



## Big numbers in British and American English

*Match the written numbers to a) or b) in each example*

1. An old British billion was one million million

- a) 1,000,000,000
- b) 1,000,000,000,000

2. But nowadays the American billion has become standard. Nonetheless, in a British context you can make yourself totally clear by just saying a thousand million for the same amount

- a) 1,000,000,000
- b) 1,000,000,000,000

3. In British English, it is common the use the word 'and' in numbers such as one hundred and twenty three

- a) 100.23
- b) 123

4. Moving such numbers does not change how the 'and' is used, as in a hundred and twenty three thousand

- a) 123,000
- b) 1,023

4. There might even be several "and"s in the same number, for example in one hundred and three thousand and thirty three

- a) 33,103
- b) 103,033

5. *What is the general rule for where the word "and" can be put in numbers?*

6. *Say all the numbers above without looking at the written descriptions.*

7. *Say the following numbers, practicing using the word 'and' in the right place when it can be used:*

- 2007
- 1,302
- 123,456,789,012
- 1,200