

Counting, Adding, and Subtracting in Japanese Flash Cards

Make flash cards with the numbers on one side and the Japanese words for the numbers on the other side. Make flash cards with a plus, minus and equal sign. After the child is familiar with the Japanese words for the numbers, set the Japanese word flash cards up and place either a plus or minus sign between the words and at the end place the equal sign. Have the child add or subtract the numbers and say the answer in Japanese. You may want to make multiple cards of the same word. Japanese write their name of words in kanji and we write our numbers in Arabic.

Number and Japanese word	Pronunciation
1. ichi	rhymes with "peachy"
2. ni	sounds like knee
3. san	sounds like sun
4. yon	sounds like yonder without the "der"
5. go	sounds like the word go, but a shorter sound

Number and Japanese word	Pronunciation
6. roku	sounds like low + koo
7. nana (or) shichi	rhymes with mama (or) shee + chee
8. hachi	sounds like ha + chee
9. kyu	sounds like the letter "Q"
10. ju	rhymes with sue

Copy pages 2 -5 on cardstock. Print at least two sets of the cards. Page 3 is copied onto the reverse side of page 2 and page 5 is copied onto the reverse of page 4. If the answer is greater than 10 the children can say their answer in English.

Bonus: Have the children create their own story problem and solve it using the flash cards.

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