

NUMBERS IN ENGLISH

1. STARTING POINT

Study basic rules for reading numbers in English.

- a. **Cardinals: one, two, three...**
- b. **Ordinals: the first, the second, the third...**
- c. **Decimals:**

Read decimals aloud in English by pronouncing the decimal point as "point", then read each digit individually.

Written	Said
0.2	point two
1.254	one point two five four
0.26	point two six
0.72	point seven two
0.05	point zero five

d. Percentages:

Percentages are easy to read aloud in English. Just say the number and then add the word "percent".

Written	Said
2%	two percent
35%	thirty-five percent
36.35%	thirty-six point three five percent
100%	one hundred percent

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e. Fractions

Read fractions using the cardinal number for the numerator and the ordinal numbers for the denominator, making the ordinal number plural if the numerator is larger than

1. This applies to all numbers except for the number 2, which is read "half" when it is the denominator, and "halves" if there is more than one.

Written	Said
$1/2$	one half
$3/2$	three halves
$1/5$	one fifth
$1/3$	one third
$3/4$	three fourths

f. Reading years:

Written	Said
2016	two thousand sixteen
2005	two thousand and five
2000	two thousand
1945	nineteen forty-five
1600	sixteen hundred
1608	sixteen o eight

g. Reading dates:

There are two possible ways to read a date:

1 January 2016	the first of January two thousand sixteen
1 January 2016	January the first two thousand sixteen

h. Multiplicative adverbs:

- once /wans/ – jednou
- twice /twais/ – dvakrát
- three times – třikrát
- four times – čtyřikrát
- twenty-four times – 24krát
- one hundred and fifty-two times – 152krát
- a million times – milionkrát

i. Phone numbers:

Each figure is said separately.

- 34 - three four

The figure '0' is called *oh*.

- 205 - two oh five

Pause after groups of 3 or 4 figures (last group).

- 376 4705 - three seven six, four seven oh five

If two successive figures are the same, in British English you would usually use the word *double* (in American English you would just say the figure twice)

376 4775 - BE: three seven six, four *double seven* five

376 4775 - AE: three seven six, four *seven seven* five

2. READ AND WRITE THE FOLLOWING NUMBERS INTO THE CHART:

a. I was born in 1975.	
b. He ended 421st.	
c. It's their 12th anniversary.	
d. One mile is approximately 1.6 km.	
e. 21,256,721	
f. My phone number is 725 606 305.	
g. Today it is 5th January.	
h. Only 2/3 were there.	
i. 75% people agreed.	
j. It's only 0.02.	

3. READ AND WRITE THE FOLLOWING MATH OPERATIONS:

$5-3=2$	
$7-2-1=4$	
$3 \times 2=6$	
$6 \div 2=3$	
$2+2=4$	