

Ordinal numbers

Introduction



He's in **first** place.

Definition

Ordinal numbers indicate order, sequence or position.

Construction

1st	first	20th	twentieth
2nd	second	21st	twenty-first
3rd	third	22nd	twenty-second
4th	fourth	23rd	twenty-third
5th	fifth	24th	twenty-fourth
6th	sixth	25th	twenty-fifth
7th	seventh	26th	twenty-sixth
8th	eighth	27th	twenty-seventh
9th	ninth	28th	twenty-eighth
10th	tenth	29th	twenty-ninth
11th	eleventh	30th	thirtieth
12th	twelfth		
13th	thirteenth	40th	fortieth
14th	fourteenth	50th	fiftieth
15th	fifteenth	60th	sixtieth
16th	sixteenth	70th	seventieth
17th	seventeenth	80th	eightieth
18th	eighteenth	90th	ninetieth
19th	nineteenth	100th	(one) hundredth

Note that we usually write smaller numbers in words (tenth) and bigger numbers in figures (40th), although there is no strict rule for this.

Uses

There are a lot of uses, for example, to talk about dates and anniversaries and to give directions.

Examples



It's his **35th** birthday.



And in the **second** half of last year...



Your room is on the **fourth** floor.



Hello, nice to meet you. Is this your **first** visit to the UK?



He's nervous because it is their **first** date.



They're celebrating their **50th** anniversary.



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