

Meeting 4

Vocabulary

Numbers

783

120

81

499

376

68

42

55

34

977

The figure ' 0 '

- The figure 0 has several different names in English, although in American English *zero* is commonly used in all cases:
- **Zero**
- Used in precise scientific, medical and economic contexts and to talk about temperature: *It was ten degrees below zero last night.*
- *Zero inflation/growth/profit.*

Nought

- used in British English to talk about a number, age, etc.:
- *A million is written with six noughts.*
- *The car goes from nought to sixty in ten seconds.*
- *Clothes for children aged nought to six.*

'oh'

- used when saying a bank account number, telephone number, room number etc.

Nil

- used to talk about the score in a team game, for example in football:
- *the final score was one nil. (1-0)*
- used to mean 'nothing at all':
- *the doctors rated her chances as nil.*

Telephone numbers

- all numbers are said separately. 0 is pronounced /ou/
- (01865) 556767
- o one eight six five, five five six seven six seven (or double five six seven six seven)
- If there are two same numbers next to each other, we say 'double':
- (050) 8875633 – o five o double eight seven five six double three

Numbers over 1000

These informal forms are most common for whole hundreds between 1100 and 1900:

- 1000 – a/one thousand
- 1100 – one thousand one hundred or (informal) eleven hundred
- 2500 – two thousand five hundred or (informal) twenty-five hundred

A comma or a space is often used to divide large numbers into groups of 3 figures:

- 33,423 or 33 423 (*thirty three thousand four hundred and twenty three*)
- 2,768,941 or 2 768 941 (*two million seven hundred and sixty-eight thousand nine hundred and forty-one*)

Years

- From 1001 to 1999 – we divide a year into two numbers: a teen number + the second number
- **E.G.:**
- **1998** – nineteen ninety-eight
- **1801** – eighteen o one
- **1712** – seventeen eleven

- After 2000, we say ‘two thousand’ + the second number:

E.G.:

2012 – two thousand twelve

2005 – two thousand five

2222 – two thousand two hundred and twenty two



Money, percentages, decimals and fractions

- **£2.5** – two _____ fifty
- **\$8.99** – eight _____ - _____
- **€3.20** – three _____
- **50%** - fifty _____ cent
- **0.5** – nought _____ five
- **3.9** - _____
- $\frac{1}{2}$ - a/one _____
- $\frac{1}{3}$ - a/one _____
- $\frac{1}{4}$ - a/one _____
- $\frac{3}{4}$ - _____



Let's practice!

$\frac{2}{3}$ 0.7 $1\frac{3}{4}$ 7.8

30% £90

100%

430

2,800

9,250

\$200,000

3,000,000

Let's practice!

What's the time? Match the times with the clocks.

- It's quarter to six. —g
- 1 It's five past two. —
- 2 It's quarter past four. —
- 3 It's ten to three. —
- 4 It's twenty-five to five. —
- 5 It's seven o'clock. —
- 6 It's twenty past one. —
- 7 It's half past eight. —





♪ David Guetta feat.
Usher – Without you

Definitions

a bank a boring person the brain a star a friend a secret

Now match the words / phrases in d to these cynical definitions.

1 _____ is a person who works all her life to become famous and then wears sunglasses so people don't recognize her.

2 _____ is something which you only tell one person.

3 _____ is somebody who talks about himself when you want to talk about yourself.

4 _____ is somebody who dislikes the same people as you.

5 _____ is a place where you can borrow money only if you can show that you don't need it.

6 _____ is something which starts working when you get up in the morning and stops working when you get to work or school.



What's the word?



example how kind like opposite person
place similar somebody thing

Useful expressions

explaining a word that you don't know

- 1 It's _____ who works in a restaurant.
- 2 It's the _____ who takes the food from the kitchen to the tables.
- 3 It's a _____ where you go when you want to buy something.
- 4 It's a _____ which you use to talk.
- 5 It's a _____ of machine.
- 6 It's the _____ of fat.
- 7 It's _____ thin, but it means thin and attractive.
- 8 It's _____ to worried.
- 9 It's _____ you feel when you have a lot of things to do.
- 10 For _____, you do this with the TV.