



THOUSANDS, TENS, UNITS AND ONES

The easiest way to read large numbers is to think of them as blocks of three, starting on the right.

Each block of three is hundreds, tens and units, which keep repeating themselves.

The first block of three are **THOUSANDS, TENS AND UNITS** of ones or **ONES**.

So 400 is four hundred and 85 is eighty five.

The second block of three are **THOUSANDS, TENS AND UNITS** of thousands.

So 400 000 is four hundred and 000 or thousand four hundred and 000 etc.

THOUS, TENS AND UNITS		
hundreds	tens	units or ones
4	0	0

ONES		
hundreds	tens	units or ones
4	0	0

The thousands are often separated by a small space or a comma.

So the number below might be written as 400 000 or 400,000.

Think 'hundreds, tens, units' all the time.