

Counting the Big Gumnut Pile

Reading, writing and ordering big numbers



"Big numbers are just lots of bundles," says Biscuit. "Read them from the biggest bundle first — the same way you'd start a story from the beginning."

Worked example. The number *14 605*:

- 1 ten-thousand, 4 thousands, 6 hundreds, 0 tens, 5 ones
- In words: *fourteen thousand, six hundred and five*
- The **0** holds the tens place — without it, the number would change!

1. Write each number in words.

a) 2 408 _____

b) 10 060 _____

2. Write each as a numeral.

a) six thousand, three hundred and twenty _____

b) nineteen thousand and five _____

3. What is the value of the underlined digit?

a) 4750 _____ b) 31 200 _____

4. Partition 8 367 into thousands, hundreds, tens and ones.

5. Biscuit's gumnut piles hold these numbers. Put them in order from **smallest to largest**: 5 200, 925, 5 020, 12 100.

6. Challenge: Use the digits **7, 0, 3, 5** once each. Write the largest number you can, and the smallest.

Largest: _____ Smallest: _____