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A1 NUMBERS & DATA ≈ 27 MIN

Numbers and Dates — *practice on paper*

You have built the lesson — now lock the pattern in, brick by brick. New invoices, same mirror rule.

A date takes an ordinal · in English the **point** is the decimal marker and the **comma** groups thousands

NAME _____ DATE _____

YOUR BUILD 1 · SORTING ◯ 2 · FILL-IN ◯ 3 · CORRECT ◯ 4 · WRITE ◯

BRICK 1 · SORT THE POINT AND THE COMMA · APPROX. 4 MIN ●○○

Read each figure quietly in English. If the mark introduces decimals, the figure goes in the left column. If it groups thousands, it goes in the right one. Careful: German instinct suggests the opposite every time.

3.25 · 9,600 · 0.5 · 18,000 · 7.75 · 250,000 · 1,050 · 0.25 · 64,500 · 12.6 · 4,200 · 0.75

POINT = DECIMAL MARKER	COMMA = THOUSANDS GROUP

BRICK 2 · FILL IN THE MISSING WORD OR FIGURE · APPROX. 6 MIN ●●○

Some gaps take a word, others take a figure. First decide what you are dealing with: a date, a year or the way a figure is written.

01 The site audit is scheduled _____ the ninth of September.

02 Our budget year ends _____ March.

03 The order is for 8,400 units — say "eight _____ four hundred".

04 We agreed a rate of 10.75 euros — say "ten _____ seven five".

05 Our first branch opened in 1996 — say _____ .

06 The lease ends in 2031 — say "twenty _____ ".

07 The office opened in 2005 — say "two thousand _____ five" in British English.

08 Write one thousand eight hundred in English figures: _____

YOUR BUILD · 1 · SORTING · 2 · FILL-IN · 3 · CORRECT · 4 · WRITE

BRICK 3 · FIND AND CORRECT THE MISTAKE · APPROX. 7 MIN

Each sentence hides exactly one mistake with a date, a year or a figure. Underline it and write the whole sentence correctly.

01 The handover report is due in the twenty-first of October.

02 We ordered 2.000 brochures for the trade fair.

03 The unit price in the quote is 8,75 euros.

04 The plant was built in nineteen hundred eighty-four.

05 Our American client says the kick-off is on June nine.

06 German Milliarde is the same as English trillion.

BRICK 4 · WRITE YOUR OWN SENTENCES · APPROX. 8 MIN

Write one sentence from your own working day for each prompt. Then check every date, every year and every mark inside a figure.

01 Delivery date: "We will deliver on the … of …" — then write the same date the American way.

02 Payment deadline: "Payment is due on the … of …" — pick a day in your next quarter.

03 Company history: "Our Berlin office opened in …" — say the year as two pairs.

04 Quantity and price: "We need … units at … euros each." — one comma and one point in a single sentence.

MINI-CHECK – CAN I DO THIS YET?

- ☐ I say a date with an ordinal: "the ninth of September", or "September ninth" in American English.
- ☐ I use "on" for a single day and "in" for a month or a year.
- ☐ In English I write 1,800 for thousands and 8.75 for decimals.
- ☐ I know that Milliarde is billion and that German Billion is trillion.

Not every box ticked? Build the lesson once more and try this sheet again tomorrow.

Answer key

Check only when you have finished. Every answer comes with the **why** — the rule matters more than the result.

BRICK 1 · SORTING

01 **3.25** — "three point two five"
The point is the decimal marker and is said "point".

02 **9,600** — "nine thousand six hundred"
The comma groups thousands and is never said aloud.

03 **0.5** — "zero point five"
Point = decimal marker; German writes 0,5.

04 **18,000** — "eighteen thousand"
Comma = thousands group; German writes 18.000.

05 **7.75** — "seven point seven five"
After the point, read digit by digit: "seven five", not "seventy-five".

06 **250,000** — "two hundred and fifty thousand"
The comma marks the thousands and stays silent.

07 **1,050** — "one thousand and fifty"
Comma = thousands; the "and" is the British form.

08 **0.25** — "zero point two five"
Point = decimal marker; German writes 0,25.

09 **64,500** — "sixty-four thousand five hundred"
Comma = thousands group; German writes 64.500.

10 **12.6** — "twelve point six"
Point = decimal marker in front of the decimal digit.

11 **4,200** — "four thousand two hundred"
Comma = thousands group; German writes 4.200.

12 **0.75** — "zero point seven five"
Point = decimal marker; German writes 0,75.

BRICK 2 · FILL-IN

01 **on** the ninth of September
A single calendar day takes "on".

02 **in** March
Months and years take "in".

03 eight **thousand** four hundred
The comma groups thousands and is not spoken.

04 ten **point** seven five
The point is called "point" and introduces the decimals.

05 **nineteen ninety-six**
Years up to 1999 come in two pairs: 19 | 96.

06 twenty **thirty-one**
From 2010 the pair form applies again.

07 two thousand **and** five
The years 2000 to 2009 are said in full; British English adds "and".

08 **1,800**
Thousands take a comma in English.

BRICK 3 · CORRECT

01 The handover report is due **on** the twenty-first of October.
A single date takes "on", not "in".

02 We ordered **2,000** brochures for the trade fair.
The German thousands point becomes a comma in English.

03 The unit price in the quote is **8.75** euros.
The German decimal comma becomes a point in English.

04 The plant was built in **nineteen eighty-four**.
Years come as two pairs, not as one whole number.

05 Our American client says the kick-off is on **June ninth**.
The American form needs the ordinal too.

06 German Milliarde is the same as English **billion**.
Milliarde = billion (1,000 million); German Billion is trillion.

BRICK 4 · WRITE

Your sentences may differ — just check the ordinal, the preposition and where the point and the comma sit.

01 "We will deliver on the **ninth of September**." — AmE: "on September ninth".
British: the + ordinal + of + month. American: month + ordinal.

02 "Payment is due on the **thirtieth of November**."
A single day takes "on" plus an ordinal.

03 "Our Berlin office opened in **nineteen eighty-seven**."
The year comes as two pairs: 19 | 87.

04 "We need **3,500** units at **4.20** euros each."
Comma for the thousands, point for the decimals.

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