## Cardinal and ordinal numbers

| Cardinal |  | ordinal |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 1 | One | 1st | first |
| 2 | Two | 2nd | second |
| 3 | Three | 3 rd | third |
| 4 | Four | 4th | fourth |
| 5 | Five | 5 th | fifth |
| 6 | Six | 6th | sixth |
|  |  |  |  |
| 90 | Ninety | 90th | ninetieth |
| 100 | Hundred | 100th | hundredth |
| 101 | A hundred and one | 101st | one hundred and first |
| 221 | Two hundred and twenty one | 221st | two hundred and twenty first |
| 1000 | One thousand | 1000th | (one) thousandth |
| 2008 | Two thousand and eight | 2008th | two thousand and eighth |

555,555 five hundred and fifty five thousand five hundred and fifty five 555,555 th five hundred and fifty five thousand five hundred and fifty fifth

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Note that years are generally expressed in English not with the hundreds or thousands but as two separate two-digit numbers:

- nineteen ninety-eight (1998)
- ten sixty-six (1066)
- nineteen oh one (1901)

Exceptions are:
$\Rightarrow$ two thousand (2000)
$\Rightarrow$ two thousand and ten (2010)
Dates are written and expressed in the following ways:

- 19th July 1998 = the nineteenth of July nineteen ninety-eight (GB)
- July 19, 1998 = July nineteenth, nineteen ninety-eight (USA)

Larger ordinal numbers are written as follows:

## Fractions (=rational numbers)

| $1 / 2$ | one half |
| :--- | :--- |
| $1 / 3$ | one third |
| $1 / 4$ | one quarter [= one fourth] |
| $1 / 5$ | one fifth |
| $-1 / 17$ | minus one seventeenth |
| $3 / 17$ | $?$ |

3/8 three eighths
26/9 twenty-six ninths

- 5/34 minus five thirty-fourths

2 3/7 two and three sevenths

Real Numbers
-0.067
81.59
$-2.3 \cdot 10^{6}$
-2 300000
$4 \cdot 10^{-3}$
$0.004=4 / 1000$
$\pi$ [=3.14159 . . .]
e [= 2.71828 . . .]
minus nought point zero six seven
eighty-one point five nine minus two point three times ten to the six minus two million three hundred thousand four times ten to the minus three four thousandths
pi (pronounced as 'pie')
e (base of the natural logarithm)

## decimals

2.4 'two point four' The period between 2 and 4 is known as the decimal point.

If 100 is divided by 3 , the quotient is 33.33 . In spoken English this is, 'thirty three point three, three recurring'.

If 100 is divided by 3 , and the quotient is written 33.333 it is correct to three significant figures. If the quotient is written 33.33 , it is correct to two significant figures.

