

## Writing big numbers



We come across large numbers in the news everyday and it might be helpful to be able to read them. To help with reading and writing numbers, and for calculating, we use **place value**.

**Place value is the idea that a figure has a different value when used in different places.**

Below is a place value table with the numbers **7,853** and **5,387**.

Note: each column can only contain one figure from 0 to 9.

Thousands	Hundreds	Tens	Units
Th	H	T	U
7	8	5	3
5	3	8	7

In the number **7,853** (seven thousand eight hundred and fifty three) the 7 has the value 7 thousand. This number is **7,000 + 800 + 50 + 3**.

In the number **5,387** (five thousand three hundred and eighty seven) the 7 has the value 7 units. This number is **5,000 + 300 + 80 + 7**.

In these two numbers the 7 stands for different values when it is in different places.