

Googolplex Written Out

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A stylized graphic of a vinyl record. The text "volume 1000" is written in a bold, black, sans-serif font at the top. The text "64249" is written in a bold, black, sans-serif font in the center of the record. The record itself is represented by two concentric circles of small, black, pill-shaped indentations, with a black line between them. The entire graphic is set against a white background.

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In 1940, the mathematician Edward Kasner published the book "Mathematics and the Imagination", in which he popularized the words googol and googolplex which his nephew suggested as names for big numbers.

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