2 Numbers 100–5,000,000

Can anyone tell me this number?

1,380,000

Yes! It's one million, three hundred and eighty thousand.

Language focus

The **number system** is organised in tens:

1   10   100   1,000   10,000

Each number in the list above is ten times larger than the previous one.

When we write numerals, we use commas when there are four or more digits. For example, there is no comma in 300, but there is a comma in 3,000. To find the place to put the comma, count three spaces to the left from the end of the number. Place commas after every three digits:

3,000   30,000   3,000,000

When we write numbers as words, we do not use commas with round numbers.

40,000: forty thousand not ~~forty, thousand~~

When we write numbers as words, we add a hyphen to compound numbers between 21 and 99.

442: four hundred and forty-two   6,363: six thousand, three hundred and sixty-three

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1   Add the missing numbers to the sequences.

1 500	5,000	50,000	500,000
2 1,000	10,000	_____	1,000,000
3 2,000	20,000	200,000	_____
4 300	3,000	30,000	_____
5 6	60	_____	6,000
6 80	800	8,000	_____

2 Match the numbers with the words.

1 300
2 2,500
3 11,350
4 78,328
5 386,422
6 4,500,000

a three hundred and eighty-six thousand, four hundred and twenty-two
b seventy-eight thousand, three hundred and twenty-eight
c two thousand, five hundred
d three hundred
e four million, five hundred thousand
f eleven thousand, three hundred and fifty

3 Write the numbers.

1 one hundred and eighty-two _____ 182
2 four thousand, six hundred and seventy _____
3 seventy-five thousand _____
4 one hundred and ten thousand, eight hundred and forty _____
5 three hundred and ten thousand, four hundred and forty-two _____
6 eight hundred and twenty thousand, one hundred and three _____
7 two million _____
8 four million, nine hundred and eighty-nine thousand, nine hundred and ninety-nine _____

4 Write the words.

The Numbers Quiz

1 There are about 800,000 ___eight hundred thousand___ people living in Guyana in South America.

2 Around 2,000,000 _____ people live in Manaus, the biggest city in the state of Amazonas.

3 Giant anteaters eat about 35,000 _____ ants and termites every day.

4 There are about 15,000 _____ jaguars left in the wild.

5 Around 150 _____ different ethnic groups live in the Congo Basin in central Africa.

6 The Amazon River is about 6,400 _____ km long.