

We normally add a <sup>TH</sup> to the end of a cardinal number to make it an ordinal number. Be careful of the spelling exceptions below:

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|-------------------------|------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| 1 <sup>st</sup> first   | 11 <sup>th</sup> eleventh    | 21 <sup>st</sup> twenty-first   |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> second  | 12 <sup>th</sup> twelfth     | 22 <sup>nd</sup> twenty-second  |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> third   | 13 <sup>th</sup> thirteenth  | 23 <sup>rd</sup> twenty-third   |
| 4 <sup>th</sup> fourth  | 14 <sup>th</sup> fourteenth  | 24 <sup>th</sup> twenty-fourth  |
| 5 <sup>th</sup> fifth   | 15 <sup>th</sup> fifteenth   | 25 <sup>th</sup> twenty-fifth   |
| 6 <sup>th</sup> sixth   | 16 <sup>th</sup> sixteenth   | 26 <sup>th</sup> twenty-sixth   |
| 7 <sup>th</sup> seventh | 17 <sup>th</sup> seventeenth | 27 <sup>th</sup> twenty-seventh |
| 8 <sup>th</sup> eighth  | 18 <sup>th</sup> eighteenth  | 28 <sup>th</sup> twenty-eighth  |
| 9 <sup>th</sup> ninth   | 19 <sup>th</sup> nineteenth  | 29 <sup>th</sup> twenty-ninth   |
| 10 <sup>th</sup> tenth  | 20 <sup>th</sup> twentieth   | 30 <sup>th</sup> thirtieth      |
|                         |                              | 31 <sup>st</sup> thirty-first   |
|                         |                              | 40 <sup>th</sup> fortieth       |
|                         |                              | 41 <sup>st</sup> forty-first    |
|                         |                              | 50 <sup>th</sup> fiftieth       |
|                         |                              | 51 <sup>st</sup> fifty-first    |

## USES OF ORDINAL NUMBERS

**DATES:** Her birthday is on the *29th*.

**CENTURIES:** Shakespeare was born in the *16th* century.

**SEQUENCE/ORDER:** My team came *second* in the league.

**FLOORS OF A BUILDING:** His office is on the *tenth* floor.

Source: <https://www.woodwardenglish.com/lesson/ordinal-numbers-in-english/>

More explanations, examples and practice in the link.