

The **number** 2025 is two thousand (and) twenty-five, the **year** 2025 is twenty twenty-five, or two thousand (and) twenty-five.

Say this:

The company was founded in 1961. It merged with ABC in 1972 and took over XYZ in 1986. It nearly went bankrupt in 2004 but celebrated 50 years in 2011.

4 Zero, nought, oh, nil, love, zip, etc.

0 is called **zero** (or sometimes in British English, **nought**).

In telephone numbers, room numbers, bus numbers, dates (years), etc., we say **oh** or sometimes **zero**.

The meeting's in room 507. (five oh seven)

Take the 102 bus. (one oh two)

She was born in 1905. (nineteen oh five)

Call him on 023 428 03 07 (oh two three, four two eight, oh three, oh seven; or zero two three, four two eight, zero three, zero seven)

For football scores we say **nil**: Barcelona won three nil. (3-0)

American English uses various words for sports scores: The Yankees are winning three **nothing** / three **zero** / three **zip**.

For tennis scores we say **love**: The score is thirty love. (30-0)

5 The decimal point

English uses a **point** and not a **comma** for decimals. Notice that we call it a **decimal point**, and not a **dot** as in internet addresses. English only uses commas in figures for writing thousands.

10.001 is ten point zero zero one (or possibly ten point oh oh one).

But 10,001 is ten thousand (and) one.

123.456 is a hundred (and) twenty-three point four five six.

123,456 is a hundred (and) twenty-three thousand, four hundred (and) fifty-six.

The numbers before a decimal point are said normally, but we say **each digit** after a decimal point. To put it another way, all the numbers after a decimal point are read separately.

In British English, **zero** and **nought** are used before and after a decimal point. American English does not use **nought**. **Oh** can be used after the decimal point.

0.05	zero point zero five or nought point nought five
0.5%	zero point five or nought point five percent The stress is on the second syllable: per'cent (per-CENT).
1.05	one point zero five or one point nought five or one point oh five
0.501	zero point five zero one or nought point five nought one or nought/zero point five oh one
2.5	two point five
2.51	two point five one (not two point fifty-one)
2.543	two point five four three
2.75%	two point seven five percent