

How to Write and Say Dates in English

There is a difference between saying and writing dates in English. I

Write (Cardinal Numbers)

Say (Ordinal Numbers)

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| 1 | one | 11 | eleven | 21 | twenty-one |
| 2 | two | 12 | twelve | 22 | twenty-two |
| 3 | three | 13 | thirteen | 23 | twenty-three |
| 4 | four | 14 | fourteen | 24 | twenty-four |
| 5 | five | 15 | fifteen | 25 | twenty-five |
| 6 | six | 16 | sixteen | 26 | twenty-six |
| 7 | seven | 17 | seventeen | 27 | twenty-seven |
| 8 | eight | 18 | eighteen | 28 | twenty-eight |
| 9 | nine | 19 | nineteen | 29 | twenty-nine |
| 10 | ten | 20 | twenty | 30 | thirty |
| 31 | thirty-one | | | | |

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|------|--------------|------|-------------|------|----------------|
| 1st | first | 11th | eleventh | 21st | twenty-first |
| 2nd | second | 12th | twelfth | 22nd | twenty-second |
| 3rd | third | 13th | thirteenth | 23rd | twenty-third |
| 4th | fourth | 14th | fourteenth | 24th | twenty-fourth |
| 5th | fifth | 15th | fifteenth | 25th | twenty-fifth |
| 6th | sixth | 16th | sixteenth | 26th | twenty-sixth |
| 7th | seventh | 17th | seventeenth | 27th | twenty-seventh |
| 8th | eighth | 18th | eighteenth | 28th | twenty-eighth |
| 9th | ninth | 19th | nineteenth | 29th | twenty-ninth |
| 10th | tenth | 20th | twentieth | 30th | thirtieth |
| 31st | thirty-first | | | | |

In our classroom
« Today, it's ...

 
British English

Writing:
5 April 2015

Speaking:
"the fifth of April"

 
American English

Writing:
April 5, 2015

Speaking:
"April fifth"