

# Number words to one hundred introduction



## 1 The new decade names, and both forms

Write the decades in a column — 20, 30, 40, 50, 60, 70, 80, 90, 100. Twenty and thirty are known; the new decade names are forty through ninety, and one hundred.

*“Twenty and thirty you already know. The new decade names are forty through ninety — and one hundred.”*

Name the two to watch — forty (not fourty) and fifty (not fivety) have irregular spellings. In sixty, seventy, eighty and ninety you can hear the number inside.

*“Forty — not fourty. Fifty — not fivety. Sixty, seventy, eighty, ninety — you can hear the number inside them.”*

Show one hundred — two words, no hyphen. You cannot just write “hundred.”

*“One hundred — two words, no hyphen. The ‘one’ has to be there.”*

Write both forms — the hyphen rule from twenty-three extends to ninety-nine; a decade word like sixty is one word with no hyphen.

*“Forty-three needs a hyphen, just like twenty-three — all the way to ninety-nine. Sixty is one word, no hyphen.”*

Watch the zero — sixty means six tens and zero ones; write 60, not 6. Say the number aloud to check the word matches the digits.

*“Sixty means six tens and zero ones — write both digits, sixty is 60 not 6. Say it aloud — does it match?”*

## Digits & words — the decade name cards

Print on A4 (enlarge to A3 for display). Cut out and put the tens in order. Twenty and thirty you already know; forty and fifty have tricky spellings; one hundred is two words with no hyphen.



**20**

**twenty**

you know this one

**30**

**thirty**

you know this one

**40**

**forty**

not fourty

**50**

**fifty**

not fivety

**60**

**sixty**

**70**

**seventy**

**80**

**eighty**

**90**

**ninety**

**100**

**one hundred**

two words, no hyphen