

## Reading and writing 3-digit numbers

### WHAT THIS LESSON TEACHES

A 3-digit number is written with one digit each for hundreds, tens and units, using the symbols 0-9. When we read it we name the hundreds then the rest, but a zero in the tens place is not said aloud.

→ 243 written with the figures 2, 4 and 3.

→ 408 is read four hundred and eight.

### MODEL THIS ON THE BOARD

#### WRITING TWO HUNDRED AND SIXTEEN

- 1 Hear 'two hundred' and place **2** in the hundreds column first.
- 2 Hear 'sixteen' as one ten and six units, so place **1** in the tens column.
- 3 Place **6** in the units column to finish the digits.

### DISCUSSION STARTER

**REFLECT** Which feels easier — reading a number in digits or writing it in words?

### ANSWER KEY

a) 1 4 3

b) 4 0 8

c) 7 0 0

Q1: 157

Q2: two hundred and forty-three

Q3: 260

Q4: 602

Q5: five hundred and six

a) **Always** — Hundreds come first when writing any 3-digit number from left to right.

b) **Never** — We skip saying the zero, as in four hundred and eight for 408.

c) **Sometimes** — Exact hundreds like 700 are just 'seven hundred' with no 'and'.

d) **Always** — Zeros hold the place so the other digits stay in the correct columns.