

Teaching Strategies - Writing Numbers 11 to 19

Teaching children to read, write and say numbers to 99 requires some careful attention paid to the inconsistencies in the number names. Ironically, the numbers learned when children are older have none of these difficulties; all the tricky examples are in the smaller, two-digit numbers.

Easiest tens names:

- sixty
- seventy
- eighty
- ninety

The “tens” numbers on the left have “**ty**” after the number of tens. The only thing to remember is that “eighty” has one letter “t”.

Tricky t

- two
- three

The num
spelled a
“nineteen
digit num

Note that
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Easiest 11-19 names:

- fourteen
- sixteen
- seventeen
- eighteen
- nineteen

The easier teen numbers to the left all have a single-digit number name that matches the number of ones in the number. e.g., “fourteen” has a ten and **four** ones.

Tricky 11-19 names:

- eleven
- twelve
- thirteen
- fifteen

The four 11-19 numbers to the left are the most inconsistent two-digit numbers. “eleven” and “twelve” include no indication of the ten, and “thirteen” and “fifteen”, like “thirty” and “fifty” have irregular letter strings for “three” and “five”



Writing the teen number names:

We write the number of ones followed by "teen" for

16 **17** **18** **19**
sixteen **seventeen** **eighteen** **nineteen**

Numeral	Write the number name
16	
17	
18	
19	



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These number names follow a pattern:

13 thirteen and 15 fifteen.

Can you hear how they are similar to thirty and fifty?

TEST I can hear it!.



Numeral	Write the number name
13	
15	



These numbers are very different in sound to the teen numbers.
They don't have "teen" in them.

11
eleven

12
twelve

So that's why 13 is when
you become a teenager!
It's the first teen number!



Numeral	Write the number name
11	
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