

Sursurunga Counting Systems

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COUNTING SYSTEMS (Sursurunga)

8. The people can readily put numbers together up to 999. This is because they use them in announcing hymn numbers in church every Sunday (or at least up to 500 or so). Beyond that, they wouldn't have much use for higher numbers. A few of the people own cars and would have dealt in 4000 or 5000, but not many.

9. 'many' = ~~mar-än~~ mar-än

100-adjective marker

The word 'some' te is used sometimes to mean 'few'. Other ways to say 'few' is te sär 'some only' or känte ngo marän 'not many'.

10.	1st	mulän	2nd	härwän	3rd	ätuil
	4th	atatin	5th	älimän	6th	awonon
	7th	hititun	8th	awalon	9th	asiwon
	10th	sängulon				

after 10th, they just use the regular cardinal numbers.

We have never heard ordinal numbers used above 3rd or 4th.

11. Ordinal numbers do not change for different things.

Hope this helps some. It was a good opportunity for us to get down on paper some facts about the counting system here. Have fun ~~wa~~ with your project!

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