sen
- (*) 8000 \rightarrow ha S sen [hachi \rightarrow hats]
- 9000 \rightarrow kyuu sen

Eg :- 1972 \rightarrow sen kyuu byakun nana juu ni
2975 \rightarrow ni sen kyuu byakun nana juu go
2016 \rightarrow ni sen juu roku [do not write 0 as rei/maru]
9999 \rightarrow kyuu sen kyuu byaku kyuu juu kyuu