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Is a number an adjective

A subscriber recently wrote in with a question that is a good follow-up to last week's Tip of the Week, Writing Numbers: When are hyphens used with numbers? Is it 13 feet or 13-feet; 12 hours or 12 hours? Rule: Generally hyphenate between two or more adjectives when they come before a noun and act as a single idea. This rule can also be applied when a number and unit of measure together make up an adjective, i.e. Examples: A 22-inch screen is too large for my desktop. Nurses work 12-hour shifts. Anthony swung his five-pound hammer. In the preceding sentences, the measurements describe, for example, the following: When measurements do not act as adjectives, hyphens are not necessary. Examples: Suzanne won the race by 25 yards. Twelve hours later, she was exhausted. Anthony's hammer weighs five pounds. Pop Quiz: Choose a or b. A. I can't believe she wrote a 33-page dissertation on how to screw in a light bulb. 1. I can't believe she wrote a 33 page dissertation on how to screw in a light bulb. 2. I can't believe she wrote 33 pages on how to fuck a pear. 2. I can't believe she wrote 33 pages on how to fuck a pear. 3. A. Harold found a 110-year-old book at the flea market. 3. B. Harold found a 110-year-old book at the flea market. 4. A. Harold found a book that must have been 110 years old at the flea market. 4. B. Harold found a book that must have been 110 years old at the flea market. Answer 1. A. 2. B. 3. A. 4. B. Posted on Thursday, March 5, 2009, at 4:07 am If you want to answer another reader's question or comment, click the corresponding ANSWER button. If the article or existing discussions do not address a thought or question you have on the subject, use the Comment field at the bottom of this page.116 Comments to numbers as adjectives/' nʌm bə/SEE SYNONYMS FOR number ON THESAURUS.COMa number or group of numbers.sum, total, count, or aggregated by a collection of units, or similar: A number of people were injured in the accident. The number of homeless children in the city has increased alarmingly. et word or symbol, or a combination of words or symbols used to count or in to record a total.the special number assigned to an object, so as to designate its place in a series: house number; license number.one of an række ting kendetegnet ved eller markeret med tal.a en bestemt samling, virksomhed eller mængde ikke præcist regnet, men som regel betydelig eller stor. Jeg har gået der et antal gange.den fulde optælling af en samling eller company.a mængde af enkeltpersoner: Deres antal var mere end 20.000.numre. en betydelig mængde eller mængde; Many: Numbers flocked to the city to watch the parade. metric feet; Verse, periods, measures, or groups of notes. number pool (def. 1), Informal. The represents the actual costs, expenses, profits, etc.: we will not make a decision until we see the figures. Outdated. Arithmetic. quantity consisting of units: to increase the number of voting voters.numerical strength or superiority supplement: The garrison is not up to its full number.a melody or arrangement for singing or dancing.a single or separate performance in a show, like a song or dance: The comedic routine followed dance number.a single part of a program consisting of a group of similar parts : For her third number she played a nocturne.any of a collection of poems or songs.a separate part of an extended musical work or one in a sequence of compositions.conformity in music or verse for regular beating or measuring; rhythm.a single part of a book published in a number of parts.a single issue of a journal: multiple numbers of a popular magazine.a code of numbers, letters, or a combination of these assigned to a particular phone: Did you call the right number? Grammar. For example, a category of noun, verb, or adjective inflection that exists in many languages, such as English, Latin, and Arabic, is used to indicate whether a word has one or more referenda. There may be a two-way distinction in number, such as between singular and plural, three-way, as between singular, double, and plural, or more.Informal. person individual: the attractive number standing in the bar. Informal. an article of merchandise, especially of wearing clothing, is offered for sale: Put these leather numbers in the display window.mathematics is considered a science, a basic concept, and a form of thinking: Numbers are the basis of science.to brand with or distinguish by numbers: Number each of the definitions.to amount to or includes in numbers; total: The manuscript already numbers 425 pages.to consider or include in a number: I number myself among his friends.to count over one by one; tell: that number one's blessings.to individually or one by one; enumerate: They numbered the highlights of their trip on length.to set or determine the number of; limit in number few in number: The sick old man's days are numbered.to or have lived (a number of years).to determine the number of; count.to distribution or divide: The players were numbered in two teams.to make a total; reach an amount: Casualties numbered in thousands.to be numbered or included (usually followed by among or with): Several prominent researchers number among his friends.by the numbers, according to standard procedure, rules, customs, etc.; orthodoxy; After the book: We're going to run things here by the numbers. together or jointly for a called count: calisthenics of numbers.do number on, Slang. to undermine, defeat, humiliate or criticize thoroughly: The committee really did a number on the mayor's proposal. discuss or discourse about, especially in an entertaining way: she could do a series on from dentistry dentistry the Bomb.do one's number, to give a performance; Perform: It's time for you to get on stage and do your number. Slang. to behave in a predictable or usual way: When I call, he does his number about being too busy to talk.get/have someone's number, Informal. to be informed of a person's real motives, character, intentions, etc.: He was only interested in her fortune, but she got her number fixed.have one's number on it, Slang. to be perceived as the instrument of destiny in the death of a person: That the bullet had its number on it.one's number is (was, will be) up, Slang. one is (was, will be) in serious trouble. the one is (was, will be) at the point of death: Convinced that her number was up anyway, she refused to see doctors.without number, of unknown or countless numbers; Big: Stars without numbers. First registered in 1250-1300; 1940-45 for def. 23. (noun) Middle English, variant of nombre, from Ancient French, from Latin numerus; (verb) Middle English nombren, from Old French nombren, from Latin numerāre (derivative of numerus)SEE SYNONYMS FOR number ON THESAURUS.COM2. Numbers, the sum both involves a total of two or more units. The number applies to the result of a number or estimate where the units are considered individuals. It is used by groups of people or things: to have a number of items on the agenda. The sum applies to the result of the addition, taking into account only the total amount: a large sum of money.2. As a collective noun, when it is preceded by a majority, the number is usually treated as a majority: a number of legislators have expressed their disagreement. When prior to that, it is usually used as a singular: The number of lawmakers present was small. See also collective nouns. num-ber-a-ble, adjectivenum-ber-er, nounde-num-ber, verb (used with object)mis-num-ber, verbppe-num-ber, verb (used with object), nounre-num-ber, verb (used with object)sub-num-ber, nounamount, number (see confusables note at amount)Numantian, Numa Pompilius, Numazu, numb, numbat, number-number-cruncher, crunching, numbered account, number eight wire, numberlessDictionary.com Unabridged Based on the Random House Unabridged Dictionary, © Random House, Inc. 2020sum, total, numbers, statistics, product, many, business, collection, volume, amount, party, estimate, quantity, votes, includes, counter, digit, emblem, prime, symbolAdministration officials note that a number of former employees have also praised the president extensively and that the president has overwhelming support in his own party. By Sunday, that number will rise to nearly 20 states, including Wisconsin, Georgia, Indiana, Virginia and Rhode Island.Et increasing number of rank-and-file Democrats are starting to question that approach. Baron Cohen spoke to Kardashian West and helped attract a number of other celebrities, Said. The exact number of people who posted the messages was not clear. Our Our continue to face a number of challenges, she said. The Republican War on Kale. Patricia Murphy January 7, 2015 DAILY BEAST The number of dissenters itself is unprecedented in the modern era. Starting under Theodore Roosevelt and Howard Taft, embassies led by career diplomats rose in number. The number of diplomats was pitiful (45 appointed in 1860), as was the amount allocated to them. Jett sees this figure as a marker of how much the president allows professionals to do the job. She composed a series of sacred legends, in leonine or rhymed hexameters. Medieval close (Volume I of II) Henry Osborn TaylorThe two other classes in this department include quite a few of our young married people. Seven graduated Sunday schools. I must admit that I was almost terrified to see them with a series of brilliant-looking snakes. At Banks of the Amazon|W.H.G. KingstonIn 1856, the number of juveniles committed for criminal offences was 14,000.It is fully calculated by the packing centres that this figure will be exceeded ten percent the following år.et the concept of quantity that is or can be derived from a single unit, the sum of a collection of units or zero. Each number occupies a unique position in a sequence so that it can be used in the count. It can be assigned to one or more sets that can be arranged in a hierarchical classification: each number is a complex number; a complex number is either an imaginary number or a real number, and the latter can be a rational number or an irrational number a rational number is either an integer or a fraction, while an irrational number can be a transcendental number or an algebraic numberSe complex number, imaginary number, real number, rational number, irrational number, integer, fraction, transcendental number, algebraic number See also cardinal number , ordinal number the symbol used to represent a number; numbers or numbers used to identify a person or things, in particular in numerical order by telephone number, as the person or person identified or designated, was number seven in the sum or quantity of equal or similar units or the number of persons one of a series as in a magazine or journal issuing a separate piece of pop or jazz music an independent part of an opera or other musical score , esp a for stagea group or band of people, esp an exclusive grouphe was not one of our numberslang a person, esp a womanwho's that nice small number?informal an admired article, esp a piece of clothing for a woman, that small number is by Diorslang a cannabis cigarette roll another numberamatical category for variation in the form of nouns, pronouns and all words that agree with them, depending on how many people or things are mentioned, especially as singular or majority in number and in some languages double or triply number of several or manyby numbers military (by a procedure, etc.) performed step by step, every step made on the call of a numberdo a number on a person's American slang to manipulate or trick someone's number or have a person's number informally discovering a person's true character or intentionsin numbers in large numbers; numerous numerous number is up British informal one is finished; one is destroyed or dying out number or in addition to the number of excessive a quantity to be counted; countless (also intr) to the list (points) one by one; enumerate (also intr) to put or be put in a group category, etcthey were numbered among the worst hitto limit the number of his days was numberedC13: from Old French nombre, from Latin numerusCollins English Dictionary - Complete & Unabridged 2012 Digital Edition © William Collins Sons & Co. Ltd. 1979, 1986 © HarperCollins Publishers 1998, 2000, 2003, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2009, 2012A symbol expressive of a certain value or of a certain amount determined by count. The site of a device in a series. The American Heritage® Stedman's Medical Dictionary Copyright © 2002, 2001, 1995 by Houghton Mifflin Company. Published by Houghton Mifflin Company.A member of the set of positive integers. Each number is one of a number of unique symbols, each of which has exactly one predecessor except the first symbol in the series (1), and none of them is the predecessor of more than one number. A member of one of the additional sets of mathematical objects defined in the form of such numbers, such as numbers, is a number. The American Heritage® Science Dictionary Copyright © 2011. Published by Houghton Mifflin Harcourt Publishing Company. All rights reserved. The grammatical category that classifies a noun, pronoun, or verb as singular or plural. Woman, that, and is singular; women, they, and are majority. The New Dictionary of Cultural Literacy, Third Edition Copyright © 2005 by Houghton Mifflin Harcourt Publishing Company. Published by Houghton Mifflin Harcourt Publishing Company. All rights reserved. In addition to the idiom that begins with the numbers then see: a number of back

