

Key Learning Points

1. Same Numbers, Different Sound

- Jamaica uses the **same number system** (1, 2, 3...)
- BUT numbers are pronounced with **Patois rhythm and sound**

2. Pronunciation Matters

- Numbers are spoken with **flow and rhythm**
- Spelling reflects **sound, not strict English rules**

3. Numbers 1–12 (Core Set)

Number	Patois	Pronunciation
1	Wan	won
2	Tuu	too
3	Tree	tree
4	Fore	fhore
5	Fiv	five
6	Siks	six
7	Seven	sev-en
8	Ait	hate
9	Nain	nine
10	Ten	ten
11	Levn	lev-en
12	Twelef	twel-ef

4. Everyday Number Phrases

- **Wan, tuu, tree...** → counting
- **How much dat cost?** → asking price
- **Dat ah fiv dolla** → that is five dollars
- **Mi buy tree mango** → I bought three mangoes
- **Mi wi deh deh in ten minute** → I will be there in ten minutes

5. Code-Switching with Numbers

Jamaicans often mix English + Patois:

- Mi wahn **tuu** more minute
- Gimme **wan** second
- It cost **twenty dolla**

Student Tip

Say numbers quickly and naturally focus on rhythm, not perfection.