6. TELEPHONE AND FAX NUMBERS

We usually give telephone and fax numbers as individual digits:

01273 736344	oh one two seven three, seven three six, three four four
344	can also be said as three double four
44 26 77	double four, two six, double seven
777	can be said as seven double seven, or seven seven seven

7. FRACTIONS

Fractions are mostly like ordinal numbers (fifth, sixth, twenty third etc):

a third   a fifth   a sixth

Notice, however, the following:

a half   a quarter   three quarters

three and a half   two and three quarters

Now read the following news-item:

In an opinion poll published today, over 3/4 of the electorate say they intend to vote in next month's referendum. 1/4 of voters say they will definitely vote Yes, while 1/3 will vote No. But that leaves over 2/5 of the voters who haven't made up their minds. Both sides remain hopeful. A spokesman for the 'Yes' campaign said, "At the moment, 2/3 of the electorate won't vote No." A spokeswoman for the other side replied, "That's true, but 3/4 won't vote Yes!"

8. CALCULATING

Remember to pronounce the s in *equals* as /z/. It is singular; the part on the left equals the part on the right.

$10 + 4 = 14$	ten plus four is fourteen
	ten and four equals fourteen
$10 - 4 = 6$	ten minus four is six
	ten take away four equals six
$10 \times 4 = 40$	ten times four is (or equals) forty
	ten multiplied by four is forty
$10 \div 4 = 2\frac{1}{2}$	ten divided by four is two and a half

+ = add   – = subtract (or deduct)   x = multiply   ÷ = divide

Other ways of saying divide are:

per	Fr/$	francs per dollar
	6% p.a.	six per cent per annum
over	$(x - y)/z$	x minus y, over z which is not the same as x, minus y over z: $x - y/z$

9. FOREIGN CURRENCY

Notice these ways of speaking about exchange rates:

How many francs are there to the dollar?
How many francs per dollar did you get?
The current rate is 205 pesetas to the pound.

How would you say these dollar rates?

DOLLAR RATES

Australia	1.4060-1.4070
Canada	1.3756-1.3766
France	4.8520-4.8540
Germany	1.3843-1.3848
Hong Kong	7.7360-7.7370
Japan	84.96-85.01

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