



At the end of the lesson, the student will be able to:

- * define numerology
- * describe what numbers mean in terms of numerology
- * discuss the myth behind what people believe as lucky & unlucky numbers



Read the Article:

Do you believe that some numbers are lucky or unlucky? If you answer yes to this question, you are certainly not alone. For example, many people in certain countries believe that the number 13 is especially bad. They believe 13 people should never sit at table together, and that terrible things will happen on Friday the 13th. Some buildings do not even designate a 13th floor. On the other hand, 7 is often considered a lucky number. Not everyone goes along with this belief in the power of numbers. Some people think that lucky and unlucky numbers are only **superstitions** that should not be taken seriously. However, others think that numbers do have the power to affect people's lives.

In **ancient** times, it was quite common to believe in the magical power of numbers. It was believed some numbers could clue someone into the future or show hidden side of a person's personality. **Numerology**, the art of reading the power in numbers, was often practiced in Jewish tradition and among Greek mathematicians.

Today, many of those who still practice numerology use the Hebrew system which gives each letter of the alphabet one of the numbers 1 through 8. In order to properly apply numerology to a person's name, the person's full name should be taken into account – first, middle, and family name. The number related to a person's full name gives the true personality of the person.



Let's Talk:

1. What will happen if 13 people sit together at a table?
2. In some countries, what number don't they designate as floor number in buildings?
3. Which system do many use nowadays?



Express Yourself:

1. Do you have a lucky number? What is it? How did you choose?
2. Are there any numbers that are special for you?
3. Do you believe in the power of numbers, that is, they can tell the future?