Mnemonics for spelling numbers as words

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The most commonly misspelt numbers are: four, fourteen, forty; eight, eighteen; nine, ninety; twelve and fifteen. You can dip into this list when a particular number's spelling is a struggle to remember – or make up your own mnemonics.

1 One

Oranges need eating.

O ranges
N eed
E ating

2 Two

Trees with owls.

T rees
W ith
O wls

3 Three

The hens' round emerald eggs.

T he
H ens'
R ound
E merald
E ggs

4 Four

Fish on unending rivers.

F ish
O n
U nending
R ivers

5 Five

Frogs in vital exercise.

F rogs
I n
V ital
E xercise

6 Six

Sickness implies x-rays.

S ickness
I mplies
X-rays

7 Seven

Several elephants vigorously eat nuts.

S everal
E lephants
V igorously
E at
N uts

8 Eight

Every insect goes home tonight.

E very
I nsect
G oes
H ome
T onight

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9 Nine

Night insects need echo.

N ight
I nsects
N eed
E cho

10 Ten

Toads eat newts.

T oads
E at
N ewts

11 Eleven

Every large eager viper eats newts.

E very
L arge
E ager
V iper
E ats
N ewts

12 Twelve

The wallabies extravagantly leap, very easily.

T he
W allabies
E xtravagantly
L eap
V ery
E asily

13 Thirteen

The Hulk is ready to eat eggs nonstop.

T he
H ulk
I s
R eady
T o
E at
E ggs
N onstop

14 Fourteen

Fish oddly use rivers to eat energetic newts.

F ish
O ddly
U se
R ivers
T o
E at
E nergetic
N ewts

15 Fifteen

Finches impatiently fight to eat every nut.

F inches
I mpatiently
F ight
T o
E at
E very
N ut

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16 Sixteen

Snakes icy x-ray twin eyes, exploring nosily.

S nakes
I cy
X - ray
T win
E yes
E xploring
N osily

17 Seventeen

Several elephants vigorously eat nuts together, eagerly eating noisily.

S everal
E lephants
V igorously
E at
N uts
T ogether
E agerly
E ating
N oisily

18 Eighteen

Every insect goes home to eagerly eat tea.

E very
I nsect
G oes
H ome
T o
E agerly
E at
T ea

19 Nineteen

Night insects need echo to explore easily, nocturnally.

N ight
I nsects
N eed
E cho
T o
E xplore
E asily
N octurnally

20 Twenty

The wriggly eels nightly travel yards.

T he
W riggly
E els
N ightly
T ravel
Y ards

30 Thirty

The hungry insects restlessly travel yards.

T he
H ungry
I nsects
R estlessly
T ravel
Y ards

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40 Forty

Fish on rivers travel yards

F ish
O n
R ivers
T ravel
Y ards

50 Fifty

Fish in fillets taste yummy!

F ish
I n
F illets
T aste
Y ummy!

60 Sixty

Sickness implies x-rays this year.

S ickness
I mplies
X -rays
T his
Y ear

70 Seventy

Several elephants vigorously eat nuts this year.

S everal
E lephants
V igorously
E at
N uts
T his
Y ear

80 Eighty

Every insect goes home this year.

E very
I nsect
G oes
H ome
T his
Y ear

90 Ninety

Night insects need echo this year.

N ight
I nsects
N eed
E cho
T his
Y ear

100 Hundred

Hens under nests do red eggs drop.

H ens
U nder
N ests
D o
R ed
E ggs
D rop