

(E) Parties in Palauan (1/1)

All of the cardinal numbers in Palauan, when used as adjectives, have three possible forms (actually there are more than three) depending on the class of nouns which they qualify. For units of time, the number is preceded by *e-*; for people, the number is preceded by *te-*, and for animals, fruits and some inanimate objects, the number is preceded by *kl-*. Numbers above ten consist of *t̄eruich me a* (ten) followed by the appropriate number (in the “ones” column), which is marked to indicate the class of noun.

Ordinal numbers are preceded by the morpheme *onge-*, which attaches to the “ten” unit for numbers above ten. The words *sils* and *ureor* both mean “day”, but the former refers to the unit of time while the latter refers to a day of the week.

Answers:

E1.

- a. six teachers
- b. nineteen months
- c. December
- d. Friday

E2.

- a. eai ɿ sils
- b. t̄eruich me a tetiu ɿ chad
- c. teuid ɿ sensei
- d. ongelolem ɿ buil
- e. ongeai ɿ buil

E3.

- a. ede
- b. tede
- c. klde

