

number**1. [ˈnʌmbə] n****1) число, количество**

livestock numbers - поголовье скота

number of copies - **полигр.** тираж

in number - численно, числом

they are twenty in number - их двадцать

we were few in number - нас было мало

to the number of - **преим. офиц.** количеством, в количестве

they volunteered to the number of 10,000 - в добровольцы записалось до 10 000 человек

a large /a great/ number - много

a large number of people - масса народу

a limited number of cars is available - поступило в продажу некоторое /ограниченное/ количество автомашин

quite a number of people - довольно многие (люди)

out of /without, beyond/ number - бесчисленное множество; \cong несть числа

times without number - бесчисленное множество раз

any number - а) любое количество; б) много

I have shown him any number of kindnesses - я оказывал ему множество любезностей

many people, myself among the number, think that ... - многие люди, и я в том числе, думают, что ...

he is not of our number - он не принадлежит к нашему кругу

given equal numbers we should be stronger - при одинаковой численности мы должны быть сильнее

2) некоторое количество, ряд

a number of people - некоторые (люди); кое-кто

a number of accidents always occur on slippery roadways - на скользкой мостовой всегда происходят несчастные случаи

a number of books is missing from the library - из библиотеки пропал ряд книг

3) *pl* большое число, масса

in numbers - а) в большом количестве; б) значительными силами

in superior numbers - **воен.** превосходящей численностью

numbers of people came to see the exhibition - посмотреть выставку пришла масса народу

to win by (force of) numbers - победить благодаря численному превосходству

to be overpowered by numbers, to yield to numbers - отступить перед превосходящими силами

4) *воен.* количество вооружений

actual number - фактическое количество

aggregate number - суммарное количество

agreed number - согласованное количество

2. 1) (порядковый) номер

index number - порядковый номер

registration number - инвентарный номер

reference number - **офиц.** номер для ссылок; номер заказа

code /key/ number - **тел.** номер по телеграфному коду

wrong number! - вы не туда попали! (*ответ по телефону*)

atomic number - атомный /порядковый/ номер (*в таблице Менделеева*)

call number - шифр (*карты, книги*)

the number of a house [a page, a taxi, a room] - номер дома [страницы, такси, комнаты]

number of the piece crew - **воен.** номер орудийного расчёта

to take the driver's number - записать номер такси

2) номер (дома) (*употр. в сокр. форме No*)

he lives at No. 18 - он живёт в доме №18

he lives in No. 4 - он живёт в четвёртом номере (*гостиницы*)

3. номер, выпуск (*издания*)

back number - а) старый номер (*газеты и т. п.*); б) нечто устаревшее; в) отсталый человек

to feel oneself a back number - чувствовать, что отстал от жизни

the current number of a magazine - последний номер журнала

a story issued in numbers - роман, выходящий отдельными выпусками

4. номер программы, выступление

the first number on the program - первый номер программы

she sang several numbers from the opera - она спела несколько арий из этой оперы

5. 1) *разг.* что-л. выделяющееся, бросающееся в глаза

this hat is a smart number - эта шляпка - верх изящества

he is a sly number - он большой хитрец

2) *разг.* девушка, девчонка

blonde number - блондиночка

6. *pl* = numbers game**7. *сл.* наркотик**

number 3 - кокаин

number 8 - героин

number 13 - морфин

8. *pl* позывные**9. 1) сумма, цифра число**

binary number - двоичное число
broken number - дробь
intact /whole/ number - целое /недробное/ число
Roman numbers - римские цифры
artificial numbers - логарифмы
in round numbers - а) в круглых цифрах б) примерно; короче говоря

2) **pl** арифметика (*мж. science of numbers*)

he has skill in numbers - он силен в арифметике

10. **грам.** число

plural number - множественное число

11. **слец.** показатель, число

gloss number - **текст.** показатель блеска
acid number - кислотное число, коэффициент кислотности
solubility number - показатель растворимости
elevation number - высотная отметка
scale number - знаменатель масштаба
weight number - весовой коэффициент (в статистике)
base number - **информ.** основной индекс (классификации)
number of dimension - размерность
number in a scale - **метеор.** балл (силы ветра)

12. 1) **стих.**, **муз.** метр, размер; ритм

2) **pl** **поэт.** стихи

mournful numbers - унылые строфы

◇ No. 10 (Downing Street) - резиденция премьер-министра Великобритании

Number of the Beast - **библ.** звериное число, число зверя (666)

smb.'s number goes /is/ up - чьё-л. дело плохо, кому-л. крышка, чья-л. песенка спета

to lose the number of one's mess - **воен. жарг.** «сняться с довольствия» (*т. е. умереть*)

to get /to take, to have/ smb.'s number - **амер. сл.** раскусить кого-л.

to do a number on smb. - **амер. сл.** а) морочить, ловко обработать кого-л.; б) высмеивать кого-л.; издеваться над кем-л.; в) заигрывать с кем-л.

to do a number on smb.'s head - заморочить кому-л. голову

to have smb.'s number on it - **амер. сл.** быть специально предназначенным для кого-л. (*о пуле и т. п.*)

opposite number **см.** opposite II 4

2. [ˈnʌmbə] **v**

1. нумеровать

numbered copy - нумерованный /номерной/ экземпляр (*книги*)
to number houses [pages, rows] - нумеровать дома [страницы, ряды]
number the questions from 1 to 10 - перенумеруйте вопросы от первого до десятого

2. насчитывать

we numbered twenty in all - всего нас было двадцать человек
the population numbers 1000 - население составляет 1000 человек
he numbers fourscore years - ему перевалило за восемьдесят
those present numbered fifty - присутствующих насчитывалось пятьдесят человек
they number in /into/ hundreds [thousands] - их число доходит до нескольких сотен [тысяч]

3. (among, in, with) причислять, зачислять; числить (*кем-л., чем-л.*)

to be numbered with the saints - быть причисленным к лику святых
I number Thomas among my friends - я причисляю Томаса к своим друзьям
Julius Caesar is numbered among the greatest captains of all ages - Юлиа Цезаря считают одним из величайших полководцев всех времён
this painting is numbered among the treasures of the gallery - это полотно относится к числу сокровищ галереи

4. **книжн.** считать, пересчитывать

his days are numbered - дни его сочтены
who can number the stars? - **поэт.** кто сочтёт звёзды?; кто знает, сколько на небе звёзд?

5. **воен.** производить расчёт

by twos, number! - на первый-второй- рассчитайсь! (*команда*)
number (off)! - по порядку номеров - рассчитайсь! (*команда*)

number

Oxford Advanced Learners Dictionary 8th Ed.

num·ber [number numbers numbered numbering] **noun, verb** BrE ['nʌmbə(r)]

NAme ['nʌmbər]

noun

WORD/SYMBOL

1. **countable** a word or symbol that represents an amount or a quantity

Syn: †figure

- Think of a number and multiply it by two.
- a **high/low number**
- **even numbers** (= 2, 4, 6, etc.)
- **odd numbers** (= 1, 3, 5, etc.)

- You owe me 27 dollars? Make it 30, that's a good **round number**.
- see also** ↑cardinal number, ↑ordinal, ↑prime number, ↑whole number

POSITION IN SERIES

2. countable (abbr. **No.**) (*symb.* **#**) used before a figure to show the position of sth in a series

- They live at number 26.
- The song reached number 5 in the charts.

TELEPHONE, ETC.

3. countable (often in compounds) a **number** used to identify sth or communicate by telephone, ↑fax, etc

- My phone number is 266998.
- I'm sorry, I think you have the **wrong number** (= wrong telephone number).
- He dialled the number, then changed his mind and hung up.
- What is your account number, please?

see also ↑box number, ↑E-number, ↑PIN, ↑registration number, ↑serial number

QUANTITY

4. countable ~ (**of sb/sth**) a quantity of people or things

- A large number of people have applied for the job.
- The number of homeless people has increased dramatically.
- Huge numbers of (= very many) animals have died.
- **A number of** (= some) problems have arisen.
- I could give you **any number of** (= a lot of) reasons for not going.
- We were eight **in number** (= there were eight of us).
- Nurses are leaving the profession in increasing numbers.
- **Sheer weight of numbers** (= the large number of soldiers) secured them the victory.
- The course will have to be repeated owing to pressure of numbers (= too many students).
- staff/student numbers. A plural verb is needed after **a/an (large, small, etc.) number of...**

GROUP OF PEOPLE

5. singular (formal) a group or quantity of people

- one of our number (= one of us)
- The prime minister is elected by MPs from among their number.

MAGAZINE

6. countable (BrE) the version of a magazine, etc. published on a particular day, in a particular month, etc.

Syn: ↑issue

- the October number of 'Vogue'

see also ↑back number

SONG/DANCE

7. countable a song or dance, especially one of several in a performance

- They sang a slow romantic number.

THING ADMIRIED

8. singular (informal) (following one or more adjectives) a thing, such as a dress or a car, that is admired

- She was wearing a black velvet number.

GRAMMAR

9. uncountable the form of a word, showing whether one or more than one person or thing is being talked about

- The word 'men' is plural in number.
- The subject of a sentence and its verb must agree in number.

more at a cushy number **at** ↑cushy, your opposite number **at** ↑opposite adj., there's safety in numbers **at** ↑safety, weight of numbers **at** ↑weight n.

Word Origin:

Middle English: from Old French **nombre** (noun), **nombrer** (verb), from Latin **numerus**.

Thesaurus:

number noun

1. C

- Think of a number and multiply it by two.

figure •

a **high/low/round** number/figure

exact/approximate numbers/figures

add/multiply/subtract/divide numbers/figures

2. C

- He lives at number 12.

figure • • **digit** •

a **binary/decimal** number/figure/digit

bear/be marked with/have a number/figure

a **sequence/series/set/string** of numbers/figures/digits

3. C

• Huge numbers of animals have died.

amount • • **quantity** • • **volume** • • **sum** •

the number/amount/quantity/volume **of** sth

a/an number/amount/quantity **of** sth

a number/quantity **of people /things**

a/an amount/quantity/volume **of information**

an amount/a sum **of money**

Number, amount or quantity? **Number** is used with plural countable nouns; **amount** is usually used with uncountable nouns

• a number of books/dogs/people

• a large amount of time/money/information

Quantity can be used with both countable and uncountable nouns and is slightly more formal.

Example Bank:

• Add all the numbers together, divide by ten, and take away the number you first thought of.

• Add all the numbers together, divide by ten, and then take away twelve.

• Anna counted the number of men standing around outside.

• Conference organizers put the number of attendees at around 500.

• Factories had increased in number between the wars.

• Houses on this side of the road have even numbers.

• I keep getting the wrong number.

• Many people have died in the epidemic— the precise number is not known.

• Many people think 13 is an unlucky number.

• Shark numbers have dwindled as a result of hunting.

• The Pentagon increased the number of troops in Iraq to about 145 000.

• The candidates received an equal number of votes.

• The decline in numbers of young people means that fewer teachers will be needed.

• The paintings, twelve in number, are over 200 years old.

• There are an infinite number of solutions to the problem.

• There were about 150 there, in round numbers.

• There's more to accountancy than just number crunching.

• There's more to an accountant's job than just number crunching.

• They exchanged numbers and agreed to go out for a drink one evening

• We live at number 21.

• We've had a fair number of complaints about the new phone system .

• Wild dogs are now few in number.

• a record number of enquiries

• back numbers of the magazine

• high numbers of unemployed teachers

• the number of children who wear glasses

• the winning numbers in tonight's lottery

• 'So you owe me 28 dollars?' 'Make it 30, that's a good round number.'

• A number of people were late for the meeting.

• A number of problems have arisen.

• He dialled the number, then changed his mind and hung up.

• Huge numbers of animals have died.

• I could give you any number of reasons for not going.

• I'm sorry, I think you have the wrong number.

• Pick out all the odd numbers.

• Sheer weight of numbers secured them the victory.

• Student numbers are growing annually.

• That's quite a high number— think of a lower one.

• The back numbers of 'The Times' were kept in a basement.

• The classes will have to be repeated owing to pressure of numbers.

• Think of a number and multiply it by two

• We were eight in number.

• What is your social security number, please?

Idioms: ↑by numbers ▪ ↑by the numbers ▪ ↑have somebody's number ▪ ↑numbers game ▪ ↑your number is up

verb

MAKE A SERIES

1. **transitive** to give a number to sth as part of a series or list

• ~ **sth** All the seats in the stadium are numbered.

• I couldn't work out the numbering system for the hotel rooms.

- ~ **sth from... to...** Number the car's features from 1 to 10 according to importance.
- ~ **sth + noun** The doors were numbered 2, 4, 6 and 8.

MAKE STH AS TOTAL

2. **intransitive + noun** to make a particular number when added together

Syn: ↑add up to something

- The crowd numbered more than a thousand.
- We numbered 20 (= there were 20 of us in the group).

INCLUDE

3. **transitive, intransitive (formal)** to include sb/sth in a particular group; to be included in a particular group

- ~ **sb/sth among sth** I number her among my closest friends.
- ~ **among sth** He numbers among the best classical actors in Britain.

see sb's/sth's days are numbered **at** ↑day

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we / they	number
	BrE / 'nʌmbə(r) /
	NAme / 'nʌmbər /
he / she / it	numbers
	BrE / 'nʌmbəz /
	NAme / 'nʌmbəz /
past simple, past participle	numbered
	BrE / 'nʌmbəd /
	NAme / 'nʌmbəd /
-ing form	numbering
	BrE / 'nʌmbərɪŋ /
	NAme / 'nʌmbərɪŋ /

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Example Bank:

- Each key is clearly numbered by room.
- Each pigeon hole is clearly numbered by floor and by room.
- We numbered 20.

number

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I. **num·ber** ¹ **S1 W1** /'nʌmbə \$ -bər/ **BrE** ^u **AmE** ^u **noun**

[**Word Family:** **noun:** ↑number, ↑numeral, ↑numeracy, ↑numerator, ↑innumeracy; **adjective:** ↑innumerable, ↑numerical, ↑numerous, ↑numerate ≠ ↑innumerate; **verb:** ↑number, ↑outnumber; **adverb:** ↑numerically]

[**Date:** 1200-1300; **Language:** Old French; **Origin:** nombre, from Latin numerus]

1. **NUMBER** [countable] a word or sign that represents an exact amount or quantity ⇒ **numeral**, **figure**:

- They wrote various numbers on a large sheet of paper.
- Add all the numbers together.

an even number (=2, 4, 6, 8 etc)

an odd number (=1, 3, 5, 7 etc)

a round number (=one ending in 0)

- A hundred pounds is a good round number.
- I'm no good with numbers.

2. **PHONE** [countable] a phone number:

- My new number is 502-6155.

sb's home/office/work number

- I gave him my home number.

mobile/fax number

- What's your mobile number?
- Sorry, you have the wrong number.

3. **IN A SET/LIST** [countable] a number used to show the position of something in an ordered set or list:

- Answer question number 4.
- a number 17 bus ⇒ ↑E number, ↑No. 10, ↑number one¹

4. **FOR RECOGNIZING SOMEBODY/SOMETHING** [countable] a set of numbers used to name or recognize someone or something

model/account etc number

- What is your account number, please?
- Press 1 to change the printer number.
- Did you get the number (= /registration number) of the car? *British English* ⇒ ↑box number, ↑PIN number, ↑serial number

5. **AMOUNT** [uncountable and countable] an amount of something that can be counted **SYN quantity**

the number of something

- The number of cars on our roads rose dramatically last year.

a number of something

We have been friends for a number of years.

in number

" The condors have dwindled to an estimated sixty in number.

GRAMMAR

Use a singular verb after **the number of**:

- The number of farmers is decreasing. You are talking about the size of the group.

Use a plural verb after **a number of**:

- A number of options were suggested. You are referring to the group.

6. **numbers** [plural] how many people there are, especially people attending an event or doing an activity together:

" Can you give me some idea of numbers?

student/client etc numbers

" Visitor numbers increase in the summer.

" The sheer weight of numbers (=large number of people) on stage made the performance more impressive.

7. **MUSIC** [countable] a piece of popular music that forms part of a longer performance:

" Madonna sang several numbers from her latest album. ⇒ ↑production number

8. **MAGAZINE** [countable] *British English* a copy of a magazine or newspaper printed on a particular date **SYN issue**

number of

" I was reading the latest number of 'Surfing'.

" back numbers (=old copies) of 'The Times'

9. **have sb's number** *informal* to understand something about someone that helps you deal with them:

" Judy had always had his number.

10. **black/elegant etc (little) number** *informal* a black, ↑elegant etc dress or suit, especially a woman's:

" She was wearing a chic little number.

11. **sb's number comes up** someone has the winning number in a competition

12. **sb's number is up** (also **sb's number has come up**) *informal*

a) used to say that someone will stop being lucky or successful

b) used to say that someone will die – used humorously:

" She told her husband she didn't mind going when her number was up.

13. **the numbers**

a) information about something that is shown using numbers:

" Chris, have you got the numbers yet?

b) an illegal game in the US in which people risk money on the appearance of a combination of numbers in a newspaper:

" playing the numbers

14. **by numbers** if you do something by numbers, you do it in a basic way by following a set of simple instructions – used to show disapproval:

" The last thing we want is teaching by numbers.

15. **do a number on somebody/something** *informal* to hurt or damage someone or something badly:

" Tod really did a number on the old house. I don't envy the new tenants.

16. **beyond/without number** *literary* if things are beyond number, there are so many of them that no one could count them all

17. **GROUP OF PEOPLE** [uncountable] *formal* a group of people

one/two/several etc of our/their number

" Only three of our number could speak Italian.

" They wanted to choose a leader from among their own number.

18. **GRAMMAR** [uncountable] *technical* the form of a word, depending on whether one thing or more than one thing is being talked about:

" 'Horses' is plural in number, while 'horse' is singular.

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COLLOCATIONS (for Meaning 1)

■ adjectives

▪ **a lucky number** (=a number you think gives you good luck) Three is my lucky number.

▪ **an even number** (=2, 4, 6, 8 etc) All even numbers can be divided by 2.

▪ **an odd number** (=1, 3, 5, 7 etc) You can't work in pairs if you've got an odd number of people.

▪ **a round number** (=a number ending in zero) A hundred is a nice round number.

▪ **a positive number** (=a number that is more than zero) Maths is easier if you are dealing with positive numbers.

▪ **a negative/minus number** (=a number that is less than zero) Can a negative number have a square root?

▪ **a prime number** (=a number such as 13 that can be divided only by itself and 1) After 7, what is the next prime number?

▪ **a cardinal number** (=a number such as 1, 2, or 3 that shows how many of something there are) Numbers go on to infinity, so there is no last cardinal number.

▪ **an ordinal number** (=a number such as 1st, 2nd, or 3rd that shows where something comes in a series or list) The children learn about position and ordinal numbers when they stand in a line.

▪ **a whole number** (=a number that is not a fraction)

■ verbs

▪ **add numbers together** Add the two numbers together and divide by three.

▪ **add up numbers** (=add several numbers together) Write all the numbers down, then add them up.

▪ **subtract one number from another** Subtract this number from the total.

▪ **multiply one number by another** What happens if you multiply a positive number by a negative number?

▪ **divide one number by another** You can't divide a prime number by any other number, except 1.

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COLLOCATIONS (for Meaning 5)

■ adjectives

- **a large/great number** A large number of children were running around in the playground.
- **a vast/huge number** (=very large) We've had a huge number of complaints.
- **a high number** There seems to be no reason for the high number of suicides.
- **a considerable/substantial/significant number** (=quite a large number) He received a substantial number of votes. | A considerable number of students left after the first year.
- **a good number** (=quite a lot) He has written a good number of books for children.
- **a small number** The class had only a small number of students.
- **a low number** the low numbers of women involved in sports coaching
- **a limited number** (=quite small) A limited number of copies were printed.
- **a tiny number** (=very small) Only a tiny number of these animals remain in the wild.
- **a growing/increasing number** An increasing number of women are entering the profession.

■ verbs

- **increase the number of something** As you improve, increase the number of times you do each exercise.
- **reduce the number of something** We need to reduce the number of cars on the road.
- **a number increases/goes up/grows/rises** The number of mobile phones has increased dramatically.
- **a number doubles** (=becomes twice as big) The number of road accidents has doubled in the last ten years.
- **a number falls/drops/goes down/decreases/declines** The number of new houses being built is falling steadily.
- **a number halves** (=becomes twice as small) The number of children failing at school has halved in recent years.

■ phrases

- **in large/increasing/limited etc numbers** Birds nest here in large numbers.
- **any number of something** (=a very large number of them) There have been any number of magazine articles about the celebrity couple.
- **bring the number to 25, 120 etc** This will bring the number of jobs lost at the company to 85.

■ COMMON ERRORS

- ▶ Do not say '**a big number of people/things**'. Say **a large number of people/things**.

II. number² BrE = AmE = verb

[Word Family: noun: ↑number, ↑numeral, ↑numeracy, ↑numerator, ↑innumeracy; adjective: ↑innumerable, ↑numerical, ↑numerous, ↑numerate ≠ ↑innumerate; verb: ↑number, ↑outnumber; adverb: ↑numerically]

1. [transitive] to give a number to something that is part of an ordered set or list:

- They haven't numbered the pages of the report.
- All the seats in the theatre are numbered.
- Each check is numbered consecutively.
- a numbering system

number something (from) 1 to 10/100 etc

- Number the questions 1 to 25.

2. [linking verb] if people or things number a particular amount, that is how many there are:

- The population of the town numbered about 5,000.
- The men on strike now number 5% of the workforce.

3. **sb's/sth's days are numbered** used to say that someone or something cannot live or continue for much longer:

- I knew my days were numbered at that firm.

4. **number among something/be numbered among something formal** to be included as one of a particular group:

- He was a successful corporate lawyer who numbered among his clients JPMorgan and Standard Oil.

5. [transitive] **literary** to count something:

- Who can number the stars?

number off phrasal verb British English

if soldiers number off, each one calls out their number when their turn comes **SYN count off American English**

number

Freakuency Pack

12500 **146**^{MCW}

15000 **219**^{COCA}

RANGE: **1k NUMBER** 198933

number 151261

numbered 1804

unnumbered 49

numberless 95

numbering 482

numbers 44321

nos 921

COCA 500k Unlemmatized

64193 **236**¹⁵⁰⁹⁰⁸ *nn1*

233 **48415**²³⁶ *vv0*

53 **104375**⁵⁴ *nnu*

34 **132638**³⁴ *jjr*

25 **156432**²⁵ *vvi*

4 **448009**⁴ *np1*