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NUMBERS 16 - 99

Here are some tips for getting to grips with the numbers from 16 onwards

All of the numbers from 16 to 19 start with 'diez', ten

diez, dieciséis  
ten, sixteen

diecisiete, dieciocho diecinueve  
seventeen, eighteen, nineteen

In the numbers 21 to 29 the final 'e' of 'veinte', 20 changes to 'i'

veinte, veintiuno  
twenty, twenty-one,

veintidós, veintitrés  
twenty-two, twenty-three

They're written as single words

The numbers 30, 40, 50 and so on all end in the same way

treinta, cuarenta, cincuenta, sesenta,  
thirty, forty, fifty, sixty, seventy, eighty,

setenta, ochenta, noventa  
ninety

For the intervening numbers you use 'y', and, but you run them together

treinta y uno, cuarenta y dos,  
forty-one, forty-two, fifty-three

cincuenta y tres

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