



4 Complete these specifications for the *Loc8tor*.

- 1 Length: \_\_\_\_\_
- 2 Width: \_\_\_\_\_
- 3 Weight: \_\_\_\_\_
- 4 Operating range (distance in metres): \_\_\_\_\_
- 5 Operating frequency: \_\_\_\_\_
- 6 Number of tags included: \_\_\_\_\_
- 7 Price: \_\_\_\_\_

### Word focus: Numbers

5 Look at the numbers in exercise 4. How do you say them? Then check the table.

| Numbers           |   |
|-------------------|---|
| Decimal numbers   | In English, write a point not a comma. After the point, pronounce numbers separately.<br>2.45 → <i>two point four five</i>  |
| Fractions         | $\frac{1}{2}$ → <i>a/one half</i><br>$\frac{1}{4}$ → <i>a/one quarter</i><br>$\frac{2}{3}$ → <i>two thirds</i><br>$\frac{7}{8}$ → <i>seven eighths</i>  |
| Large numbers     | In British English we say <i>and</i> after the hundreds but we don't usually in American English.<br>183 → <i>a/one hundred and eighty-three</i><br><br>Between every three numbers, we write a comma (not a point).<br>1,000 → <i>a/one thousand</i><br>1,000,000 → <i>a/one million</i> |
| Telephone numbers | We pronounce numbers individually in groups of three or four. In British English, we often say 'double' or 'triple' with repeated numbers but we don't in American English.<br>1870 111 7777 → <i>one, eight seven oh, triple one, double seven, double seven</i>                         |
| Prices            | We write the money symbol before the number but say it after.<br>£99.99 → <i>ninety-nine pounds, ninety-nine pence</i><br><br>Sometimes we don't pronounce the money symbol.<br>£99.99 → <i>ninety-nine, ninety-nine</i>  |

>> For more information on numbers, see page 174.

### Listening: Collecting numbers

6 1.23 Listen to someone describing another kind of Loc8tor. Complete the answers to these questions.

- 1 What size is it? 8.6 cm x \_\_\_\_\_ cm
- 2 How much does it weigh? Just \_\_\_\_\_ g
- 3 What size are the tags?  
\_\_\_\_\_ cm x \_\_\_\_\_ cm
- 4 What's the operating range? \_\_\_\_\_ m
- 5 How much does it cost? \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- 6 How many tags does it come with?  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 7 How can I order it?  
Visit our website or call \_\_\_\_\_.

### Speaking: What's the number?

7 There are some numbers that we never forget. Write down seven numbers that you find memorable.

- 1 They can be ...
  - numbers that are personal to you, e.g. your shoe size.
  - interesting numbers that you know, e.g. the speed of light.
- 2 Try to include a ...
  - decimal.
  - fraction.
  - price.
  - telephone number.
  - measurement.
  - large number.

8 Work in pairs. Dictate your numbers to your partner. Check they write them down correctly. Then see if they can guess what they are.

- A: *My first number is ten and a half.*  
B: *Is that the age of your daughter?*  
A: *No, it's the number of hours I worked yesterday.*

### TALKING POINT

- Would you like a Loc8tor? Why?/Why not?
- Is it a good idea to attach the tags to your children? Why?/Why not?