

Numbers 81 -90

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| 81 | hachi-jū-ichi | はちじゅういち | 八十一 |
| 82 | hachi-jū-ni | はちじゅうに | 八十二 |
| 83 | hachi-jū-san | はちじゅうさん | 八十三 |
| 84 | hachi-jū-yon/shi | はちじゅうよん/し | 八十四 |
| 85 | hachi-jū-go | はちじゅうご | 八十五 |
| 86 | hachi-jū-roku | はちじゅうろく | 八十六 |
| 87 | hachi-jū-nana/shichi | はちじゅうなな/しち | 八十七 |
| 88 | hachi-jū-hachi | はちじゅうはち | 八十八 |
| 89 | hachi-jū-kyū/ku | はちじゅうきゅう/く | 八十九 |
| 90 | kyū-jū | きゅうじゅう | 九十 |

Dore and Dono

Dore and **Dono** are both interrogative words from the '*kore, sore, are*' and '*kono, sono, ano*' series of demonstrative pronouns and adjectives respectively. The question words mean '*which one of the two or three things present*'. It is important to note that '*dore*' is to be used only for things whereas '*dono*' can be used for things and people depending on what one is talking about.

e.g. **Are wa hon desu**

This is a book.

Ano hon wa anata no desu ka

Does this book belong to you.

Dono hon desu ka

Which book.....?

Multiples of Hundred

| | | | |
|-------------|--------------------|----------|-----------|
| 100 | hyaku | ひゃく | 百 |
| 200 | ni-hyaku | にーひゃく | 二百 |
| 300 | san-byaku | さんーびゃく | 三百 |
| 400 | yon-hyaku | よんーひゃく | 四百 |
| 500 | go-hyaku | ごーひゃく | 五百 |
| 600 | ropphyaku | ろっぴゃく | 六百 |
| 700 | nana-hyaku | ななーひゃく | 七百 |
| 800 | happyaku | はっぴゃく | 八百 |
| 900 | kyū-hyaku | きゅうひゃく | 九百 |
| 1000 | sen / issen | せん、 いっせん | 千 |

Ikura

Ikura is an interrogative word similar in meaning to '*how much*' in English. It is generally used to ask price of objects.

e.g. **Kore wa ikura desu ka.** *How much is this for?*
 これ は いくら で す か。

Hon wa ikura desu ka. *How much is the book for?*
 本 は いくら で す か。

Kanji

円

en

円

circle

(4-strokes)

日

nichi / hi

日

day / sun

(4-strokes)

百

hyaku

百

hundred

(6 – strokes)

Some words with kanji characters

十円

じゅうえん

jū-en

日本

にほん

Nihon

一日

いちにち

ichi-nichi

十二日

じゅうににち

jū-ni-nichi

百人

ひゃくにん

hyaku-nin

九百

きゅうひゃく

kyū-hyaku

百歳

ひゃくさい

hyaku-sai

Some common Japanese names

| | | |
|----|------|-----------|
| 鈴木 | すずき | Suzuki |
| 田中 | たなか | Tanaka |
| 松本 | まつもと | Matsumoto |
| 山田 | やまだ | Yamada |
| 西野 | にしの | Nishino |
| 山口 | やまぐち | Yamaguchi |
| 川上 | かわかみ | Kawakami |
| 小林 | こばやし | Kobayashi |

Pronunciation practice

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|-----------|--------|------------|-------|
| Oiiie | おいしいえ | hohihihie | ほひひへ |
| kakikuke | かきくけ | kekikuko | けきくこ |
| sashisuse | さしすせ | tachitsute | たちつて |
| bebibubo | べびぶぼ | gegigugo | げぎぐご |
| popipipe | ぽぴぴぺ | papipupo | ぱぴふぽ |
| neninuno | ねにぬの | naninune | なにぬね |
| | | | |
| tamanegi | たまねぎ | satsumaimo | さつまいも |
| ninjin | にんじん | kabocha | かぼちゃ |
| okura | オクラ | remon | レモン |
| jagaimon | じゃがいもん | tomato | トマト |

Sō desu ka

A common expression used when the speaker receives new information and is surprised, showing that he or she understands what is being said. It is quite similar to '*I see*', '*is that so*', '*really*' in English.

- e.g. A: Kore wa anata no desu ka *Is this yours?*
 これ は あなたのです か。

 B: Iie, watashi no dewa arimasen *No, it is not mine.*
 いいえ, わたし のでは ありません。

 A: Aa, sō desu ka *I see.*
 ああ, そうです か.

Vocabulary

| | | |
|-------------|---------|--------------|
| budo | ぶどう | grapes |
| ringo | りんご | apple |
| mikan | みかん | orange |
| meron | メロン | melon |
| suika | すいか | watermelon |
| remon | レモン | lemon |
| momo | もも | pears |
| painuappuru | パインアップル | pineapple |
| ninjin | にんじん | carrots |
| tamanegi | たまねぎ | onion |
| jagaimon | じゃがいもん | potatoes |
| okura | オクラ | lady finger |
| satsumaimo | さつまいも | sweet potato |
| hako | はこ | box |

~Yen

Yen is the Japanese currency and is denoted by the English alphabet Y with two horizontal bars on the stem (¥) and is pronounced as ‘EN’ in the language. It also means ‘circle’ when written in kanji. (円)

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| e.g. | Go-hyaku- en | 500 yen. |
| | Nana-jū-en | 70 yen. |
| | Ringo wa 100 en desu | Apple is for 100 yen. |

Practice

A: *Kono hon wa 200 en desu ka.*

B: *Hai, sono hon wa 200 en desu / Hai, sō desu.*

Or *Hai sore wa 200 en desu*

Iie, sō dewa arimasen.

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|----------|-------|------|----|
| tokei | ときい | 1000 | en |
| shatsu | シャツ | 900 | en |
| suka-to | スカート | 560 | en |
| shōsetsu | しょうせつ | 350 | en |
| kutsu | くつ | 480 | en |