

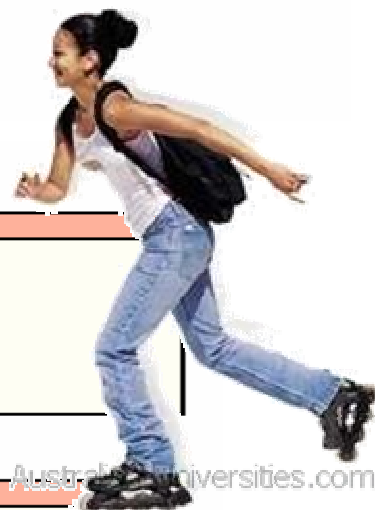
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## Ways of Saying the Number 0

- In a series of numbers:**  
 You can pronounce **0** like the letter **o**, when you are giving a series of numbers such as a credit card number or a flight number. (See also the sections on **Phone Numbers** and **Road Numbers**.)
- In dates, for years:**  
 Say **oh** when giving the name of a year, such as 1904 (*nineteen oh four*)
- In mathematics, science, and technical contexts:**  
*Am E:* Say **zero**.  
*Br E:* Say **nought** or **zero**.
- In temperatures:**  
*Am E:* Say **zero** to refer to 0° Fahrenheit.  
*Br E:* Say **zero** to refer to freezing point (0° Celsius or -32° Fahrenheit).
- In sports, for scores of 0:**  
*Am E:* Say **zero** or **nothing**.  
*Br E:* Say **nil**.  
 In tennis: Say **love**.



## Fractions and Decimals



Fractions	
$\frac{1}{2}$	a half
$2\frac{1}{2}$	two and a half
$\frac{1}{4}$	a quarter
$\frac{3}{4}$	three quarters <i>Am E also three fourths</i>
Decimals	
<b>0.5</b>	<i>Am E</i> zero point five <i>Br E</i> nought point five
<b>2.5</b>	two point five
<b>0.25</b>	<i>Am E</i> zero point two five <i>Br E</i> nought point two five
<b>0.75</b>	<i>Am E</i> zero point seven five <i>Br E</i> nought point seven five
<b>6.375</b>	six point three seven five

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## Writing Periods and Commas in Numbers

Use a period (.) to separate the main part of a number from the decimal part (the part less than 1).

- 2.031** means *two point zero three one*.  
 Say **point** to refer to the period.

You can use a comma (,) in large numbers to separate the hundreds, thousands, and millions.

- 2,031** means *two thousand and thirty-one*. In British English, spaces are sometimes used instead of commas (**2 031**).

Remember: Speakers of some other languages use (.) and (,) the other way around.

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