

# Stop Saying "One Times"

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Many ESL students get in the habit of saying "one time", "one times", and "two times". "One times" is completely incorrect, and makes you sound like a complete babo!

While "One time" and "two times" is not incorrect, it's just much more natural to say: "once" or "twice" instead. Break this bad habit!

## Incorrect

*I have been to Busan one times before.*

*I brush my teeth two times a day.*

*I've seen him two times before.*

## Correct

*I've been to Busan once before.*

*I brush my teeth twice a day.*

*I've seen him before twice.*

## Tips:

1.) If we are describing situations or things that have happened several times, then we can say: "three times", "four times", "100 times", etc...

2.) We can say "thrice" which means three times. However, it is not commonly used and often referred to as being archaic.

### Daily Expressions & Idioms:

1.) **"It keep's me on my toes"**: This means that you are prepared, ready or alert. Think of a tennis player hopping back and fourth on his toes. The tennis player is ready and alert.

*"I always do the daily crossword puzzle. It keeps me on my toes." (This implies doing the crossword puzzle keeps his mind sharp.)*

2.) **"A bitter pill (to swallow)"**: This means that a situation or information is unpleasant but must be accepted.

*"Getting rejected from every university he applied to is a bitter pill to swallow, but he has to move on."*