

# Using Numbers

## *Differences between English & German*

### **English** – *German*

**21,000** – *21.000* (twenty-one-thousand)

**21.345** – *21,345* (twenty-one-point-three-four-five)

**million** – *Million* (1,000,000)

**billion** – *Milliarde* (1,000,000,000)

**trillion** – *Billion* (1,000,000,000,000)

### *Decimals*

**21.34** – twenty-one-point-three-four

**0.351** – nought-point-three-five-one (British English)

Note: the British say 'nought' and the Americans say 'zero'

### *Larger Numbers*

**650** – six hundred and fifty

**6,388** – six thousand three hundred and eighty eight

**20,034** – twenty thousand and thirty four

**300, 421** – three hundred thousand four hundred and twenty one

**1,000,000** – one million / a million / 1m

**1,000,000,000** – one billion / a billion / 1bn

### *Money*

**€6.31** – six euros-thirty-one-cents.

**€6.3m** – six-point-three million euros.

**€630m** – six hundred and thirty million euros

### *Years*

**1968** – nineteen-sixty-eight (19 / 68)

**2008** – two thousand and eight (2000 and 8)

### ***Fractions***

$\frac{1}{4}$  – a/one quarter

$\frac{1}{3}$  – a/one third

$\frac{2}{5}$  – two fifths

$\frac{5}{6}$  – five sixths

$\frac{3}{8}$  – three eighths

$\frac{1}{2}$  – a/one half

$\frac{3}{4}$  – three quarters

$4\frac{1}{2}$  – four and a half

$8\frac{1}{4}$  – eight and a quarter

### ***Dimensions***

height (Höhe) – high (hoch)

length (Länge) – long (lang)

width (Breite) – wide (breit)

depth (Tiefe) – deep (tief)

The machine is 3m long, 2m high and 1m wide

The machine is three-by-two-by-one (3m x 2m x 1m)

### ***Symbols***

+ plus

- minus

**x** multiplied by

÷ divided by

= equals

< is less than

> is greater/more than

√ root/square root

% per cent

**5<sup>2</sup>** five squared

**5<sup>3</sup>** five cubed

≠ is not equal to / does not equal