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## Listening comprehension practice Numbers



Numbers are everywhere in radio communications and jotting them down is an important aspect of cockpit radio duties. Getting them right the first time improves security, for example when they are related to altitudes or headings. It also helps reduce radio congestion, by avoiding the repetition of messages. Listen to the audio recordings at [www.anglais-pour-voler.com/in-english-please/2019-iep/](http://www.anglais-pour-voler.com/in-english-please/2019-iep/) and find the missing numbers.

### Frequencies

- Some messages are from across the pond, where they use «point» instead of «decimal».
- Flight information available from Brest, (1).
- Contact Rennes approach (2).
- Contact Potomac on (3).
- Common traffic advisories are available on (4).
- Contact ground (5), bye bye.
- Contact the tower (6).
- Contact Deauville information (7), thank you, bye bye.
- Advise your heading to Shannon (8), goodbye.
- Contact Dublin (9), goodbye.
- Monitor tower (10), goodbye.
- Contact Deauville (11), goodbye.
- Edinburgh ground frequency is open on (12).
- Contact approach (13), good day

### Altitudes/FL

- Climb and maintain (1).
- Descend FL (2), (3).
- Descend (4) feet.
- Descend to altitude (5) feet QNH (6).
- Around (7) feet.
- Cleared VFR (8) feet.
- Currently (9) feet QNH 1-0-2-5.
- Descend to altitude (10) feet QNH 1-0-2-5.

### Squawks

- Squawk for you (1).
- Squawk (2).
- Squawk (3) with ident.

### Headings

- Turn left heading (1) degrees.
- Turn right heading (2).
- Turn left (3) degrees.
- Turn left heading (4) degrees.
- Turn left heading (5).
- Right heading (6) for base.
- Turn right heading (7) degrees.
- Turn right heading (8) degrees, you are n° (9).
- Turn right (10) degrees, approximately (11) track miles.
- Turn left heading (12).

### Clouds, wind, QNH

- Cleared to land wind (1).

- QNH (2).
- QNH (3).
- Surface wind (4), runway (5), cleared for take-off.
- Few (6) feet.
- Cloud scattered at (7) feet; ceiling broken at (8) feet; QNH (9).
- Wind (10), variable between (11) and (12) degrees.
- Forecast period date (13) time (14) hours to date (15) time (16) hours: (17), (18) km, few (19) feet, scattered (20) feet.
- Surface wind (21).

### Miscellaneous

- Cleared of controlled airspace in (1).
- Line up runway (2).
- Vacate Sierra (3), taxi Whisky (4) hold short runway (5).
- The R(6) is active.
- Make a right (7) when able. Traffic ahead of you abeam the numbers also making a right (7).
- Transition level (8).
- Savannah tower hours of operation are (9) local time to (10) local time. Common traffic advisory frequency and pilot-controlled lighting available on (11). For additional information contact Jacksonville center on frequency (12) or (13).