

Googolplex Written Out

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A circular graphic made of the digits 9 and 6. The outermost ring has 18 '9's at the top and 18 '6's at the bottom. Inside this, there are two more concentric rings of '9's and '6's. In the center, the numbers 2, 5, 4, 7, and 8 are arranged in a small circle.

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Foreword

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.

The number googol has been defined as 1 followed by a hundred zeros:

The much larger number googolplex has been defined as 1 followed by a googol zeros. While this number can easily be written as

$$\text{googolplex} = 10^{\text{googol}} = 10^{(10^{100})}$$

using the exponential notation, it has often been claimed that the number googolplex is so large that it can never be written out in full.

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