

SAYING NUMBERS (BRITISH OR AMERICAN ENGLISH?)

In British English "and" is used to separate the numbers before the last one or two figures.

320 BrE three hundred and twenty
AmE three hundred twenty

40231 BrE forty thousand, two hundred and thirty-one
AmE forty thousand, two hundred thirty-one.

"a" and "one" are both used to describe "1" ("a" is a little less formal)

Can I borrow a hundred pounds?

He borrowed one thousand pounds from the bank.

Another interesting matter as regard numbers, is the "Hyphen" (-). When you **write** numbers, the last figure should be hyphenated if it goes over 20. We usually hyphen the tens (decenas). This is important in order to avoid misunderstandings. Remember it only applies in written English.

21 twenty-one

452.236 four hundred, and **fifty-two** thousand, two hundred and **thirty-six**

TELEPHONE NUMBERS

0 can be "oh" or "zero", but "oh" (as you pronounce letter "o") is more common.

22 can be "two two" or "double two".

555 can be "triple five"

When saying telephone numbers it is important to do it in groups of two, three, or four numbers at a time; this way we will be giving, the person listening or writing it, time to process the information.

020 2345 8721 oh, two, oh two, three, four, five eight, seven two, one

PRICES

In Britain, the currency is divided into pounds (£) and pence (p). In informal English "pence" is pronounced "pee" (as the letter in the alphabet) or penny. When saying prices that have pounds, we usually drop the pence. If you want to know about the security features of British bank-notes follow this link: https://www.youtube.com/watch?time_continue=164&v=g401iZ3W2EI&feature=emb_logo

£ 5.65 five pounds sixty-five

£ 0.80 eighty pee

In the United States of America, the currency is divided into dollars (\$) and cents (¢). If you would like to learn more about how to recognise truthful bills watch the following video: Video: *How to Authenticate U.S. Currency*

<https://youtu.be/Ybt04VtOmzE>

Now listen and write the numbers, telephone numbers, and prices.

1.	2.	3.
4.	5.	6.
7.	8.	9.

DATES

In AmE the month is said before the day, i.e. May 21. However, in BrE the day generally comes first, 21st May (the 21st if May)

When we need to say dates we use Ordinal numbers.



Ordinal Numbers

Ordinal number; a number defining the position of something in a series, such as 'first', 'second', or 'third'. Ordinal numbers are used as adjectives, nouns, and pronouns.

1 st	First	11 th	Eleventh	21 st	Twenty-first	31 st	Thirty-first
2 nd	Second	12 th	Twelfth	22 nd	Twenty-second	40 th	Fortieth
3 rd	Third	13 th	Thirteenth	23 rd	Twenty-third	50 th	Fiftieth
4 th	Fourth	14 th	Fourteenth	24 th	Twenty-fourth	60 th	Sixtieth
5 th	Fifth	15 th	Fifteenth	25 th	Twenty-fifth	70 th	Seventieth
6 th	Sixth	16 th	Sixteenth	26 th	Twenty-sixth	80 th	Eightieth
7 th	Seventh	17 th	Seventeenth	27 th	Twenty-seventh	90 th	Ninetieth
8 th	Eighth	18 th	Eighteenth	28 th	Twenty-eighth	100 th	One hundredth
9 th	Ninth	19 th	Nineteenth	29 th	Twenty-ninth	1,000 th	One thousandth
10 th	Tenth	20 th	Twentieth	30 th	Thirtieth	1,000,000 th	One millionth

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Listen and write the dates.

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Important dates throughout the world.

Christmas Day		New Year's Day	
Argentina Independence Day		USA Independence Day:	
St. Patrick's Day		Valentine's Day	
Friendship Day		Boxing Day (UK)	

What do you know about these days? Choose one of them, or another festival in your country and write an explanation about it for someone who lives in England.
