

## Writing numbers up to a million

Using the place value table can help you to write large numbers. Look at the following numbers:

Numbers in figures	Numbers in words
10	Ten
100	Hundred
1,000	Thousand
10,000	Ten thousand
100,000	Hundred thousand
1,000,000	Million

You will notice that the zeros become grouped in three figures between commas as the numbers increase. There is a comma between each group of three zeros (counting from right to left). You will sometimes see a space used to separate the three zeros. If there is no comma in a large number and you have problem saying it, try putting in the comma.

This grouping can help you to say the number **405,000**.

The first group of three figures is four hundred and five and show thousands (since there are three zeros in a thousand).

The number is **four hundred and five thousand**.



The example above shows how important zero is. In 405 000 the zero between the 4 and 5 keeps the place for the missing tens of thousands. Without the zero, the number is forty-five thousand (45 000).

Millions	Hundreds of thousands	Tens of thousands	Thousands	Hundreds	Tens	Units
M	HTh	TTh	Th	H	T	U
	4	0	5	0	0	0
		4	5	0	0	0