

8 Numbers

How do they say it?

Symbol	Interpretation	Example
=	is, equals, comes to	$\frac{1}{2} = 0.5$ One-half equals point five.
+	and, plus, add	$a + b = c$ A and B comes to C.
-	minus, less, subtract	$a - b = c$ A less B is C.
X	times, multiplied by	$a \times b = c$ A times B equals C.
$\frac{7}{8}$	seven eighths	a / b A Bths
1,200	one thousand two hundred or twelve hundred	The repair cost twelve hundred dollars.

Get ready!

- 1 Before you read the passage, talk about these questions.

- How do you say symbols like = and + ?
- What endings should you add to fractions when saying them aloud?

Reading

- 2 Read the chart. Then, mark the following statements as true (T) or false (F).

- Eight less two means the same thing as eight minus two.
- Seven times six equals seven plus six.
- $\frac{3}{4}$ is pronounced three times eight.

Vocabulary

- 3 Fill in the blanks with the correct words and phrases from the word bank.

word BANK

add times less
plus comes to hundred

- Three _____ two is six.
- Four plus seven _____ eleven.
- Fifty _____ twenty equals thirty.
- One thousand plus four hundred is fourteen _____.
- To get ten, _____ three and seven.
- Fifteen _____ two is seventeen.

- 4 Read the sentence and choose the correct word.

- Six **plus** / **divided by** three is nine.
- Ten **and** / **less** eight equals two.
- Start with eight, **subtract** / **add** two: this equals six.
- Four **multiplied by** / **comes to** two is eight.
- Five plus six **equals** / **less** eleven.

Speaking

- 5 With a partner, act out the roles below based on Task 7. Then switch roles.

USE LANGUAGE SUCH AS:

Are you busy?
Can you grab ...
Can I get a ...