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Words you need...



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



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



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

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*.