

Many words used in mathematics have special meanings. It is important to learn what each word means so we can use it correctly. For example, when we write a number, we use some combination of the ten symbols: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, and 0. These symbols are called *digits*. A *figure* is a single digit in a given number.

A 6-figure income is above ..... and below .....

1. Let us watch “British Numbers confuse Americans” [youtu.be/YBbBbY4qvv4](https://youtu.be/YBbBbY4qvv4) (up till 6’00”) about numeric nuances between American and British english.

- When reading phone numbers, Americans would say each ..... separately.
- The zero digit can be pronounced like the letter O. For example 210-504-68844 is pronounced: .....  
.....
- Both Americans in the video ..... (*to be confused*) that British speakers would say ..... for 8844. They ..... (*to wonder*) ... if “000” should be pronounced .....
- With 4 digit numbers, like 5,300 Americans ..... (*to be comfortable*) saying .....  
British speakers would *rather* say .....
- British speakers would pronounce 120 as “one hundred .....” and the year 2001 as “two thousand .....”.  
Americans would .....

“When Ms. Harris<sup>1</sup> lived in London, her phone number was .....

“Zero” is the usual name for the number 0 in English. “naught” is used occasionally instead of nothing. In British sports, “Nil” or “love” are used for scores of zero. *Whereas* in American sports the terms “nothing” and “Oh” are used *instad*.

1. Federer (to lead) .....the first set by (3 : 0) .....
2. Last night, Arsenal (to win) ..... against Chelsea with a score of (3:0) .....

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3. The current score for our baseball game is (3-0) .....
4. Her *phone number* is (06 40 50 30 20) .....
5. Prices increased (0.3%) .....
6. Tom Hardy is among the actors rumored to play agent (007) .....

Reading and writing dates					
US conventions	10/5/2021	day appears usually after the month			
	Oct 5th, 2021	year is separated by a comma			
	“october (the) fifth 2021”	pronounce the month before the day			
UK convention	5/10/2021	the day appears usually before the month			
	5th Oct 2021				
	“(the) fifth (of) october 2021”	“of” can be dropped			
premier	the first	le troisième	the third	30 <sup>ème</sup>	the thirtieth
deuxième	the second	le quatrième	the fourth	13 <sup>ème</sup>	the thirteenth

### Exercise 6 — 🧑🧑💡 Work in pairs.

One of you will read a line and your partner will write the information down.

Don't show your paper. Spell when necessary. Then change roles.<sup>2 3</sup>

Student A is the reader	Student A is the writer
123    4.5    1,896    ; 2,372,919	
pick a two-digit prime number	
21/05/2012    03/09/1972	
Halloween is on ...	
€32.99    £23.12    \$43.00    15p.	
<a href="http://www.bbc.co.uk/learningenglish">www.bbc.co.uk/learningenglish</a>	
<a href="mailto:c.babbage@dn1-math.uk">c.babbage@dn1-math.uk</a>	
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<sup>2</sup>@ "at"    \_ underscore    – dash    / slash

<sup>3</sup>"." is a period(US)/full stop (UK). It is read point (in numbers) or dot (in URL/emails)