

Decoding Numbers in English

Student Worksheet

Level: B1-B2 **Time:** 60-75 minutes **Skills:** Listening, pronunciation, speaking, vocabulary

1. Before you watch

Discuss: Which number situations are difficult for you in English? How would you say 1,250; 4 June; 1.25; and 3/4?

2. First viewing - identify the topics

Tick the areas you hear about: big numbers; dates/ordinals; fractions; decimals; mathematical symbols; names for zero; measurements/personal information.

3. Second viewing - capture examples

Area	Example / rule from the video
Big numbers	
Dates / ordinals	
Fractions	
Decimals	
Math symbols	
Zero	

4. Say it accurately

Practise aloud: £2,750 / 17 September 2026 / 0.75 / $2\frac{1}{3}$ / $48 \div 6 = 8$ / 3,600,000.

5. Dictation swap

Create five values: one date, decimal, big number, fraction and calculation. Read them to a partner. Your partner writes exactly what they hear.

6. Real-life speaking

Answer in complete sentences: When were you born? How tall are you? What is the approximate population of your town/city? Give an important price you know. Give one statistic related to your work, country or interests.

7. B2 mini-presentation

Prepare a 60-second explanation using at least four numbers. Use: approximately, just over, just under, nearly, around, one in four, by 10%, from X to Y.

Self-check

Can I say a date with an ordinal? Can I read decimals digit by digit after point? Can I use fraction language? Can I say +, -, $\times$ and $\div$? Can I choose a natural form of zero from context?

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