

## Far and near (Alphabet and numbers)

- Description:** Spelling dictation combined with practice of numbers.
- Use with or after:** *English Network 1 (New Edition)*, Unit 1, Step 3.
- Skill:** Alphabet and numbers
- Focus:** Pronouncing and understanding the letters of the English alphabet. Reading, understanding and pronouncing numbers.
- Time:** 15 minutes
- Preparation:**
- Print out the work sheet (second page of this file) and make a copy for each student. Cut on the horizontal dotted line to remove the key.
  - Print out the prompt cards (third page of this file) and make some copies on stiff paper. You will need one set of prompt cards for every three students in your class.
  - Cut on the dotted lines to make five prompt cards per set. (For the procedure as outlined below you will actually need only one copy of the first two cards, and multiple copies of the other three for group work.)
- Procedure:**
- Distribute the work sheets and explain that you are going to spell the four missing words in the first item, about Heinz and Gudrun.
  - Take the first prompt card yourself, read it out and dictate the letters of the alphabet to spell the four missing words. Be careful to say only the letters, not the words themselves!
  - The students write down the letters as you dictate them, and then write the resulting number in the brackets provided. They should work individually, and then compare with a partner.
  - Ask for a volunteer to read out the full sentence, and have a look around to make sure everyone has got it right. Have the class repeat the number (six hundred and eighteen) after you in chorus. The word *and* should not be stressed, but it must be clearly audible at least as /n/.
  - Give the second prompt card, about Rodney and Sarah, to one of the students, and ask him or her to dictate the letters of the alphabet to spell the five missing words. Check to make sure everyone has written them correctly.
  - Then divide the class into groups of three and give each group a set of the remaining three prompt cards (the ones about Soledad, Antje and Paul-Henri).
  - Each student should dictate one of the items to the others in the group. You should circulate as they do this and make corrections if necessary, paying particular attention to the pronunciation of the letters E and I.
  - When they are finished, give each student a copy of the key so they can check what they have written.



- Heinz and Gudrun are from Bregenz, Austria. That's \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ (     ) kilometres  
from Vienna.
- Rodney and Sarah are from Aberdeen, Scotland. That's \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ (     ) kilome-  
tres from London.
- Soledad is from Granada, Spain. That's \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ (     ) kilometres from Madrid.
- Antje is from Dresden, Germany. That's a \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ (     ) kilometres from Berlin.
- Paul-Henri is from Dijon, France. That's \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ (     ) kilometres from Paris.

**Key:**

Heinz and Gudrun are from Bregenz, Austria. That's six hundred and eighteen (618) kilometres from Vienna.

Rodney and Sarah are from Aberdeen, Scotland. That's eight hundred and sixty-three (863) kilometres from London.

Soledad is from Granada, Spain. That's four hundred and twenty-five (425) kilometres from Madrid.

Antje is from Dresden, Germany. That's a hundred and ninety-four (194) kilometres from Berlin.

Paul-Henri is from Dijon, France. That's three hundred and thirteen (313) kilometres from Paris.

Heinz and Gudrun are from  
Bregenz, Austria. That's S-I-X  
H-U-N-D-R-E-D A-N-D  
E-I-G-H-T-E-E-N kilometres  
from Vienna.

Rodney and Sarah are from  
Aberdeen, Scotland. That's  
E-I-G-H-T H-U-N-D-R-E-D  
A-N-D S-I-X-T-Y - T-H-R-E-E  
kilometres from London.

Soledad is from Granada, Spain.  
That's F-O-U-R H-U-N-D-R-E-D  
A-N-D T-W-E-N-T-Y - F-I-V-E  
kilometres from Madrid.

Antje is from Dresden, Germany.  
That's a H-U-N-D-R-E-D  
A-N-D N-I-N-E-T-Y - F-O-U-R  
kilometres from Berlin.

Paul-Henri is from Dijon, France.  
That's T-H-R-E-E H-U-N-D-R-E-D  
A-N-D T-H-I-R-T-E-E-N  
kilometres from Paris.