

Prepare for {IELTS}

Part 1 – Numbers

What's your favourite number?

Like the majority of people, I have a preference for the number 7. I guess it's considered the world's luckiest number because there are seven days of the week, seven colours of the rainbow, seven seas, seven continents to name but a few*.

*to name but a few = used after mentioning a small number of people or things as examples of a larger group

Are you good at remembering phone numbers?

I used to be when we used landlines, but now with mobiles, the numbers are stored in the phone so there's no need to memorise them.

Do you usually use numbers?

Not much on a daily basis, to be perfectly honest. Because of this, I tend to use a calculator app on my phone if I need to work out* anything. It's a bit lazy but it's hard to do mental maths when you don't do it often.

*to work out = to calculate

Are you good at maths?

I used to be when I was studying in secondary school/high school, but I've forgotten most of it. I'm good at the basics, I guess, things such as adding, subtracting, multiplying, dividing... that kind of thing.