

Advanced Cardinal Numbers

CARDINAL NUMBERS ARE NEVER PLURAL IN ENGLISH

Except when they are nonspecific numbers.

For example, there are thousands of people in my town.

TOP TIPS

1500

one thousand five hundred
fifteen hundred
a thousand, five hundred

NUMBERS CAN BE USED IN ADJECTIVE FORM TOO

We can convert the phrase "he earns a salary that is six figures" to "he earns a six-figure salary".

First, we must add a hyphen between the number and the measurement.
Second, we must place this number adjective in front of the noun.

Third, we must make this adjective singular (normally eliminate the S).

WE CAN USE THE EXPRESSION "IN THE + PLURAL NUMBER GROUP"

For example, I don't know how many people responded to my survey, but it was in the thousands.

In the teens: between 13-19

In the hundreds: between 100-999

In the thousands: between 1,000-9,999

In the tens of thousands: between 10,000-99,999

In the hundreds of thousands: between 100,000-999,999

In the millions: between 1,000,000-9,999,999

ALTERNATIVE NAMES

2 → A couple, a duo, a pair

3 → A trio

4 → A quartet

6 → Half a dozen

10 → A decade

12 → A dozen

13 → A baker's dozen

20 → A score

100 → A century

1,000 → A grand

COMMON MISTAKES

- Using plurals → **six thousand** NOT **six thousands**
- Forgetting "and" → **three thousand, four hundred and eighty-nine**
NOT three thousand, four hundred eighty-nine
- Mixing up commas (,) and full stops (.) → three thousand = **3,000**
NOT 3.000
- Saying a thousand million → 1,000,000,000 = **one billion**
NOT one thousand million
- Writing numbers incorrectly
 - The numbers zero to nine are written as words
 - Number bigger than 10 are written as digits
 - When starting a sentence, number are always written as a word
 - Statistics are written as digits
 - When there are two separate numbers, one must be a word and the other a digit