GENERAL RULES FOR NUMBERS

• Spell out a number that begins a sentence.
  Twenty-two students enrolled in the class.

• Spell out numbers under 10.
  Only three people showed up for the lecture.

• For large numbers, either spell out or use numerals.
  14,500,000 (or) 14.5 million

• To pluralize numbers, add s, not ‘s (1950s).

• To represent a century, use an apostrophe in place of the century
  (the ’50s).

• Common fractions should be spelled.
  One-fourth, three-quarters

• Spell out accepted phrases like
  the Ten Commandments, the Fourth of July

• Back-to-back modifiers
  In 4 three-part harmony, twenty-four 8-bit words.

Note: Different styles use different rules for numbers. Consult the manual for APA, MLA, Chicago Style, or your professor for preferred use.