

# When to Use Ordinal and Cardinal Numbers

**Ordinal** numbers tell us the order of things. They tell us the *position* in a group or sequence. Ex. first, second, third, fourth, etc.

**Cardinal** numbers count things. They tell us *how many* things there are. Ex. 1,2,3,4, etc.

## Using Ordinal Numbers

She came in **fifth** in the race.



I live on the **fourth** floor of this building.



Today is March **5<sup>th</sup>**.

## Using Cardinal Numbers

There were **five** runners in the race.

This building has **four** floors.

There are **31** days in March.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1st	2nd	3rd	4th
5th	6th	7th	8th	9th	10th	11th
12th	13th	14th	15th	16th	17th	18th
19th	20th	21st	22nd	23rd	24th	25th
26th	27th	28th	29th	30th	31st	

Days of the month go in order from first (1<sup>st</sup>) to last