

NUMBERS IN ENGLISH

Study basic rules for reading numbers in English.

Cardinals: one, two, three...

Ordinals: the first, the second, the third...

Decimals

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

Percentages

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

Fractions

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

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

Reading dates

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

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

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

Read the numbers

- 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 $\frac{2}{3}$ were there.
- i. 75% people agreed.
- j. It's only 0.02.

Read math operations

$$5 - 3 = 2$$

$$7 - 2 - 1 = 4$$

$$3 \times 2 = 6$$

$$6 \div 2 = 3$$

$$2 + 2 = 4$$

Thank you for your attention.