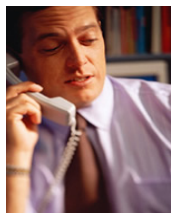


# Numbers and time

## Introduction



My number is **0044 20 7869 4452**.

## Numbers

|    |            |     |              |
|----|------------|-----|--------------|
| 0  | zero / 'o' | 19  | nineteen     |
| 1  | one        | 20  | twenty       |
| 2  | two        | 21  | twenty-one   |
| 3  | three      | 22  | twenty-two   |
| 4  | four       | 23  | twenty-three |
| 5  | five       | 24  | twenty-four  |
| 6  | six        | 25  | twenty-five  |
| 7  | seven      | 26  | twenty-six   |
| 8  | eight      | 27  | twenty-seven |
| 9  | nine       | 28  | twenty-eight |
| 10 | ten        | 29  | twenty-nine  |
| 11 | eleven     | 30  | thirty       |
| 12 | twelve     | 40  | forty        |
| 13 | thirteen   | 50  | fifty        |
| 14 | fourteen   | 60  | sixty        |
| 15 | fifteen    | 70  | seventy      |
| 16 | sixteen    | 80  | eighty       |
| 17 | seventeen  | 90  | ninety       |
| 18 | eighteen   | 100 | one hundred  |

## Telephone numbers

1. We say each digit of a phone number separately: 01622 613579

My number is zero one six two two six one three five seven nine.

My number is sixty-one thirty-five seventy-nine. ✖

2. We can say 'zero' or 'o' 03 21 13 75 23 =

'o' three two one one three seven five two three  
or

zero three two one one three seven five two three

3. 33 = three three or double three

## Other numbers

236 = two hundred and thirty-six

4,567 = four thousand, five hundred and sixty-seven

Sometimes we can say the digits separately. For example:

Flight no. BA5786 = BA five seven eight six

Room no. 236 = Room no. two hundred and thirty-six or two three six

2610 Castle Avenue = two thousand, six hundred and ten or two six one 'o' Castle Avenue

## Time

| We write | or                | We say               | or                                       |
|----------|-------------------|----------------------|--|
| 01:00    | 1:00 a.m. [or am] | one (a.m.)           | one o'clock (in the morning)             |
| 02:00    | 2:00 a.m.         | two (a.m.)           | two o'clock (in the morning)             |
| 03:00    | 3:00 a.m.         | three (a.m.)         | three o'clock (in the morning)           |
| 12:00    |                   | twelve (noon/midday) |  |
| 13:00    | 1:00 p.m. [or pm] | one (p.m.)           | one o'clock (in the afternoon)           |
| 14:00    | 2:00 p.m.         | two (p.m.)           | two o'clock (in the afternoon)           |
| 15:00    | 3:00 p.m.         | three (p.m.)         | three o'clock (in the afternoon)         |
| 16:00    | 4:00 p.m.         | four (p.m.)          | four o'clock (in the afternoon)          |
| 17:00    | 5:00 p.m.         | five (p.m.)          | five o'clock (in the afternoon/evening)  |
| 18:00    | 6:00 p.m.         | six (p.m.)           | six o'clock (in the evening)             |
| 19:00    | 7:00 p.m.         | seven (p.m.)         | seven o'clock (in the evening)           |
| 20:00    | 8:00 p.m.         | eight (p.m.)         | eight o'clock (in the evening/at night)  |
| 21:00    | 9:00 p.m.         | nine (p.m.)          | nine o'clock (in the evening/at night)   |
| 22:00    | 10:00 p.m.        | ten (p.m.)           | ten o'clock (in the evening/at night)    |
| 23:00    | 11:00 p.m.        | eleven p.m.          | eleven o'clock (in the evening/at night) |
| 00:00    |                   | twelve midnight      | twelve o'clock (at night)                |

| We write | or              | We say                      | or   |
|----------|-----------------|-----------------------------|--|
| 12:05    | 12:05 a.m./p.m. | twelve 'o' five (a.m./p.m.) | five past twelve (in the morning/afternoon)    |
| 12:10    | 12:10 a.m./p.m. | twelve ten (a.m./p.m.)      | ten past twelve (in the morning/afternoon)     |
| 12:15    | 12:15 a.m./p.m. | twelve fifteen (a.m./p.m.)  | quarter past twelve (in the morning/afternoon) |

|       |                 |                                |  |
|-------|-----------------|--------------------------------|--|
| 12:20 | 12:20 a.m./p.m. | twelve twenty (a.m./p.m.)      | twenty past twelve (in the morning/afternoon)      |
| 12:25 | 12:25 a.m./p.m. | twelve twenty-five (a.m./p.m.) | twenty-five past twelve (in the morning/afternoon) |
| 12:30 | 12:30 a.m./p.m. | twelve thirty (a.m./p.m.)      | half past twelve (in the morning/afternoon)        |
| 12:35 | 12:35 a.m./p.m. | twelve thirty-five (a.m./p.m.) | twenty-five to one (in the morning/afternoon)      |
| 12:40 | 12:40 a.m./p.m. | twelve forty (a.m./p.m.)       | twenty to one (in the morning/afternoon)           |
| 12:45 | 12:45 a.m./p.m. | twelve forty-five (a.m./p.m.)  | quarter to one (in the morning/afternoon)          |
| 12:50 | 12:50 a.m./p.m. | twelve fifty (a.m./p.m.)       | ten to one (in the morning/afternoon)              |
| 12:55 | 12:55 a.m./p.m. | twelve fifty-five (a.m./p.m.)  | five to one (in the morning/afternoon)             |

### Note that

1. We only say 'o'clock' with whole hours when there are no minutes:  
5 o'clock

half past 5 o'clock ❌  
twenty to 4 o'clock ❌

2. We never say or write '13 o'clock' or 'half past seventeen' etc.

When talking about timetables or schedules, we may say:

eighteen hundred - 18:00      eighteen 'o' five - 18:05

This is also used by military personnel who say:

eighteen hundred hours - 18:00      'o' eight hundred hours - 08:00

All these expressions are very rare in everyday conversation.

## Examples



"What time is it?"    "It's **five** o'clock."



"It's **five** past **twelve**."



"What's your number?" "My office number is **0151 456778** and my mobile is **07719 345221**."

"And your address?" "**15** Church Street, Liverpool, **L11DA**."



"My flight number is EZY**3456**. It lands at **12:05**. We can have lunch before the meeting at **three**."



"Here are your keys. You have room numbers **345** and **346** on the third floor. Enjoy your stay."



"We have **fifty** people in our Tokyo office and about a **hundred** in Europe."



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