How do we say numbers?

Speaking + Pronunciation: **years, dates, times, decimals, money and phone numbers**

1 KEY VOCABULARY

thirteen / thirty	*n.*	trece / treinta
year	*n.*	año
date	*n.*	fecha
first / second / third	*adj.*	primero / segundo / tercero
o'clock	*adv.*	en punto
half past	*phr.*	y media
a quarter past / to	*phr.*	y cuarto / menos cuarto
point	*n.*	coma / punto decimal
dollar / cent	*n.*	dólar / centavo
oh (0)	*n.*	cero (en números de teléfono)

2 USEFUL PHRASES & EXPRESSIONS

- **nineteen ninety-eight (1998)** → *mil novecientos noventa y ocho*
- **twenty twenty-six (2026)** → *dos mil veintiséis*
- **November twentieth** → *20 de noviembre*
- **It's half past nine.** → *Son las nueve y media.*
- **four dollars and ninety-nine cents** → *cuatro dólares con noventa y nueve centavos*
- **two oh two, five five five…** → *dos cero dos, cinco cinco cinco…*

3 THE KEY POINT

-teen = strong at the end (thir**TEEN**); **-ty** = strong at the start (**THIR**ty). Years: two pairs, but **two thousand** + number for 2000–2009. Dates: month + **ordinal**. Decimals: **point**. Money: number + **dollars** (and **cents**). Phone: one by one, 0 = **oh**.

1998 nineteen ninety-eight · **2005** two thousand five · **2026** twenty twenty-six
July 4 July fourth · **9:00** nine o'clock · **9:30** nine thirty / half past nine · **14:00** fourteen hundred
2.5 two point five · **$4.99** four ninety-nine · **202-555-0147** two oh two ↗ five five five ↗ oh one four seven ↘

4 QUICK PRACTICE

Choose the correct option.

1. 2007 → (two thousand seven / twenty seven)
2. 3.5 → (three dot five / three point five)
3. 6:30 → (six o'clock thirty / six thirty)
4. $1 → (one dollar / one dollars)

5 ANSWERS & EXPLANATION

Answers: 1 two thousand seven · 2 three point five · 3 six thirty · 4 one dollar

From 2000 to 2009, say **two thousand** + the number. Decimals use **point**, not *dot*. Use **o'clock** only for exact hours (6:00). **One dollar** is singular; two or more are **dollars**.

6 EVERYDAY LIFE INSIGHT

★ **Coins in the United States**

A nickel is worth 5 cents, a dime 10 cents and a quarter 25 cents. The penny (1 cent) stopped circulating in 2025, after 232 years. In 2026, some coins show two dates: 1776 ~ 2026.

Today's resource: Circulating Coins (U.S. Mint) · https://www.usmint.gov/learn/coins-and-medals/circulating-coins

> *Numbers are everywhere — say them clearly and people understand you.*



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