

Numbers

In most contemporary writing, numbers below 10 are *usually* spelled out. Review 480.1-480.4 in *Writers INC* before you do this exercise.

Underline the misused numbers and write the correct versions above them.

One-half

1. 1/2 salsa and 1/2 fusion, Latin music draws from many different Hispanic and Caribbean cultures.
2. Latinos currently make up more than seven percent of the United States population, and that number will increase to 15% by the year twenty twenty.
3. With several million listeners, *La Mega* ninety-seven point nine, a New York radio station, is one of the most popular Hispanic stations in the United States.
4. Despite such a large local audience, the Hispanic stations reach only about five % of the radio listeners.
5. This means Latin pop groups often cross over into English. One of these groups, Santana, has been crossing over for thirty years.
6. Ricky Martin has had a number-one Spanish hit in 22 countries, including the United States.
7. Singing with the pop group Menudo made Martin famous, but singing the World Cup soccer anthem, *La Copa de la Vida*, at the nineteen-ninety-nine Grammy Awards made him an international superstar.
8. Another crossover singer, Cuban-born Gloria Estefan, and her husband, Emilio, head a two hundred million dollar music empire.
9. The 2 Estefans are also ranked on the *Forbes* list of the five hundred wealthiest entertainers.

Extend: Write three to five sentences using lots of numbers. Exchange your sentences with a classmate. After completing each other's worksheets, check your answers.

Abbreviations, Acronyms, & Initialisms

In formal writing, most abbreviations are spelled out. Turn to 481.1-483.3.

Write the full word(s) above each underlined abbreviation. Use your handbook.

information

- The following statements are based on info found in *The Guinness Book of World Records*.
- According to a spokesperson for the FmHA, Nathan and Paula Zehr of Watson, NY, grew a record 1,061-lb. pumpkin.
- The youngest person to ever enter college was Michael Kearney, who entered Santa Rosa Jr. College at the age of six yrs., seven mos.
- The fastest kangaroo on record was clocked at 40 mph.
- Willie Jones of Atlanta, GA, survived heatstroke despite a body temperature of 115 degrees F.
- The FCC estimates that Paul Harvey's news program was the top radio show in 1996.
- According to the FDIC, the Bank of Tokyo-Mitsubishi, Ltd., has assets of \$737 billion.
- The longest bratwurst ever made was 1 mi. and 630 yds. long. (That's a lot of baloney.)
- Donovan Bailey of Oakville, ON, CAN, is the 1996 world record holder of the 100-m. dash, making him the "Fastest Man Alive."
- Valued at 7 trillion dollars, the GNP for the U.S. is the largest in the world.

Extend: Imagine that you and some friends are forming a new club. Come up with three or four acronyms (and what they mean, of course) for the name of your club.