Mission 1

Big numbers, the Indian way

Read and write numbers up to 10 lakh

In India we group big numbers in **thousands**, then **lakhs**, then crores. **One lakh is 1,00,000**: that is a hundred thousand.



> **Worked example** 3,45,072 = 3 lakh + 45 thousand + 72. Say it: "three lakh forty-five thousand seventy-two". Commas: count 3 digits from the right, then put a comma after every 2 digits: 3,45,072 and 10,00,000.

Number	TL	L	TTh	Th	H	T	O
3,45,072		3	4	5	0	7	2
10,00,000							
6,08,190							

TL = ten lakhs · L = lakhs · TTh = ten thousands · Th = thousands · H = hundreds · T = tens · O = ones

1. Fill in the place-value chart for 10,00,000 and 6,08,190.
2. Write with Indian commas: 205000 = _____ and 750500 = _____
3. Write in figures: four lakh six thousand three hundred.

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4. Write in words: 1,20,045.

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5. What is the value of the 7 in 7,32,618?

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6. What is the value of the 3 in 4,83,250?

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7. 99,999 + 1 = _____
8. How many thousands make one lakh? _____
9. Write the number that is 10,000 more than 4,95,600. _____

Grown-up tip Read big numbers aloud together, pausing at each comma: "three lakh … forty-five thousand … seventy-two".

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Answers for grown-ups

Big numbers, the Indian way. Check together and praise good thinking. Open answers say what to look for.

1. 10,00,000: TL 1, all others 0. 6,08,190: L 6, TTh 0, Th 8, H 1, T 9, O 0
2. 2,05,000 and 7,50,500
3. 4,06,300
4. One lakh twenty thousand forty-five
5. 7 lakh (7,00,000)
6. 3 thousand (3,000)
7. 1,00,000 (one lakh)
8. 100
9. 5,05,600

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