

## Approximating Numbers

We do **not always need** to give **exact numbers**.

In fact, in **some cases** it is **preferable** to **give approximations**. This is **especially** so if we want to **be vague** about the **numbers** we are **reporting!**

Some **phrases** we can use are given in the **table below**. Make sure you pay **attention** to whether the phrases are **positive** or **negative in meaning**.

Exact	Approximation
3	a few
8	several
9	less than ten
12	<b>just over</b> ten
96	<b>almost</b> a hundred
995	<b>nearly</b> a thousand
1,014	<b>more than</b> a thousand
994,337	<b>around</b> a million
1,143,555	<b>well over</b> a million
34%	<b>about</b> a quarter
48%	<b>just under</b> half
53%	<b>just over</b> half
73%	<b>around</b> two-thirds
92%	<b>most of</b>
98%	<b>almost all</b>