




04 Numbers and statistics

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

 **New language** Numbers in spoken English

 **Vocabulary** Sports events

 **New skill** Using numbers in conversation

4.1 KEY LANGUAGE FRACTIONS

You might see fractions written out as words. Aside from "half" and "quarter," the bottom number of a fraction is written or spoken as an ordinal number.

$\frac{1}{4}$

a quarter

Use ordinal numbers for the bottom of a fraction.

$\frac{1}{3}$

a third

$\frac{1}{2}$

a half

Use cardinal numbers for the top of a fraction.

$\frac{3}{5}$

three fifths

Use "and" to link a whole number and a fraction.

$1\frac{1}{2}$

one and a half



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

0.5

nought point five

zero point five

There are three ways of saying decimals that begin with 0.

1.7

one point seven

3.97

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

three point nine seven

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.

1%

one percent

99%

ninety-nine percent

55.5%

fifty-five point five percent

The % symbol is pronounced "percent."





4.4 SAY THE NUMBERS OUT LOUD

$\frac{3}{4}$

three quarters



1 **30%**



2 **0.75**



3 $\frac{1}{8}$



4 **82%**



5 **2.9**



6 $3\frac{1}{2}$



4.5 LISTEN TO THE AUDIO AND COMPLETE THE SENTENCES WITH NUMBERS



You will hear a sports report from the Athletics Championship.

Jerry Smith beat the 400m record by 1.5 seconds.

1 Kamau Mburu's time in the 400m was _____ seconds.

2 Kenya holds _____ of the long-distance medals.

3 Su Chin jumped _____ meters in the high jump.

4 The Millennium Stadium was _____ full.

5 Lorna Davis jumped _____ meters in the long jump.

6 John Wood won the 800m by _____ seconds.



4.6 SAY THE SENTENCES OUT LOUD, SAYING THE NUMBERS CORRECTLY

Ed Lee jumped 8.96 meters in the long jump.

Ed Lee jumped eight point nine six meters in the long jump.



1 Tony Elliot was just 30 centimeters behind Lee.



2 Jessie Cope ran the 100 meters in 9.6 seconds.



3 This was $\frac{2}{3}$ of a second faster than his last race.



4 Jenny O'Day ran the 100 meters in 10.2 seconds.



5 The US currently holds 19% of the medals.



04 CHECKLIST

Numbers in spoken English ☐

Aa Sports events ☐

Using numbers in conversation ☐

05 Times and dates

There are many ways of saying the time and the date in English. American and British English speakers often use different forms.

New language Precise times

Aa Vocabulary Dates in US and UK English

New skill Talking about times and dates

5.1 KEY LANGUAGE SAYING WHAT THE TIME IS

US English and informal spoken UK English use the 12-hour clock.



nine thirty

half past nine



three forty-five

quarter to four



nine twenty-five

twenty-five past nine



three fifty

ten to four



nine twenty-seven

twenty-seven minutes past nine



three fifty-one

nine minutes to four

Saying "minutes" shows you are being precise about the time.

You might hear the 24-hour clock in public transport announcements.

07:00

oh seven hundred

08:43

oh eight forty-three

16:26

sixteen twenty-six



5.2 LISTEN TO THE AUDIO AND FILL IN THE GAPS USING THE TIMES IN THE PANEL

Sofia and Dylan are going to see a play. Dylan calls Sofia to say he will be late.



Dylan's train was due to arrive at 18:07.

3 The play starts at _____.

1 Dylan's train was due to leave at _____.

4 Sofia will wait for Dylan until _____.

2 The new arrival time of the train is _____.

5 The intermission of the play is at _____.

7:30pm

~~18:07~~

17:14

8:45pm

18:55

7:25pm

5.3 KEY LANGUAGE DATES

Dates in American English are usually written with the month first. Dates in British English are usually written with the day first.



US

03/10/04
03/10/2004
March 10, 2004
March 10th, 2004

March tenth,
two thousand and four

UK

10/03/04
10/03/2004
10 March 2004
10th March 2004

the tenth of March,
two thousand and four



Aa 5.4 MATCH THE US DATES WITH THE UK DATES

US

UK

07/08/2006

06/04/2006

1 April 6th, 2006

8 July 2006

2 06/02/2006

09/08/2006

3 August 9th, 2006

6th May 2006

4 05/06/2006

2nd June 2006

5.5 LOOK AT THE POSTER, THEN RESPOND TO THE AUDIO, SPEAKING OUT LOUD

What time does the music start?

At 12 o'clock.

1 When does the music finish every day?

2 What date does the festival begin?

3 What date does the parking lot close?

4 What time do the campsites close?



05 CHECKLIST

Precise times ☐

Aa Dates in US and UK English ☐

Talking about times and dates ☐