

Shrug means one million

Any dolt can understand numbers, says mathematician

Mathematicians picked up on the "no vowels" debate yesterday, and have scoffed at scribes and their incredibly complex system of writing. "Nothing can match the simple purity of our wonderful counting system," said top scholar Al Ghebra. "I means one, II means two, III is three, until you get to 10 then it's \cap . That's really easy. When you get to 100 it's a squiggle. 1,000 is a flowery looking thing, and 10,000 is a severed finger. ("Because it just IS," he told a puzzled *Echo* reporter.) 100,000 is some funny furry thing with a tail, and as for one million - it's some bloke going "Pah, I don't know. How do you expect me to count THAT MANY?"

Egyptian counting A beginners guide

I	I
U	10
~	100
⋈	1,000
☪	10,000
🐉	100,000
👤	1,000,000

Numbers are written from smallest to largest.

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