

Writing Numbers as Words: A Step-by-Step Guide for Parents

This step-by-step explanation to writing numbers as words can help you support your child's learning at home. The subject is broken down into manageable chunks, providing you with a simple guide to follow when exploring writing numbers as words together, either as part of homework or if you decide to give your child some extra support. Whether your child is only just beginning to spell out numbers as words or they are gaining confidence and want to progress further, you will find a step that matches your child's level as well as some ideas for where to go next.

Within **this area of the website**, you will find a selection of resources intended to help your child learn about each step of this guide. Each step also contains a keyword or phrase that you can use to search the Twinkl site for more resources and activities. These are designed to support your child in achieving that stage. Simply type the keyword or phrase into the search bar and press enter to explore together.

 

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Writing Numbers as Words

What Do Children Learn about Writing Numbers as Words at Primary School?

In year 1, your child will learn to count, read and write numbers from 1 to 20 in numerals and words and by year 2 they will be expected to do the same with numbers to at least 100. By year 3, the requirement to write numbers as words encompasses numbers up to 1000.

In year 5, your child will go on to learn how to read, write, order and compare numbers up to at least 1,000,000 and determine the value of each digit. In year 6, this requirement stretches to numbers up to 10,000,000.

As well as using the resources in this category and the keyword searches to help your child practise writing numbers as words, a few ideas for games and activities to help your child become more familiar with how to spell key numbers are outlined below.

Word Search

Use this **Word Search Template** to create a word search for your child containing numbers written as words – a fun way to reinforce and extend learning about writing numbers as words.

Random Numbers

Use a **Hundred Number Square** and pick numbers at random from the grid. Ask your child to spell each number out loud and write them down as you read them out.

Speedy Numbers

Print these **0 - 30 Small Number Cards**, cut them out and shuffle them. Ask your child to choose a card and discuss how to write the number as a word. Then, go head to head as you compete to see how many times you can write the word in 30 seconds.

Spelling Games

Try these spelling activities to reinforce how to spell numbers as words, such as:

- writing the letter of each word in a different colour;
- writing the words forwards and backwards;
- writing each letter in the word using dots then joining them together with a coloured pencil to make a word.

Step 1

Writing Numbers in Words 0 to 20

In year 1, your child will learn how to write the numbers 0 to 20 in words. These number and word flashcards can be used in a variety of ways to help your child to do this.



Writing Numbers in Words up to 100

Once your child has mastered writing numbers up to 20 in words, they will move on to writing numbers within 100 as words. Use these word cards to reinforce learning with your child in this area.

Step 2

Step 3

Writing Numbers in Words up to 1000

At this stage, your child will move on to writing numbers up to 1000 in words. Word mats can help your child revise and remember how to spell and write out larger numbers as words.



Spelling Numbers as Words

You can access the spelling category of the Parents' Hub to download a range of spelling games and activities to help your child practise and learn how to spell numbers as words throughout primary school, from smaller numbers to words up to 1000 and beyond.

Step 4



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