

## Cardinal numbers: The digits you count with

Cardinal numbers are the ones that you use constantly in life, so they deserve to be considered ahead of the ordinals. If you haven't yet mastered the basic forms of cardinal numbers, now would be a great time to do so. In Table 1-1, I show you many of the Arabic cardinal numbers.

Many Arabic numbers have both a masculine and a feminine form (which I discuss later in this section), so I list both forms where necessary in the table. In this chart, I display the words in Arabic and English transliteration without any of the case endings (see Chapter 4 for more on the forms of the cases), with the exception of the numbers 11–19, which invariably have a *fatHa* ending.



**Table 1-1 The Arabic Cardinal Numbers**

<i>Masculine</i>	<i>Feminine</i>	<i>Translation</i>
صِفْر (Sifr)		0
وَاحِد (waaHid)	وَاحِدَة (waaHida)	1
إِثْنَان ('ithnaani)	إِثْنَانَة ('ithnataani)	2
ثَلَاثَة (thalaatha)	ثَلَاث (thalaath)	3
أَرْبَعَة ('arba3a)	أَرْبَع ('arba3)	4
خَمْسَة (khamisa)	خَمْس (khamis)	5
سِتَّة (sitta)	سِت (sitt)	6
سَبْعَة (sab3a)	سَبْع (sab3)	7
ثَمَانِيَة (thamaaniya)	ثَمَانِي (thamaanii)	8
تِسْعَة (tis3a)	تِسْع (tis3)	9
عَشْرَة (3ashara)	عَشْر (3ashr)	10
أَحَد عَشْر ('aHada 3ashara)	إِحْدَى عَشْرَة ('iHdaa 3ashrata)	11
إِثْنَا عَشْر ('ithnaa 3ashara)	إِثْنَانَا عَشْرَة ('ithnataa 3ashrata)	12
ثَلَاثَة عَشْر (thalaathata 3ashara)	ثَلَاث عَشْرَة (thalaatha 3ashrata)	13
أَرْبَعَة عَشْر ('arba3ata 3ashara)	أَرْبَع عَشْرَة ('arba3a 3ashrata)	14
خَمْسَة عَشْر (khamisata 3ashara)	خَمْس عَشْرَة (khamisa 3ashrata)	15
سِتَّة عَشْر (sittata 3ashara)	سِت عَشْرَة (sitta 3ashrata)	16
سَبْعَة عَشْر (sab3ata 3ashara)	سَبْع عَشْرَة (sab3a 3ashrata)	17
ثَمَانِيَة عَشْر (thamaaniyata 3ashara)	ثَمَانِي عَشْرَة (thamaani 3ashrata)	18

<i>Masculine</i>	<i>Feminine</i>	<i>Translation</i>
تِسْعَةَ عَشَرَ (tis3ata 3ashara)	تِسْعَ عَشْرَةَ (tis3a 3ashrata)	19
عِشْرُونَ (3ishruuna)		20
وَاحِدٌ وَعِشْرُونَ (waaHid wa-3ishruuna)		21
إِثْنَانٌ وَعِشْرُونَ ('ithnaani wa-3ishruuna)		22
ثَلَاثَةٌ وَعِشْرُونَ (thalaatha wa-3ishruuna)		23
أَرْبَعَةٌ وَعِشْرُونَ ('arba3a wa-3ishruuna)		24
خَمْسَةٌ وَعِشْرُونَ (khamsa wa3-ishruuna)		25
سِتَّةٌ وَعِشْرُونَ (sitta wa-3ishruuna)		26
سَبْعَةٌ وَعِشْرُونَ (sab3a wa-3ishruuna)		27
ثَمَانِيَةٌ وَعِشْرُونَ (thamaaniya wa3-ishruuna)		28
تِسْعَةٌ وَعِشْرُونَ (tis3a wa-3ishruuna)		29
ثَلَاثُونَ (thalaathuuna)		30
أَرْبَعُونَ ('arba3uuna)		40
خَمْسُونَ (khamసుuna)		50
سِتُّونَ (sittuuna)		60
سَبْعُونَ (sab3uuna)		70
ثَمَانُونَ (thamaanuuna)		80
تِسْعُونَ (tis3uuna)		90
مِئَةٌ (mi'a)		100
مِئَةٌ وَوَاحِدٌ (mi'a wa-waaHid)		101
مِئَتَانِ (mi'ataani)		200
ثَلَاثُمِئَةٌ (thalaathumi'a)		300
ثَلَاثُمِئَةٌ وَخَمْسَةٌ وَسِتُّونَ (thalaathumi'a wa-khamsa wa-sittuun)		365
خَمْسُمِئَةٌ (khamsumi'a)		500
سَبْعُمِئَةٌ (sab3umi'a)		700
أَلْفٌ ('alf)		1,000
أَلْفَانِ ('alfaani)		2,000
مِئَةُ أَلْفٍ (mi'at 'alf)		100,000
مِليُون (milyuun)		1,000,000