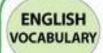
How to pronounce dates and numbers in English



The DATE in English



There are two ways of saying the date in English.

Written English

MONTH + DAY

March 7

7th March

DAY + MONTH

Spoken English

March seventh

Even if the -th isn't written, an ordinal number is still said.

The seventh of March

Numbers

3/7/17

MONTH / DAY / YEAR

7/3/17

DAY / MONTH / YEAR



Days

We always use ordinal numbers for the date in spoken English.

- 1st first
- 2nd second
- 3rd third
- 4th fourth
- 5th fifth
- 6th sixth
- 7th seventh
- 8th eighth
- 9th ninth
- 10th tenth

Months

Months always start with capital letters.

august



August



What day is this?

3 / 5 / 18

March 5, 2018

3rd May 2018

Big difference!

Years

Years are normally divided into two parts.*

1984

nineteen eighty-four

1652 sixteen fifty-two

1941 nineteen forty-one

2017 twenty seventeen

* Exception: For the years from 2000 to 2010, we normally say two thousand and + number.

2006 two thousand and six

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Dates

• In English, we can say dates either with the day before the month, or the month before the day:

"The first of January" / "January the first".

• Remember to use **ordinal numbers for dates** in English.

(The first, the second, the third, the fourth, the fifth, the twenty-second, the thirty-first etc.)

Years

• For years up until 2000, separate the four numbers into two pairs of two:

1965 = "nineteen sixty-five"

1871 = "eighteen seventy-one"

1999 = "nineteen ninety-nine"

1800 = "eighteen hundred"

1904 = "nineteen oh four"

1900's = "nineteen hundreds" E.g. The town was built at the beginning of the 1900's.

80's = "eighties" E.g. Back in the 80's ("the eighties") we didn't have computers.

• For the decade 2001 – 2010, you say "two thousand and —" when speaking British English:

2001 = "two thousand and one"

2009 = "two thousand and nine"

However, from 2010 onwards you have a choice.

For example, 2012 can be either "two thousand (and) twelve" or "twenty twelve".

2016 = "two thousand and sixteen" (B.E.) / "two thousand sixteen" (A.E) / "twenty sixteen"

Woodward Numbers in English 30 thirty 0 zero 10 ten 20 twenty 11 eleven 31 thirty-one 21 twenty-one 1 one 2 two 12 twelve 22 twenty-two 32 thirty-two 33 thirty-three 3 three 13 thirteen 23 twenty-three 4 four 34 thirty-four 14 fourteen 24 twenty-four 5 five 15 fifteen 25 twenty-five 35 thirty-five 36 thirty-six 6 six 16 sixteen 26 twenty-six 17 seventeen 37 thirty-seven 7 seven 27 twenty-seven 8 eight 18 eighteen 28 twenty-eight 38 thirty-eight 19 nineteen 9 nine 29 twenty-nine 39 thirty-nine 40 forty 50 fifty 60 sixty 70 seventy 41 forty-one 51 fifty-one 61 sixty-one 71 seventy-one 52 fifty-two 42 forty-two 62 sixty-two 72 seventy-two 43 forty-three 53 fifty-three 63 sixty-three 73 seventy-three 44 forty-four 54 fifty-four 64 sixty-four 74 seventy-four 55 fifty-five 45 forty-five 65 sixty-five 75 seventy-five 56 fifty-six 46 forty-six 66 sixty-six 76 seventy-six 47 forty-seven 57 fifty-seven 67 sixty-seven 77 seventy-seven 48 forty-eight 58 fifty-eight 68 sixty-eight 78 seventy-eight 49 forty-nine 59 fifty-nine 69 sixty-nine 79 seventy-nine 80 eighty 90 ninety LARGE NUMBERS © Woodward English 81 eighty-one 91 ninety-one 1,000 one thousand 100 one hundred 82 eighty-two 92 ninety-two 101 one hundred and one 2,000 two thousand 83 eighty-three 200 two hundred 10,000 ten thousand 93 ninety-three 300 three hundred 100,000 one hundred thousand 84 eighty-four 94 ninety-four 400 four hundred 1,000,000 one million 85 eighty-five 95 ninety-five 500 five hundred 10,000,000 ten million 86 eighty-six 96 ninety-six 600 six hundred 123,456,789 87 eighty-seven 97 ninety-seven 700 seven hundred one hundred and twenty-three million, 88 eighty-eight 800 eight hundred 98 ninety-eight four hundred and fifty-six thousand, 900 nine hundred seven hundred and eighty-nine. 89 eighty-nine 99 ninety-nine www.woodwardenglish.com www.grammar.cl www.vocabulary.cl

Large numbers

• Divide the number into units of hundreds and thousands:

400,000 = "four hundred thousand" (no s plural)

• If the number includes a smaller number, use "and" in British English:

450,000 = "four hundred and fifty thousand"

400,360 = "four hundred thousand and three hundred and sixty"

Fractions, ratios and percentages

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1/2 = "one half"

1/3 = "one third"

1/4 = "one quarter"

1/5 = "one fifth"

1/6 = "one sixth"

3/5 = "three fifths"

1.5% = "one point five percent"

0.3% = "nought / zero point three percent"

2:1 = "two to one"
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Saying 0

• Depending on the context, we can pronounce zero in different ways:

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2-0 (football) = "Two nil"

30 – 0 (tennis) = "Thirty love"

604 7721 (phone number) = "six oh four..."

0.4 (a number) = "nought point four" or "zero point four"

0C (temperature) = "zero degrees"
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Talking about calculations in English

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+ (plus)
= (equals / makes)
2 + 1 = 3 ("two plus one equals / makes three")
- (minus / take away)
5 - 3 = 2 ("five minus three equals two" / "five take away three equals two")
x (multiplied by / times)
2 x 3 = 6 ("two multiplied by three equals six" / "two times three equals six")
/ (divided by)
6 / 3 = 2 ("six divided by three equals two")
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