





## NUMBERS AND SYMBOLS

Study the following numbers, symbols, words and expressions and then do the exercise below

### Numbers

1. 2,548 (two thousand five hundred and forty eight)
2. 13,724,396 (thirteen million seven hundred and twenty four thousand three hundred and ninety six)
3. 17 623 775 (phone number one seven six two three double seven five)
4. RC 231-64/89 (reference number) (rc two three one dash six four stroke eight nine)
5. 6.7% (six point seven percent)
6. 0.34% (nought point three four percent)
7. 5.09 (five point oh nine)
8. .04 (point oh four = 0.04)
9. 14th December 1972 (**the** fourteenth **of** December nineteen seventy two)
10. 3'10" (three feet ten inches or three minutes ten seconds)
11. 35° C (thirty five degrees Celsius)
12. 7<sup>3</sup> (seven cubed or seven to the power of three)
13. 6<sup>2</sup> (six squared or six to the power of two)
14. 15 – 0 (tennis) (fifteen love)
15. 3-0 (football) (three nil)
16. 41 BC (alternatively 41 BCE)
17. 1938 AD (alternatively 1938 CE)
18. George III (George the third)
19.  $\frac{3}{4}$  (three quarters)
20. 1½ (one and a half)
21. 10<sup>100</sup> (googol)
22. 4 million people or 4 millions people?

### Symbols

1.  **Q** Queen of diamonds       **10** Ten of clubs       **J** Jack of hearts       **A** Ace of spades
2.  $\pi$  (pi)
3. ¿ (inverted question mark)
4. § (section sign)
5. ® (registered trademark)
6. @ (at sign)
7. © (copyright symbol)
8. \* (asterisk)
9. & (ampersand)
10. 'x' (single quotation marks)
11. "x" (double quotation marks)
12. \_ (underscore)
13. - (dash)
14. / (stroke or slash)

### Intonation practice

**4 + 6:2 = 7** four.....plus six divided by two.....equals seven  
**(4+6):2 = 5** four plus six.....divided by two.....equals five

#### Notes:

Numbers – 16. BCE – Before the Common/Current/Christian Era

Numbers – 17. CE – Common/Current/Christian Era

**Useful words:** formula (e.g.  $\text{H}_2\text{SO}_4$ ,  $\pi r^2$ ), odd numbers (1, 7, 13, 27 etc.), even numbers (2, 6, 14, 28 etc.), unanimous, dioxide, bilingual, decade, centipede

### EXERCISE

Say the following in English or answer the questions

1. **6 + 9 : 3 = 9**
2. **(6+9) : 3 = 5**
3. **He was born on 4 July.**
4. **©**
5. **“¿”**
6. **♣ A**
7. **gik-55@vp.pl**
8. **jqc\_24@onet.eu**
9. **Henry VIII**
10. **My bus leaves at 9.30 am.**
11. **Manchester United won 2-0.**
12. **How do we describe a decision that had 100% support?**
13. **What is the formula for carbon dioxide?**
14. **What is the word for a period of ten years?**
15. **How do we describe someone who can speak two languages equally well?**

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