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THE NATURAL DOZENALIST



If Pandas could count (do we know that they can't?) they'd do it naturally, in base twelve.

Do you know why this is so??

(See issue number 54; page #, for the answer.)

The DSA does NOT endorse any particular symbols for the digits ten and eleven. For uniformity in publications we use the asterisk (*) for ten and the octothorpe (#) for eleven. Whatever symbols are used, the numbers commonly called "ten," "eleven" and "twelve" are pronounced "dek," "el" and "do" in the duodecimal system.

When it is not clear from the context whether a numeral is a decimal or a dozenal, we use a period as a unit point for base ten and the semi-colon, or Humphrey point, as a unit point for base twelve.

Thus $1/2 = 0.5 = 0;6$.

COUNTING IN DOZENS

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 * # 10
 one two three four five six seven eight nine dek el do

Our common number system is decimal—based on 10. The dozen system uses twelve as the base, which is written *10*, and is called *do*, for dozen. The quantity *one gross* is written *100*, and is called *gro*. *1000* is called *mo*, representing the meg-gross, or great-gross.

In our customary counting, the places in our numbers represent successive powers of ten; that is, in 365, the 5 applies to units, the 6 applies to tens, and the 3 applies to tens-of-tens, or hundreds. Place value is even more important in dozenal counting. For example, 265 represents 5 units, 6 dozen, and 2 dozen-dozen, or gross. This number would be called *2 gro 6 do 5*, and by a coincidence, represents the same quantity normally expressed as 365.

We use a semicolon as a unit point, thus two and one-half is written 2;6.

Place value is the whole key to dozenal arithmetic. Observe the following additions, remembering that we add up to a dozen before carrying one.

94	136	Five ft. nine in.	5;9'
31	694	Three ft. two in.	3;2'
96	3#2	Two ft. eight in.	2;8'
19#	1000	Eleven ft. seven in.	#;7'

You will not have to learn the dozenal multiplication tables since you already know the 12-times table. Mentally convert the quantities into dozens, and set them down. For example, 7 times 9 is 63, *which is* 5 dozen and 3; so set down 53. Using this "*which is*" step, you will be able to multiply and divide dozenal numbers without referring to the dozenal multiplication table.

Conversion of small quantities is obvious. By simple inspection, if you are 35 years old, dozenally you are only 2#, which $12 \overline{) 365}$ is two dozen and eleven. For larger numbers, $12 \overline{) 30} + 5$ keep dividing by 12, and the successive remainders are the desired dozenal numbers. $12 \overline{) 2} + 6$
 $0 + 2$ Answer: 265

Dozenal numbers may be converted to decimal numbers by setting down the units figure, adding to it 12 times the second figure, plus 12^2 (or 144) times the third figure, plus 12^3 (or 1728) times the fourth figure, and so on as far as needed. Or, to use a method corresponding to the illustration, keep dividing by #, and the successive remainders are the desired decimal number.

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