Ordinal Numbers: Read and Write

An ordinal number tells the position of something.

Examples:

1st	first	**4th**	fourth
2nd	second	**5th**	fifth
3rd	third		



Write each number as an ordinal number.

1. 1
2. 2
3. 3
4. 4
5. 5
6. 6
7. 7
8. 8
9. 9
10. 10

Match each ordinal word to its numeral.

1. first	a. 3
2. second	b. 5
3. third	c. 2
4. fourth	d. 1
5. fifth	e. 4

What Position Is It?

Ordinal numbers show the position in a sequence.

first = 1st



Look at each sequence and write the position.

1. The dog, the cat, the bird, the fish
2. Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday
3. Red, blue, green, yellow
4. Apple, banana, orange, grape
5. Pen, pencil, ruler, eraser

Which item is third?

1. 
2. 
3. 
4. 
5. 

Ordinal Numbers in Action

Read each question carefully.

1 Mia finished the race in 2nd place. Who finished one place ahead of her?



2 Look at the list of people in the order they finished the race. What position is Sam in?

1. Mia
2. Sam
3. Zoe
4. Kai
5. Ava

3 Write your own sentence using an ordinal number.