

Googolplex Written Out

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A circular graphic composed of the characters '9' and '6' arranged in a spiral pattern, with the word 'volume' at the top left. The characters are black and the background is white. The spiral starts with '9's on the outside and transitions to '6's on the inside. The word 'volume' is written in a bold, black, sans-serif font at the top left of the image.

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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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