

Test Yourself on Numbers

Write this number as it would be spoken

74621990

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76% = _____

45.522 = _____

33 °C = _____

\$25.60 = _____

3/5 = _____

60 km/h = _____

Write the numbers in a different way

From 1990 to 1999 = _____

1/2 = _____

25 = _____

9:00 p.m. = _____

To check your answers or ask questions about expressing numbers in English, book an appointment with Student Academic Learning Services.



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Expressing Numbers in English

Reading Large Numbers in English

Reading large numbers in English can seem complicated, but if you follow these simple steps, you will be able to read numbers in English quite easily.

Look at the following example. How would you read this in English?

897361524

When reading numbers in English, start from the right and add a comma (,) after every third number.

897,361,524

English numbers are always read in groups of three and from left to right. Each group of three numbers is read in the same way. So, 897 is eight hundred ninety seven, 361 is three hundred sixty one, and 524 is five hundred twenty four.

8	9	7	3	6	1	5	2	4
trillion	billion	million	thousand	hundred				

The complete number is read in the following way: “*Eight hundred ninety-seven million, three hundred sixty-one thousand, (and) five hundred twenty-four*”.

Can you read this number? Start by adding the commas into the number.

8472859174853

Reading Other Numbers in English

Numbers with Decimals (.)

548.6632 is read as “*five hundred forty-eight point six six three two*”. Numbers after the decimal point are read individually.

Percentages

86% is read as “*eighty-six percent*”.

Fractions

3/8 is read as “*three eighths*”.

Also, $\frac{1}{4}$ = “*one quarter*”, $\frac{1}{2}$ = “*one half*”, and $\frac{2}{3}$ = “*two thirds*”.

Some more numbers

80km/h = “*eighty kilometers per hour*”

27°C = “*twenty-seven degrees Celsius*”

Telephone numbers: **(905) 721-6438** = “*nine oh(zero) five seven two one six four three eight*”

\$60.37 = “*sixty dollars and thirty-seven cents*”

\$500 = “*five hundred dollars*”, it should **never** be read as “*five hundreds*”

How do you read this number? Write your answer.

\$83260211.44

Writing Numbers in English

The following are a list of rules to follow when writing numbers in English.

Spell out numbers less than 10.

*I need **five** more pens.*

*I need **12** more pens.*

If a number begins a sentence, always spell it out.

***Twenty-seven** people came to the party.*

Use a hyphen with compound numbers.

***Forty-four** people came yesterday and another **fifty-seven** people came today.*

Spell out fractions and use hyphens (-).

*Only **one-half** of the food was eaten.*

***Two-thirds** of the paper has been used.*

Write dates in the following way:

*The party is on **June 30**.*

*The party is on **the 30th** of June.*

*The economy grew in the **1980s**.*

Write times in the following way.

*I got up at **6:22a.m.** this morning.*

*I usually go to bed at **eleven o'clock** at night.*

*I'll meet you at **noon**.*

*I'll be asleep before **midnight** tonight.*