Activity 1
With your partner discuss the meaning of the word ‘number’ in the following sentences.
1. There were a number of people at the party.
2. Have you seen this month’s number of ‘Famous Celebrities’ magazine?
3. For his last number he sang the national anthem.
4. She wore a little black number to her birthday party.
5. Can you put these pages in order and number them, please?

Activity 2
Use the following phrases to complete the sentences below.

- take care of number one
- (one’s) days are numbered
- safety in numbers
- first thing
- second nature
- second thoughts
- sixth sense
- seventh heaven
- elevenses
- forty winks

1. Do you ever have ............................... if you feel hungry mid-morning? What do you have?
2. Have you ever had ............................... about completing this English course? What made you have doubts?
3. Do you know anyone who has got a ...............................? Can s/he read people’s minds or predict the future, etc?
4. What do you do ............................... in the morning? Do you have a shower, have breakfast, etc?
5. Do you think the American President’s ...............................? Do you think he will lose his job soon?
6. Do you think there is ...............................? Do you ever go out alone at night?
7. When was the last time you were in ...............................? Why were you so happy?
8. Do you ever have ............................... after lunch? Do you ever have a siesta?
9. Do you think speaking English will ever be ............................... to you or will you always need to concentrate when you speak in English?

Activity 3
Now use the questions in Activity 2 to start a conversation with your partner.

Activity 4
Use the following questions to start a conversation with your partner.
1. What numbers are considered lucky or unlucky in your country?
2. What numbers do you know by heart? (e.g. car number plate, family telephone numbers, bank Personal Identification Number, family birthdays, etc.)
3. What is your lucky number? How do you know it is lucky for you?
Activity 5

Go to EnglishClub.com and click on the ‘TP Homework’ icon. Use the information you find there to answer the questions below.

1. Which Ancient Greek mathematician is mentioned in the TP Homework?
   a) Pythagoras  b) Euclid  c) Archimedes

2. Which of the following numbers is NOT mentioned in the TP Homework?
   a) 13  b) 17  c) 21

3. What is the answer to the Quick Quiz?

Activity 6

‘Taking care of number one is not selfish – it is a form of self-respect.’

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