Large Numbers in the News
Autumn 2010

In July 2010, approximately 6.7 million passengers used Heathrow Airport. Write this out in full.

In the same month, 3.43 million passengers used Gatwick Airport. Write this out in full. How many more people used Heathrow?

Bristol City Council made £8.5 million from parking services in 2008. Of this, £1.3 million was from fines. How much was **not** raised from fines?

Bruce Forsyth's salary for last year's Strictly Come Dancing was £0.55 million, a decrease of £100,000 from 2008. How much was he paid in 2008?

The Lotto jackpot on 14th August was approximately £4.38 million. On 14th April, the jackpot was approximately £16.52 million. How much did it decrease by? Write out the answer in full.

We've all heard about big bonuses paid to bankers, but in 2009, Weatherspoons (the pub chain) paid out £12.8 million in staff bonuses. Write this out in full.

The American firm Kraft paid £11.7 billion for Cadburys. Write this out in full.

Draw a chart like this to help you:

Billions			Millions			Thousands					
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For underpinning L2 Functional Maths (understand and use positive and negative numbers of any size in practical contexts; carry out calculations with numbers of any size in practical contexts). Adult numeracy: N1/L1.1 Read, write, order and compare numbers, in words and in figures, including large numbers. N1/L2.1 Read, write, order and compare positive and negative numbers of any size in a practical context.