

Student Handout

Mastering Numbers in English

1. Preparation Tasks

How do you say "0" in these situations? Match the situation on the left to the correct word on the right.

Situation	Word for "0"
1. The temperature is -5 degrees.	A. "Love"
2. My phone number is 555-0199.	B. "Zero"
3. The football score is 2-0.	C. "Oh"
4. The tennis score is 15-0.	D. "Nil"
5. There is a 0% chance of rain.	E. "Nought" (British English)
6. The digital code is 10101.	

2. Pronunciation: The "Stress" Test

A. Listen and Repeat.

Notice the stress:

- **Teen** numbers (13-19): The stress is on the **end** (*thir-TEEN*).
- **Ty** numbers (20-90): The stress is on the **start** (*THIR-ty*).

B. Circle the number you hear.

1. 13 / 30
2. 15 / 50
3. 17 / 70
4. 19 / 90
5. 14 / 40
6. 16 / 60

C. Context Challenge. Listen to the sentences. Decide which number fits the logic of the sentence.

1. "My grandfather is 18 / 80 years old."

2. "That hamburger costs 15 / 50 dollars? That's too expensive!"
3. "There are 14 / 40 students in the class, so we need two buses."

3. Listening: Dictation & Discovery

Step A: Listen to the audio/teacher. Write the numbers you hear.

1. Price: _____
2. Year: _____
3. Large Number: _____
4. Height: _____
5. Address: _____
6. Credit Card: _____
7. Temperature: _____
8. Soccer Score: _____

Step B: Analyze the Rules. Look at what you wrote above. Circle the correct rule.

- **Rule 1 (Prices):** For \$12.50, we usually say "Twelve point fifty" / "Twelve fifty".
- **Rule 2 (Years):** For 1999, we say "One thousand nine hundred..." / "Nineteen ninety-nine".
- **Rule 3 (Big Numbers):** If the number is 2,000, we say "Two thousand" / "Two thousands".
- **Rule 4 (Decimals):** We write decimals with a Comma (,) / Point (.).
- **Rule 5 (Credit Cards/Phone):** We usually say digits Individually (one-two-three) / Together (one hundred...).

4. Grouping Numbers

Native speakers "group" numbers to make them easier to say. Practice saying these out loud.

Type	Number	How to say it
Years (Pre-2000)	1985	"Nineteen / eighty-five"
Years (2000-2009)	2005	"Two thousand and five"
Years (2010+)	2024	"Twenty / twenty-four"
Room Numbers	Room 412	"Room four / one / two" OR "Four / twelve"

Type	Number	How to say it
Prices (Hundreds)	\$1,500	"Fifteen hundred" (Common) or "One thousand five hundred"
Phone/IDs	555-9000	"Five five five / nine thousand"

Your Turn: How would you say these?

1. **Year:** 1812
2. **Price:** \$2,400
3. **Room:** 305
4. **ID:** 867-5309

6. Reading: The Receipt

Look at the receipt below and answer the questions.

STAR CAFE

Date: 2024-05-12

Order: #405

2x Coffee (@ \$3.50) \$7.00

1x Cake \$4.25

Subtotal: **\$11.25**

Tax (8%): \$0.90

TOTAL: **\$12.15**

Say the answers out loud:

1. What is the Order Number? ("Order Number...")
2. How much is one coffee? ("Three...")
3. What is the tax percentage? ("Eight...")
4. What is the final Total? ("Twelve...")

7. Error Correction

Find and correct the mistake in the spoken sentences below.

1. "The movie ticket was ten dollars fifty cents." (Better: *Ten fifty*)
2. "There were five thousands people at the concert."
(Correction: _____)
3. "My height is one comma seven meters."

(Correction: _____)

4. "I was born in the year two thousand twenty-three
(Correction: _____)
5. "My phone number is five five five, zero nine nine one."
(Better way to say "0": _____)