

# Ordinal numbers

Ordinal numbers in English signify order and rank. They are typically **created by adding “th” at the end of a cardinal number**. These numbers are used when you want to:

- **Give a date in the calendar:** “My birthday is on the **26th** of next month.”
- **Put things in order:** “He is the **fifth** on the list.”
- **Refer to centuries:** “The museum was established in the **18th** century.”
- **Refer to a floor of a building:** “My office is on the **10th** floor.”

## Forming ordinal numbers from cardinal numbers

As mentioned above, we form most ordinal numbers by adding the suffix “th” to cardinal numbers. Here is a list of ordinal numbers:

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| • <b>1st – First</b>   | • <b>10th – Tenth</b>       |
| • <b>2nd – Second</b>  | • <b>11th – Eleventh</b>    |
| • <b>3rd – Third</b>   | • <b>12th – Twelfth</b>     |
| • <b>4th – Fourth</b>  | • <b>13th – Thirteenth</b>  |
| • <b>5th – Fifth</b>   | • <b>14th – Fourteenth</b>  |
| • <b>6th – Sixth</b>   | • <b>15th – Fifteenth</b>   |
| • <b>7th – Seventh</b> | • <b>16th – Sixteenth</b>   |
| • <b>8th – Eighth</b>  | • <b>17th – Seventeenth</b> |
| • <b>9th – Ninth</b>   |                             |

- 18th – Eighteenth
- 19th – Nineteenth
- 20th – Twentieth
- 21st – Twenty-first
- 22nd – Twenty-second
- 23rd – Twenty-third
- 40th – Fortieth
- 50th – Fiftieth
- 60th – Sixtieth
- 70th – Seventieth
- 80th – Eightieth
- 90th – Ninetieth
- 100th – Hundredth

When writing out large numbers in ordinals, we change the last numeral to an ordinal number. For example:

- **104th – One hundred fourth**
- **287 – Two hundred eighty-seventh**

Common exceptions among ordinal numbers

Notice that **most of the numbers above end with “th,”** except:

- First, which ends with “st”
- Second, which ends with “nd”
- Third, which ends with “rd”
- “I was the **first** person to come to school today.”
- “He won the **seventh** tennis game in a row.”
- “My school will celebrate its **50th** anniversary next month.”

# Numbers in English



0 zero	10 ten	20 twenty	30 thirty
1 one	11 eleven	21 twenty-one	31 thirty-one
2 two	12 twelve	22 twenty-two	32 thirty-two
3 three	13 thirteen	23 twenty-three	33 thirty-three
4 four	14 fourteen	24 twenty-four	34 thirty-four
5 five	15 fifteen	25 twenty-five	35 thirty-five
6 six	16 sixteen	26 twenty-six	36 thirty-six
7 seven	17 seventeen	27 twenty-seven	37 thirty-seven
8 eight	18 eighteen	28 twenty-eight	38 thirty-eight
9 nine	19 nineteen	29 twenty-nine	39 thirty-nine
40 forty	50 fifty	60 sixty	70 seventy
41 forty-one	51 fifty-one	61 sixty-one	71 seventy-one
42 forty-two	52 fifty-two	62 sixty-two	72 seventy-two
43 forty-three	53 fifty-three	63 sixty-three	73 seventy-three
44 forty-four	54 fifty-four	64 sixty-four	74 seventy-four
45 forty-five	55 fifty-five	65 sixty-five	75 seventy-five
46 forty-six	56 fifty-six	66 sixty-six	76 seventy-six
47 forty-seven	57 fifty-seven	67 sixty-seven	77 seventy-seven
48 forty-eight	58 fifty-eight	68 sixty-eight	78 seventy-eight
49 forty-nine	59 fifty-nine	69 sixty-nine	79 seventy-nine
80 eighty	90 ninety	<b>LARGE NUMBERS</b> © Woodward English 100 one hundred      1,000 one thousand 101 one hundred and one      2,000 two thousand 200 two hundred      10,000 ten thousand 300 three hundred      100,000 one hundred thousand 400 four hundred      1,000,000 one million 500 five hundred      10,000,000 ten million 600 six hundred      123,456,789 700 seven hundred      one hundred and twenty-three million, 800 eight hundred      four hundred and fifty-six thousand, 900 nine hundred      seven hundred and eighty-nine.	
81 eighty-one	91 ninety-one		
82 eighty-two	92 ninety-two		
83 eighty-three	93 ninety-three		
84 eighty-four	94 ninety-four		
85 eighty-five	95 ninety-five		
86 eighty-six	96 ninety-six		
87 eighty-seven	97 ninety-seven		
88 eighty-eight	98 ninety-eight		
89 eighty-nine	99 ninety-nine		