

How to read large numbers

Numbers are separated into groups: ones, tens, hundreds, thousands, millions, and so on. Each group contains three subgroups: ones, tens, and hundreds. When writing or reading a large number, begin at the left with the largest group, and proceed to the right. For instance, 7,482 is read as seven thousand, four hundred, eighty-two. The following chart can help in reading large numbers.

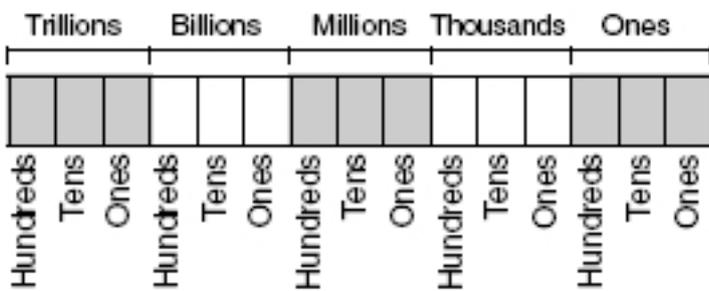


Figure B.2—The order of large numbers.

Example 1 - How do you read 10,956,501?

The answer is: ten million, nine hundred fifty-six thousand, five hundred and one.