day 5 count to ten

Count from 0 to 99 and build any number in between.

Numbers are everywhere: prices, buses, rooms and phone numbers.

words

word	pinyin	meaning	how it's built
一	yī	one	One line, one finger: 一.
二	èr	two	Two lines, like an equals sign: "are" two equal?
三	sān	three	Three lines stacked like pancakes: sān.
四	sì	four	A box with four sides: "sss!"
五	wǔ	five	High five: "Woo!"
六	liù	six	Leo the lion has six whiskers: liù.
七	qī	seven	Seven cheeses: "chee!"
八	bā	eight	"Ba!" Eight is the lucky one.
九	jiǔ	nine	Cats have nine lives, says Joe (jiǔ).
十	shí	ten	A cross, like the Roman X: ten.
零	líng	zero	The last drop of rain, then nothing left: zero.

pattern build any number up to 99

tens + ones

Chinese numbers are simple maths: 十一 is ten-one (11), 二十 is two-ten (20) and 九十九 is nine-ten-nine (99). Learn 一 to 十 and you can build every number up to 99.

十一 **Shíyī** 11 (ten + one)

二十 **Èrshí** 20 (two tens)

三十八 **Sānshíbā** 38 (three tens + eight)

九十九 **Jiǔshíjiǔ** 99 (nine tens + nine)

dialogue the counting test

xiaoming 安娜，一、二、三……你会吗?
Ānnà, yī, èr, sān nǐ huì ma? · Anna, one, two, three… can you do it?

anna 会！一、二、三、四、五、六、七、八、九、十！
Huì! Yī, èr, sān, sì, wǔ, liù, qī, bā, jiǔ, shí! · Yes! One, two, three, four, five, six, seven, eight, nine, ten!

xiaoming 很好！二十呢?
Hěn hǎo! Èrshí ne? · Very good! And twenty?

anna 二十！
Èrshí! · Twenty!

xiaoming 九十九呢?
Jiǔshíjiǔ ne? · And ninety-nine?

anna 九十九！我会说汉语！
Jiǔshíjiǔ! Wǒ huì shuō Hànyǔ! · Ninety-nine! I can speak Chinese!

xiaoming 很好！大白，你会吗?
Hěn hǎo! Dàbái, nǐ huì ma? · Great! Dabai, can you?

anna 大白不会说汉语！
Dàbái bú huì shuō Hànyǔ! · Dabai can't speak Chinese!

write it trace the grey, then write your own

八
bā
eight

二
èr
two

九
jiǔ
nine

六
liù
six

good to know · Chinese counts 1–10 on one hand: 6 is thumb and little finger out, 8 is thumb and index finger like an L, 10 is a fist or crossed index fingers. Count with 二 (一、二、三) and use it inside numbers (十二, 二十). Tomorrow you'll meet 两, the 'two' for two of something.

Prices, ages, bus numbers, rooms: you can now count to 99, and that's a lot of Beijing.
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