

MONEY & BANKING

SAYING NUMBERS

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INSTRUCTION SHEET

INSTRUCTIONS:

This is a deceptively difficult exercise for students to do, as almost all cultures use numbers. What makes it difficult (and frustrating) for students is that different languages and cultures arrange numbers in different ways. For example, in English, 1,000 is a distinct unit. In Japan, 10,000 is also a separate unit (man), not ten thousand. This means that 200,000 is not two hundred thousand, but twenty man. *Confused?* Now you see how ESL students feel!

REQUIRED STRUCTURES:

REQUIRED VOCABULARY: point, hundred, thousand, ten thousand, hundred thousand, million

GROUP SIZE: individual or pair

HANDOUTS: Saying Numbers worksheet

OTHER MATERIALS REQUIRED: none

RELATED GRAMMAR: none

FOLLOW-UP ACTIVITIES:

Practise saying the prices on items in a flyer or newspaper.

Note how the decimal when counting money is often eliminated when speaking.

(i.e. nineteen ninety-nine)

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WORKSHEET

THIS IS HOW WE SAY THESE NUMBERS IN ENGLISH:

0.1 = zero point one

10 = ten

100 = one hundred

1,000 = one thousand

10,000 = ten thousand

100,00 = one hundred thousand

1,000,000 = one million

111 = one hundred (and) eleven

1,200 = one thousand, two hundred **OR** twelve hundred

2,460 = two thousand, four hundred (and) sixty **OR**
twenty-four hundred (and) sixty

37,010 = thirty seven thousand (and) ten

MATCH THESE NUMBERS TO THE AMOUNTS WRITTEN ON THE RIGHT:

___ 100

___ 1,000

___ 111

___ 13,000

___ 563

___ 63,500

___ 190,000

___ 1,300

___ 369,900

___ 23.5

a) thirteen hundred

b) five hundred sixty three

c) sixty-three thousand, five hundred

d) one thousand

e) three hundred and sixty nine thousand, nine hundred

f) one hundred

g) twenty-three point five

h) thirteen thousand

i) one hundred eleven

j) one hundred and ninety thousand

HOW DO YOU SAY THESE NUMBERS? (CHOOSE ONE ANSWER):

1) 721,213

a) seven hundred and twenty one thousand, two hundred and thirty

b) seven hundred and twenty one thousand, two hundred and thirteen

c) seventy two and one thousand, twenty-one three

2) 25,747.2

a) twenty-five thousand, seven hundred and forty-seven point two

b) two thousand, five hundred, seven forty seven point two

c) twenty thousand, fifty-seven hundred and forty seven two point