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Big numbers in words

Reading and writing numbers up to ten million, in digits and in words.

1 Learn



Read a big number in **groups of three**, from the left. Say the group, then its name: **million**, then **thousand**, then the rest.

2	,	018	,	700
million		thousand		H, T, O

two million, eighteen thousand, seven hundred

Worked example: write four million and five thousand in digits

1. Millions: **4**.
2. Thousands: five, written **005** to fill three places.
3. Hundreds, tens and ones: none, so **000**.
4. Join the groups with commas: **4,005,000** (7 digits).

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million		thousand		H, T, O

Flip's tip: every group after the millions has exactly **three** digits. If a group is short, fill it with zeros at the front: five thousand is **005** in the thousands group.

Warm up: write these in digits.

six million _____

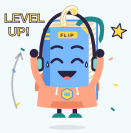
two million, three hundred thousand _____

seven million and fifty _____

Grown-ups: cover the number with your hand and show one group at a time while your child reads it. Then let them read it all in one go.

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2 Try it together a child and a grown-up, about 10 minutes



Say it, write it

You need: paper and a pen. A newspaper, atlas or map with big numbers is useful, but you can make numbers up.

1. Find or make up a big number with 6 or 7 digits (a city's population on a map is a good one).
2. The grown-up **reads it aloud** without showing it. The child writes it in digits.
3. Compare. Did you get the same digits in each group of three?
4. Swap: the child writes a number, the grown-up reads it aloud, and the child checks.
5. Try a tricky one with zeros, like 3,006,040.

Number said aloud (in words)	Written in digits	Same? ✓

Grown-ups: say numbers slowly, pausing after "million" and "thousand". That pause is where the comma goes.

3 Practise

A. Write these numbers in digits.

three million, two hundred and fifty thousand _____

five million, forty thousand and six _____

nine million, nine hundred and nine _____

ten million _____

one million, three hundred and five thousand, two hundred and eighty _____

four million, sixty thousand, three hundred _____

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B. Write these numbers in words.

6,402,000

8,070,015

3,600,250

C. Draw a line to match each number to its words.

7,007,000	seven million, seven hundred thousand
7,070,000	seven million, seven hundred
7,700,000	seven million and seven thousand
7,000,700	seven million and seventy thousand

D. Read each number. How many **thousands** are in its thousands group?

2,018,700: ☐ **thousand** **5,300,000:** ☐ **thousand** **9,045,500:** ☐ **thousand**

Challenge

Mia writes four million and five thousand as **4,5000**. Sam writes **40,005,000**. Is either of them right? Write it correctly and explain each mistake.

I can... Tick when you can.

- ☐ read a seven-digit number in groups of three
- ☐ write big numbers in words
- ☐ use zeros to fill empty places, like 4,005,000