

## 《如何用英语表达数字?》

Expressing numbers in English can be confusing to both students and those listening. Make sure you understand how to express numbers in spoken English by following these rules.

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Below you will find numbers written out in order to help students learn the correct grouping in English. Generally speaking, numbers larger than twenty should always be expressed by numbers in written English:

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I have fifteen clients in New York.

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She has 240 contacts on her mailing list.

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Tens

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Say individual numbers between one and twenty. After that, use the tens (twenty, thirty, etc.) followed by the numbers one through nine:

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7 - seven

19 - nineteen

32 - thirty-two

89 - eighty-nine

When expressing large numbers (more than one hundred) read in groups of hundreds. The order is as follows: billion, million, thousand, hundred. Notice that hundred, thousand, etc. is NOT followed by an "s"

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Two hundred NOT two hundreds

Two hundred??two hundreds

Hundreds

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Say numbers in the hundreds by beginning with numerals one through nine followed by "hundred". Finish by saying the last two digits:

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350 – three hundred fifty

425 – four hundred twenty-five

873 - eight hundred seventy-three

112 - one hundred twelve

NOTE: British English takes "and" following "hundred." American English omits "and:".

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Thousands

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The next group is the thousands. Say a number up to 999 followed by "thousand." Finish by reading the hundreds when applicable:

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15,560 – fifteen thousand five hundred sixty

786,450 – seven hundred six thousand four hundred fifty

342,713 - three hundred forty-two thousand seven hundred thirteen

569,045 - five hundred sixty-nine thousand forty-five

Millions

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For millions, say a number up to 999 followed by "million." Finish by saying first the thousands and then the hundreds when applicable:

????????????999????????????"million"????????????????????

2,450,000 – two million four hundred fifty thousand

27,805,234 - twenty seven million eight hundred five thousands two hundred thirty-four

934,700,000 – nine hundred thirty-four million seven hundred thousand

589,432,420 - five hundred eighty nine million four hundred thirty-two thousand four hundred twenty

For even larger numbers, first use billions and then trillions in a similar manner to millions:

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23,870,550,000 - twenty-three billion eight hundred seventy million five hundred fifty thousand

12,600,450,345,000 - twelve trillion six hundred billion four hundred fifty million three hundred forty-five thousand

Large numbers are often rounded to the next biggest or next smallest number to make things easier. For example, 345,987,650 is rounded to 350,000,000.



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Speak the top number as a cardinal number, followed by the ordinal number + "s"

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3/8 - three-eighths

5/16 - five-sixteenths

7/8 - seven-eighths

1/32 - one thirty-second

Exceptions to this rule are:

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1/4, 3/4 - one-quarter, three quarters

1/3, 2/3 - one third, two-thirds

1/2 - one-half

Read numbers together with fractions by first starting the number followed by "and" and then the fraction:

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4 7/8 - four and seven-eighths

23 1/2 - twenty-three and one-half

important Numerical expressions

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Here are the descriptive names of a number of important numerical expressions:

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Speed - 100 mph (miles per hour)

?? - 100??/??(??/??)

Read speed as numbers: One hundred miles per hour

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Weight - 42 lb. (pounds)

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Read weight as numbers: forty-two pounds

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Telephone number - 0171 895 7056

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Read telephone numbers in individual numbers: zero one seven one eight nine five seven zero five six

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Dates - 12/04/65

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read dates, month, day, year

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Temperature - 72° F (Fahrenheit)



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Read temperature as "degrees +number": seventy-two degrees fahrenheit

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Height - 6'2"

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Read height in feet and then inches: six feet two inches

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Price - \$60

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Read the currency first the number, then the currency: Sixty dollars

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Express dollars by stating the dollar amount followed by cents:

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\$43.35 - forty-three dollars thirty-five cents

\$120.50 - one hundred twenty dollars fifty cents

Native speakers often just say first the dollar number and then the cents number and drop "dollars" and "cents"

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35.80 - thirty-five eighty

175.50 - one hundred seventy-five fifty



21 - twenty-first

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46 - forty-sixth

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