



## What are numbers used for?

### Counting

Numbers are used to count how many of something there are.

Example: how many eggs are there?

Another example: counting coins - how many pound coins do I have in my wallet?



### Measuring

Numbers are used to measure things.

Usually a measuring instrument is used which has a numerical scale.

Example: how much do I weigh?

Another example: how tall am I?

### Labelling

Numbers are used to label things.

The number could be replaced by a name as it isn't measuring anything and isn't used to count or order anything.

Example: what number bus do I need to take?

Another example: telephone numbers.



### Ordering

Numbers are used to order things.

The number might be seen as a label, but the order matters. Door numbers are in order along a street.

Example: what door number do you live at?

Another example: catalogue numbers.