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Words you need... 46.1

Words for numbers ...

- **a hundred** 100 ▸ **a thousand** 1,000 ▸ **a million** 1,000,000 ▸ **a billion** 1,000,000,000
- When you are talking about numbers in order, use: **first**, **second**, **third**, **fourth**, **fifth**, **sixth**, **seventh**, **eighth**, **ninth**, **tenth**, **twentieth**, **twenty first**, **thirtieth**, etc.



half



quarter



third



fifth

Exercise 1 46.2

Listen and read. Find five numbers in this article and write them as figures.



Sunspot festival

Last weekend was the nineteenth Sunspot festival. Over sixteen thousand people came to listen to bands from around the world and to dance all day and night. Most of the people there were under twenty one, so the atmosphere was very lively. The weather was very hot, and organizers say that almost a hundred and fifty thousand bottles of water were sold over the weekend, as well as fifty thousand ice creams!

1 19th 2 _____ 3 _____ 4 _____ 5 _____

Saying numbers 46.3

0	▸ *zero (UK/US).* In maths, **nought** is also used in UK English.
3.7	▸ *three* ***point*** *seven*
4½	▸ *four and a half*
5¾	▸ *five and three quarters*
19.24	▸ *nineteen point two four*
157	▸ *one hundred and fifty seven* or *a hundred and fifty seven*
315	▸ *three hundred and fifteen*
1,402	▸ *one thousand, four hundred and two*
1,000,000	▸ *one million* or *a million*

Remember not to put an '**s**' on the words **hundred**, **thousand**, **million** and **billion** even if the number they start with is more than 1. We say:

- *two hundred and twenty* not ~~*two hundreds and twenty*~~

However, we do say: *hundreds of people* or *billions of dollars*.

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