NUMBERS AND FIGURES

When did you last say a number in any form?

What is your favourite or lucky number?

What are the important numbers in your life?

Are you good with numbers?

What is a PIN number?

Would you live in house number 13?

Would you be interested in studying numerology?

What is the difference between a number and numeral?

What does the verb “number“ mean? DO you ever number things?

What does it mean if your days are numbered?

Just stop and think how important numbers are to our lives. Numbers control us. In fact, we are numbers. We have passport numbers, social security numbers, ID numbers, and more. We live in a house and a street that has a number. We communicate with each other using telephone numbers. We worry about how small or big the numbers are on our bank statements. We can’t survive without numbers. Most of the world cannot function without the numbers zero and one. These are the two numbers computers use to run their programmes. I don’t think numbers were always so important. Maybe 500 years ago, we only had to remember the number of sheep, goats or children we had. I wonder how many numbers we need today!

TEST

1) One mile is approximately 1.6 \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

kilometres / kilometre / of a kilometre / of kilometre

2) I was surprised when the main character's wife died in \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

chapter second / chapter two / second chapter / the chapter two

3) I usually spend more than 100 dollars \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ month on books.

In / a/ of a / per a

4) My neighbour just had \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. Three kids at the same time, it must be hard!

triceratops / triples / triplets / tripods

5) I lost two and a half \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in just three weeks!

a pound / of a pound / pounds / pound

6) Everyone knows that Henry \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ had six wives

Eighth / Eight / the Eighth / the Eight

7) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ people showed up at the demonstration against standardized testing.

A thousand of / Thousands of / Thousands / Thousand

8) How could you not see it? It's right here on \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_!

first page / the first page / the one page / the page one

9) Put on something warm. It's \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ outside.

oh degrees / oh degree / zero degrees / zero degree

10) It will only take about a quarter \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

an hour / hour / of an hour /of hour*.*

11) Any number \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ by one is equal to the original number.

increased / multiplied / squared / times

THEORY:

1)Cardinal numbers

*Two hundred NOT two hundreds*

Hundreds 350 – three hundred (AND) fifty 425 – four hundred (AND) twenty-five

Thousands 15,560 – fifteen thousand five hundred (AND) sixty 786,450 – seven hundred (AND) eighty-six thousand four hundred (AND) fifty

Millions 2,450,000 – two million four hundred (AND) fifty thousand 234,700,000 – two hundred (AND) thirty-four million seven hundred thousand

2) Decimals 2.36=>two point three six

3) Percentages 37%=>thirty seven percent

4) Fractions 3/8=>three eighths

NOTE: ¼ =>one quarter, 2/3 => two thirds, ½ one half

Speed 100 mph -
Weight 80 kg - OR 42 lbs -
telephone number 0171 895 7056 -
date 12/04/65 -
percentage 75% -
temperature 28° C - OR 72° F -
height 1 m 89 cm -
price $60.50 -
fraction 8/13 -
score 2-1 -

**Answer the questions:**

How many people are there in your classroom or office?

What is the population of your country?

What is the population of your town?

How many drinks do you have a day?

How many seconds are there in a day?

What percentage of your life do you spend asleep?

What percentage of people in your English class are male?

How many days are there in a century?

**Numbers idioms and proverbs**

Try to guess the missing numbers from the following proverbs and other idioms

On the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ hand I don’t want to give a speech at the conference, but on the other hand it will look good on my CV.

Luckily, the piano arrived at its destination all in \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ piece.

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ heads are better than one when you are brainstorming original solutions to a problem.

When we fly to our LA branch, we can kill \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ birds with one stone and visit some of our local dealers.

I really tried to take part in the dance routine at the company’s end of year cabaret show, but I have \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ left feet

When they heard that he had made the biggest trade of the year, the other traders gathered round his desk to give him high \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_s and congratulate him.

We had both done an equal amount of work, so it seemed fair to divide the money \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_- \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

The inventor of the Walkman was one in \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and Sony have never really managed to replace him.

I’ve been feeling like a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ dollars since our company took us away to that spa resort.

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Numbers idioms and proverbs

Which of the underlined phrases on Section A Page 1 have the following meanings?

Something that is extremely rare or unique, like finding a diamond in your garden

Slap somebody else’s hand above your heads. The number comes from the number of fingers you use.

Half each.

You can do two things with one action.

I can’t dance and/ or I am clumsy in other ways, as if my there is something wrong with my body

Feeling great, like someone who has just won the top prize in a television quiz show

This phrase is used for weighing up two options, as if you were weighing two bars of gold on your hands.