

**Say the following in a similar way:**

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| A They lent us £250,000.        | They gave us a ..... |
| B Our house is 200 years old.   | We bought a .....    |
| C We lost \$50,000.             | We made a .....      |
| D The salmon weighed 15 pounds! | I caught a .....!    |

**Can you say the following aloud in less than 2 minutes?**

- 1 234,567
- 2 1,234,567,890
- 3 1.234
- 4 0.00234%
- 5 3.14159
- 6 \$19.50
- 7 19,999
- 8 1,999 years
- 9 She was born in 1905 and died in 1999.
- 10 I think their number's 01227 764515.
- 11 Fax them at 00 33 567 32 49.
- 12 Please pay it into my account – number J4.754.440.
- 13  $\frac{1}{3}$  of our bonds were issued  $5\frac{5}{8}\%$ , and another third at  $5\frac{9}{16}\%$ .
- 14 The Celsius temperature  $\times 9, \div 5, + 32^\circ$  gives you Fahrenheit.
- 15 That's a  $12^\circ$  change in temperature; it's now 4 below 0.
- 16 It's a blue Ferrari California, number AX 818 LK, doing 225 kph.
- 17 The speed of sound is 343.2 metres/second or 1,236 kilometres/hour.
- 18  $30 \times 25 = 750$
- 19  $30 \div 25 = 1.20$
- 20  $x^3 + y^2 = z$

If you find saying long numbers difficult, practise reading aloud from the financial pages in a newspaper, or using your personal documents, telephone directories, car registration numbers, and so on.