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# Numbers, Time, and Time Expressions

## 1. Numbers

### A. Cardinal Numbers (for counting)

1, 2, 3, 4...

- **One, two, three, four...**
- **20** = twenty
- **30** = thirty
- **40** = forty
- **50** = fifty
- **100** = one hundred
- **1,000** = one thousand
- **1,000,000** = one million

### B. Rules

- For 21–99 (except tens):  
**twenty-one, thirty-five, eighty-nine**
  - No “s” in hundred or thousand when followed by another number:  
✓ **one hundred twenty**  
✗ one hundreds twenty
  - Add “s” only when not followed by another number:  
**hundreds of people**
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## 2. Ordinal Numbers (for order)

1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th...

- **First, second, third, fourth**
- **21st** = twenty-first
- **33rd** = thirty-third

### Rule:

Use ordinals for dates, rankings, floors, steps.

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## 3. Telling the Time

### A. The Basics

- **1:00** → one o'clock
- **1:10** → one ten
- **1:15** → a quarter past one
- **1:30** → half past one
- **1:45** → a quarter to two

## B. Using “past” and “to”

- Minutes **after** the hour → **past**  
**10 past 4** = 4:10
- Minutes **before** the next hour → **to**  
**20 to 6** = 5:40

## C. 24-Hour vs. 12-Hour Format

- **09:00** → nine a.m.
  - **21:00** → nine p.m.
  - In business and economics, the **24-hour clock** is very common:  
*The meeting is at 17:30.*
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## 4. Time Expressions

### A. Expressions for Frequency

- **Every day / every week / every month**
- **Always / usually / often / sometimes / rarely / never**
- **Once a week / twice a month / three times a year**

### B. Expressions for Duration

- **For two hours**
- **For a long time**
- **All day / all night**

### C. Expressions for Specific Time

- **At 7 o'clock**
- **At noon / at midnight**
- **In the morning / in the afternoon / in the evening / at night**

### D. Expressions with “ago,” “in,” and “until”

- **2 years ago**
  - **In 5 minutes**
  - **Until tomorrow / until next week**
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## 5. Business & Economics Context Examples

- “The presentation starts at 10:45 a.m.”
  - “The report is due in two weeks.”
  - “The economy grew by 3% last year.”
  - “The meeting lasted for three hours.”
  - “The deadline is on the 21st of March.”
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## 6. Quick Practice

1. Write **34** in words.
2. Say the time: **17:45**.
3. Use an expression with **every**.
4. Use an expression with **ago**.
5. Give one **frequency** expression.