

# 15. [Word numbers]

## Skill 15.1 Expressing word numbers in numerals.

MM5 1 1 2 2 3 3 4 4  
MM6 1 1 2 2 3 3 4 4

Rule 1: Leave a space, or put a comma, between the thousands and the hundreds.

2: Write a zero in any place that is left empty between other digits.

**Q.** Express in numerals:  
Eighteen thousand, seven hundred and two.

**A.** 18 702

| Places            |           |          |      |       |
|-------------------|-----------|----------|------|-------|
| Tens of thousands | Thousands | Hundreds | Tens | Units |
| 1                 | 8         | 7        | 0    | 2     |

The digits 1 and 8, 7 and 2 will be in the number.

Numbers read from left to right so start with 18 thousand. The last digit of this number goes in the thousands position. The seven goes in the hundreds position. There is no ten, so put a 0. Write 2 as the unit.

**a)** Express in numerals:  
Six thousand, three hundred and fifty-four.

6354

**b)** Express in numerals:  
Two hundred and eighteen.

**c)** Express in numerals:  
Nine hundred and twenty-seven.

**d)** Express in numerals:  
Eight thousand, four hundred and six.

**e)** Express in numerals:  
Three thousand and thirteen.

**f)** Express in numerals:  
Seven thousand and eight.

**g)** Express in numerals:  
Eighty thousand.

**h)** Express in numerals:  
Seventy thousand, nine hundred.

**i)** Express in numerals:  
Sixteen thousand, two hundred and three.

**j)** Express in numerals:  
Ninety six thousand.

**k)** Express in numerals:  
Four hundred thousand.

**l)** Express in numerals:  
Five hundred thousand and one.

General Rules for writing a number in words

- Rule 1: Consider one digit at a time starting from the left.  
 2: First write the word for the digit (unless it is a 0).  
 Next write the place of the digit.

word first!

200 = Two hundred

place next

Exceptions for 2-digit numbers

Multiples of 10 have their own words:

- 10 ten                      20 twenty                      30 thirty                      40 forty                      50 fifty  
 60 sixty                      70 seventy                      80 eighty                      90 ninety

For the numbers 11 to 19 use:

- 11 eleven                      12 twelve                      13 thirteen                      14 fourteen                      15 fifteen  
 16 sixteen                      17 seventeen                      18 eighteen                      19 nineteen

For all numbers 21 to 99 use a hyphen (-) to separate the word for the tens from the word for the units.

Q. Write the number 27 in words.

A. **Twenty-seven**

| Places            |           |          |      |       |
|-------------------|-----------|----------|------|-------|
| Tens of thousands | Thousands | Hundreds | Tens | Units |
|                   |           |          | 2    | 7     |

Starting from the left the 2 is in the tens position. As a multiple of 10 it has its own word and is written as 'twenty'.

The next digit 7 is written as 'seven'. 27, is between 21 and 99, so it has a hyphen '-' when written in words.

a) Write the number 35 in words.

thirty-five

b) Write the number 82 in words.

c) Write the number 69 in words.

d) Write the number 16 in words.

e) Write the number 23 in words.

f) Write the number 74 in words.

g) Write the number 11 in words.

h) Write the number 48 in words.

Rule 1: Consider one digit at a time starting from the left.

2: First write the word for the digit (unless it is a 0).

Next write the place of the digit.

3: Always write 'hundred' not 'hundreds'.

4: Place the word 'and' after the word 'hundred' if other values follow.

AND Consider the rules for 2-digit numbers on page 69.

Q. Write the number 943 in words.

A. ***Nine hundred and forty-three***

| Places            |           |          |      |       |
|-------------------|-----------|----------|------|-------|
| Tens of thousands | Thousands | Hundreds | Tens | Units |
|                   |           | 9        | 4    | 3     |

Start from the left. The 9 is in the hundreds position so write 'Nine hundred'. Include 'and' as other values follow.

The next digit is 4. It is in the tens position so it is written as 'forty'.

The 3 is a unit and written as 'three'.

43, is between 21 and 99, so it has a hyphen '-' when written in words.

a) Write the number 610 in words.

Six hundred and ten

b) Write the number 800 in words.

c) Write the number 400 in words.

d) Write the number 160 in words.

e) Write the number 290 in words.

f) Write the number 738 in words.

g) Write the number 657 in words.

h) Write the number 901 in words.

i) Write the number 306 in words.

j) Write the number 582 in words.

- Rule 1: Consider one digit at a time starting from the left.  
 2: First write the word for the digit (unless it is a 0).  
 Next write the place of the digit.  
 3: Always write 'thousand' not 'thousands' and 'hundred' not 'hundreds'.  
 4: Place the word 'and' after the word 'thousand' if there are no hundreds.  
 5: Place the word 'and' after the word 'hundred' if other values follow.

AND Consider the rules for 2-digit numbers on page 69.

Q. Write the number 2610 in words.

A. ***Two thousand, six hundred and ten***

| Places            |           |          |          |          |
|-------------------|-----------|----------|----------|----------|
| Tens of thousands | Thousands | Hundreds | Tens     | Units    |
|                   | <b>2</b>  | <b>6</b> | <b>1</b> | <b>0</b> |

Start from the left. The 2 is in the thousands position so write 'Two thousand'.

The 6 is in the hundreds position so write 'six hundred'. Include 'and' as other values follow.

The next digit is 1. It is in the tens position so it is written as 'ten'.

a) Write the number 3018 in words.

Three thousand and eighteen

b) Write the number 6000 in words.

c) Write the number 4300 in words.

d) Write the number 7500 in words.

e) Write the number 8070 in words.

f) Write the number 9090 in words.

g) Write the number 5002 in words.

h) Write the number 4006 in words.

i) Write the number 2059 in words.

j) Write the number 3021 in words.

- Rule 1: Consider one digit at a time starting from the left.  
 2: First write the word for the digit (unless it is a 0).  
 Next write the place of the digit.  
 3: Always group the tens of thousands digit to the thousands digit using the 2-digit rules.  
 4: Always write 'thousand' not 'thousands' and 'hundred' not 'hundreds'.  
 5: Place the word 'and' after the word 'thousand' if there are no hundreds.  
 6: Place the word 'and' after the word 'hundred' if other values follow.  
 AND Consider the rules for 2-digit numbers on page 69.

Q. Write the number 15078 in words.

A. ***Fifteen thousand and seventy-eight***

| Places            |           |          |      |       |
|-------------------|-----------|----------|------|-------|
| Tens of thousands | Thousands | Hundreds | Tens | Units |
| 1                 | 5         | 0        | 7    | 8     |

Start from the left. The 1 is in the tens of thousands position and the 5 is in the thousands position so consider them together. Write 'Fifteen thousand'. Include 'and' as there are no hundreds. The next digit is 7. It is in the tens position so it is written as 'seventy'. The 8 is a unit and written as 'eight'. 78 is between 21 and 99, so it has a hyphen '-' when written in words.

a) Write the number 27 006 in words.

Twenty-seven thousand and six

b) Write the number 13 000 in words.

c) Write the number 60 000 in words.

d) Write the number 79 000 in words.

e) Write the number 45 000 in words.

f) Write the number 21 001 in words.

g) Write the number 18 004 in words.

h) Write the number 10 016 in words.

- Rule 1: Consider one digit at a time starting from the left.  
 2: First write the word for the digit (unless it is a 0).  
 Next write the place of the digit  
 3: Always group the hundreds of thousands digit and the tens of thousands digit to the thousands digit using the 2-digit and 3-digit rules.  
 4: Always write 'thousand' not 'thousands' and 'hundred' not 'hundreds'.  
 5: Place the word 'and' after the word 'thousand' if there are no hundreds.  
 6: Place the word 'and' after the word 'hundred' if other values follow.  
 AND Consider the rules for 2-digit numbers on page 69.

Q. Write the number 950 073 in words.

A. ***Nine hundred and fifty thousand and seventy-three***

| Hundreds of thousands | Tens of thousands | Places    |          |          |          |
|-----------------------|-------------------|-----------|----------|----------|----------|
|                       |                   | Thousands | Hundreds | Tens     | Units    |
| <b>9</b>              | <b>5</b>          | <b>0</b>  | <b>0</b> | <b>7</b> | <b>3</b> |

Start from the left. The 9 is in the hundreds of thousands position, the 5 is in the tens of thousands position and the 0 in the thousands position so consider them together. Write 'Nine hundred and fifty thousand'.

Include 'and' as there are no hundreds. The next digit is 7. It is in the tens position so it is written as 'seventy'. The 3 is a unit and written as 'three'. 73 is between 21 and 99, so it has a hyphen '-' when written in words.

a) Write the number 100 030 in words.

One hundred thousand and thirty

b) Write the number 400 000 in words.

c) Write the number 600 000 in words.

d) Write the number 800 050 in words.

e) Write the number 200 080 in words.

f) Write the number 530 014 in words.

g) Write the number 730 004 in words.

h) Write the number 200 001 in words.