

Reading Large Numbers

Chapter 1: Large Numbers Around Us · Topic 1

Key Concept

In the Indian system, commas separate groups as 3,2 digits from the right (e.g., 12,34,56,789 reads as twelve crore thirty-four lakh fifty-six thousand seven hundred eighty-nine), while the International system groups every 3 digits (e.g., 123,456,789 reads as one hundred twenty-three million...). Converting between the two systems is a useful skill, especially since global statistics and Indian statistics are often reported using different systems.

Quick Revision Notes

- Indian system: ones, tens, hundreds, thousands, lakhs, crores.
- International system: ones, tens, hundreds, thousands, millions, billions.
- Indian system groups commas as 3,2,2 digits from right; International groups every 3 digits.
- 1 crore = 10 million; useful for converting between the two systems.

Practice Questions

- 1 Write the population of your state in words using the Indian number system.
- 2 Convert 5 crore into the International system (millions).
- 3 Write 45,67,890 in the International comma format.