

Cardinal Numbers: 31–1000

First, let's review the cardinal numbers 1–30:

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| 1. uno | 16. dieciséis |
| 2. dos | 17. diecisiete |
| 3. tres | 18. dieciocho |
| 4. cuatro | 19. diecinueve |
| 5. cinco | 20. veinte |
| 6. seis | 21. veintiuno |
| 7. siete | 22. veintidós |
| 8. ocho | 23. veintitrés |
| 9. nueve | 24. veinticuatro |
| 10. diez | 25. veinticinco |
| 11. once | 26. veintiséis |
| 12. doce | 27. veintisiete |
| 13. trece | 28. veintiocho |
| 14. catorce | 29. veintinueve |
| 15. quince | 30. treinta |

The next step is to learn to count by 10s all the way to 100:

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| 10. diez | 60. sesenta |
| 20. veinte | 70. setenta |
| 30. treinta | 80. ochenta |
| 40. cuarenta | 90. noventa |
| 50. cincuenta | 100. cien |

Now, see how easy it is to fill in the gaps:

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| 31. treinta y uno | 38. treinta y ocho |
| 32. treinta y dos | 39. treinta y nueve |
| 33. treinta y tres | 40. cuarenta |
| 34. treinta y cuatro | 41. cuarenta y uno |
| 35. treinta y cinco | 42. cuarenta y dos |
| 36. treinta y seis | etc. |
| 37. treinta y siete | |

This pattern continues all the way to 100:

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| 53. cincuenta y tres | 78. setenta y ocho |
| 54. cincuenta y cuatro | 88. ochenta y ocho |
| 65. sesenta y cinco | 99. noventa y nueve |
| 66. sesenta y seis | etc. |

From 101–199, use "ciento":

- ciento uno
- ciento dos
- ciento tres
- ciento sesenta y uno
- ciento sesenta y dos
- etc.

Notice that “y” is used only in numbers 31-99 (and 131-199, 231-299, 331-399, etc.) and it is not used to separate hundreds from tens.

Correct: ciento ochenta y nueve

Incorrect: ciento y ochenta y nueve

To get to 1000, all of the rules you have learned so far continue to apply. All you need to do now is learn to count by 100s all the way to 1000, and that is quite easy:

100. cien

200. doscientos

300. trescientos

400. cuatrocientos

500. **quinientos**

600. seiscientos

700. **setecientos**

800. ochocientos

900. **novcientos**

1000. mil

Here are some more examples:

142. ciento cuarenta y dos

375. trescientos setenta y cinco

612. seiscientos doce

907. novecientos siete

999. novecientos noventa y nueve

Remember from an earlier lesson, there is a masculine and a feminine form for the number one:

un libro..... one book

una pluma..... one pen

This is also true for the numbers 200, 300, 400, etc.

doscientos libros

doscientas plumas

cuatrocientos señores

cuatrocientas señoras

When there is exactly 100 of something, and the number is used with the noun, use the shortened form “cien.”

cien dólares

cien gatas

cien perros

cien pesetas

Finally, in Spanish a period is used to indicate thousands, and a comma is used as a decimal point.

English 1,543.67

Spanish 1.543,67