

## Tho iwayeh?

### 'How many are there?' (Part 3)

#### Wendat numbers: The thousands

The Wendat people considered wampum belts to contain a thousand beads (or that they were worth a thousand monetary units). For this reason, the number 'one thousand' means 'one sole wampum belt'.



**Skwahcharat**

or

**Ahsenh ha'tewen'ndia'weh**

(which means 'ten hundreds')

The sequence used to build numbers from 1001 to 1999 inclusively is the following:

**skwahcharat or ahsenh ha'tewen'ndia'weh**

+

[Number of units] **iskwen'ndia'wehchare'**

+

[Number of units] **iskwahsenhchare'**

+

[Number of units] **iskare'**

*Iskwen'ndia'wehchare'* is a particle which means 'to be so many hundreds more' and *teskwen'ndia'wehchare'* means 'to be two hundreds more'!

- Ex.: **1242** skwahcharat tëndih teskwen'ndia'wehchare' ndahk iskwahsenhchare' tëndih teskare'

In order to say **2000**, we would use **tewahcharayeh** 'two wampum belts'.

- Ex.: **2101** tewahcharayeh skat iskwen'ndia'wehchare' skat iskare'

For numbers **3000 and higher**, we use the following sequence:

[Number of units] **iwahcharayeh** + [Number of units] **iskwen'ndia'wehchare'**

+ [Number of units] **iskwahsenhchare'** + [Number of units] **iskare'**

- Ex.: **4681** ndahk iwahcharayeh wahia' iskwen'ndia'wehchare' a'tere' iskwahsenhchare' skat iskare'

## Exercises

No. 1 Write the number in Wendat.

a) 2 210

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b) 7 308

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c) 1 324

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d) 6 495

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e) 1 002

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f) 5 891

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g) 3 174

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No. 2 Write the number in digits.

a) Ahsenh tsoutare' iskare' iwahcharayeh wihch iskwen'ndia'wehchare' en'tron' iskare'

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b) En'tron' iwahsenh iwahcharayeh tëndih teskwahsenhchare' tëndih teskare'

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c) Tewahcharayeh wahia' iskwen'ndia'wehchare' ndahk iskwahsenhchare' tsoutare' iskare'

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d) Skwahcharat tëndih teskwen'ndia'wehchare' skat iskwahsenhchare' ndahk iskare'

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e) Ahchienhk ha'tewen'ndia'weh iwahcharayeh en'tron' iskwen'ndia'wehchare' skat iskwahsenhchare' ahchienhk iskare'

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f) Wihch iwahsenh skat iskare' iwahcharayeh tëndih teskwen'ndia'wehchare'

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g) En'niot iwahsenh tëndih teskwahsenhchare' tëndih teskare' iwahcharayeh ndahk iskwahsenhchare' a'tere' iskare'

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No. 3 True or False? Circle the right answer.

a) **14 000** Ndahk iwahsenh iwahcharayeh

**True**      **False**

b) **2 479** Tewahcharayeh ndahk iskwendia'wehchare' tsoutare' iskwahsenhchare' en'tron' iskare'

**True**      **False**

c) **1 622** Wahia' ha'tewen'ndia'weh tsoutare' iskwahsenhchare' tëndih teskare'

**True**      **False**

d) **100 400** Ahsenh hate'wen'ndia'weh iwahcharayeh ndahk iskwahsenhchare'

**True**      **False**

## Answer Key

**No. 1** Write the number in Wendat.

- a) Tewahcharayeh tëndih teskwen'ndia'wehchare' skat iskwahsenhchare'
- b) Tsoutare' iwahcharayeh ahchienhk iskwen'ndia'wehchare' a'tere' iskare'
- c) Skwahcharat ahchienhk iskwen'ndia'wehchare' tëndih teskwahsenhchare' ndahk iskare'  
*or* Ahsenh ha'tewen'ndia'weh ahchienhk iskwen'ndia'wehchare' tëndih teskwahsenhchare'  
ndahk iskare'
- d) Wahia' iwahcharayeh ndahk iskwen'ndia'wehchare' en'tron' iskwahsenhchare' wihch iskare'
- e) Skwahcharat tëndih teskare' *or* Ahsenh ha'tewen'ndia'weh tëndih teskare'
- f) Wihch iwahcharayeh a'tere' iskwen'ndia'wehchare' en'tron' iskwahsenhchare' skat iskare'
- g) Ahchienhk iwahcharayeh skat iskwen'ndia'wehchare' tsoutare' iskwahsenhchare' ndahk iskare'

**No. 2** Write the number in digits.

- a) 17 509      b) 90 022      c) 2 647      d) 1 214      e) 300 913      f) 51 200
- g) 122 048

**No. 3** *True or False?* Circle the right answer.

- a) False      b) True      c) False      d) False