

Numbers

16w. Spell out a number that begins a sentence.

EXAMPLE Two hundred fifty teenagers have jobs at the amusement park.

16x. In a sentence, spell out numbers that can be written in one or two words. Use numerals for other numbers.

EXAMPLES At the amusement park, two hundred teenagers have jobs.
At the amusement park, 475 people have jobs.

16y. Spell out numbers used to indicate order.

EXAMPLE The Bottomless Roller Coaster is the second [not 2nd] most popular ride.

EXERCISE A Each of the following sentences contains an error in writing a number. Cross out each error. Then, above the error, write the number correctly.

Example 1. Our school has an enrollment of over ~~2,000~~ ^{two thousand} students.

1. There are four-hundred fifty people in our class this year.
2. 300 students were in last year's graduating class.
3. The girl who spoke at graduation was 1st in the class academically.
4. There were 1,000 people in attendance at the ceremony.
5. My cousin's school has fewer than one hundred seventy-five students.

EXERCISE B Most of the following sentences contain an error in writing a number. Cross out each error. Then, above the error, write the number correctly. If a sentence is already correct, write C after it.

Example 1. An adult llama is about ~~4~~ ^{four} feet tall at the shoulder.

6. In South America, many people's 1st choice among pack animals is the llama.
7. A llama can carry a load weighing up to 60 kilos.
8. An adult llama usually weighs around 113 kilos.
9. Another pack animal, the Bactrian camel, measures about 7 feet at the top of its two humps.
10. 30 miles of travel in a day is not uncommon for this camel, which lives in Central Asia.
11. The one-humped camel, called the Arabian camel, stands about seven feet tall at the shoulder.
12. The Arabian camel can carry a rider while traveling at up to 10 miles per hour.
13. 18 hours of travel at this speed would be possible.
14. The Arabian camel was imported to Australia around one hundred fifty years ago.
15. Today, about 25,000 camels roam wild in the Australian outback.