

Googolplex Written Out

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A large, stylized letter 'A' is formed by a circular arrangement of the digit '9'. The '9's are oriented such that they follow the curve of the circle. At the top left of the 'A', the word 'volume' is written in a bold, black, sans-serif font. The entire graphic is set against a plain white background.

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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:

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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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