



Top Tips For Cardinal Numbers

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You should know how to use cardinal numbers by now, but this is English, and there are always some irregularities and exceptions.

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This presentation looks at two irregularities with cardinal numbers.

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How would you say this number: 1300?

One thousand three hundred or thirteen hundred?

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Actually, both of these options are correct.

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The classic cardinal number that follows all the rules is **one thousand, three hundred.**

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But many people in English use an alternative version. It is possible to say the first two numbers together (13-thirteen) and then the word “hundred”.

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So this could also be as **thirteen hundred** as well.

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Both options are correct and you can choose which one you want to use, but this is only possible for numbers that are 4 digits. The first two digits must be numbers (no 0's).

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Why don't you try some examples?

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What are the two possible ways of saying each of these numbers?

1679

3400

1205

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- One thousand, six hundred and seventy-nine
- Sixteen hundred and seventy-nine

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3400

→ Three thousand, four hundred

→ Thirty-four hundred

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1205

- One thousand, two hundred and five
- Twelve hundred and five

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The next thing to look at is numbers starting with 1.

For example, 1345.

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Typically this number should be **one thousand,**
three hundred and forty-five.

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But it's possible to replace the number “one” with “a” instead.

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We could also say **a thousand, three hundred and forty-five.**