These numbers can sound the same: thirteen (13) and thirty (30). We can be sure of the meaning when we get the syllable stress right:

- **thir<u>teen</u>** (13) - the last syllable is stressed
- **<u>thir</u>ty** (30) – the first syllable is stressed

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13 thir-teen	30 thir-ty
14 four-teen	40 for-ty
15 fif-teen	50 fif-ty
16 six-teen	60 six-ty
17 se-ven-teen	70 se-ven-ty
18 eigh-teen	80 eigh-ty
19 nine-teen	90 nine-ty

Work in pairs. Say one of the numbers for your partner. Listen and decide which number you hear – you can write the number or say if it's group A or group B in the table.

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