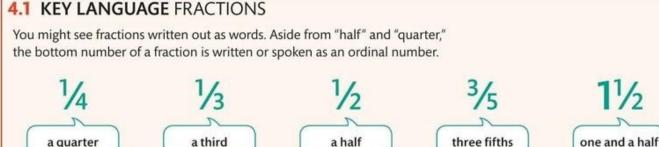
# 04 Numbers and statistics

Fractions, decimals, and percentages are all pronounced differently in spoken English, following a few simple rules.

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Use ordinal numbers for the bottom of a fraction.

three fifths

Use cardinal numbers for Use "and" to link a whole the top of a fraction. number and a fraction.

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### 4.2 KEY LANGUAGE DECIMALS

Decimals are always written as numbers, not words. The decimal point is pronounced "point," and all numbers after the decimal point are spoken separately.

point five nought point five zero point five There are three ways of saying decimals that begin with 0.

one point seven

Decimal points are written in English using a period, or full stop.

three point nine seven

The % symbol is

You don't say "three point ninety-seven."



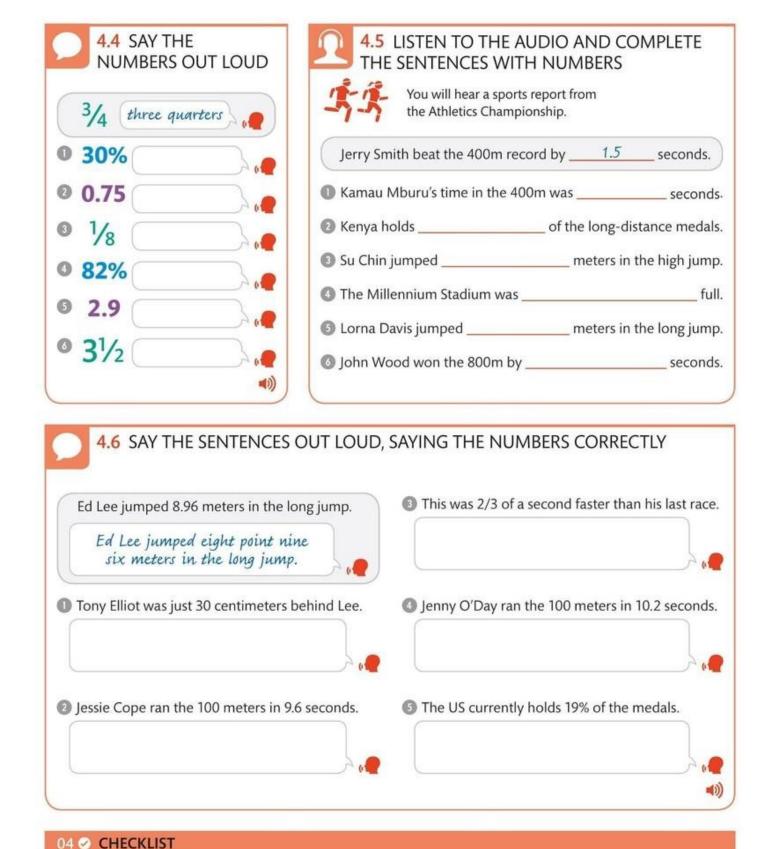
### 4.3 KEY LANGUAGE PERCENTAGES

The % symbol is written and spoken as "percent." You might also see "per cent" written in UK English. Percentages are normally written as numbers, not words.

one percent

ninety-nine percent

pronounced "percent." fifty-five point five percent



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