

New RAM English Zone Typical mistakes 3

T: Welcome back to the New RAM English Zone on typical mistakes in English.

V: Today, we'll be looking at what to say and what not to say when talking about numbers.

T: Let's start with days in the month.

V: For example, my daughter's birthday is 19 October. But this is incorrect.

T: You should say it is on the 19th of October.

V: Halloween is on the 31st of October and All Saint's day is on the 1st of November.

T: Another number issue is when talking about a number larger than one-hundred. e.g. one-hundred one.

V: Yes, and this is wrong because you should say one-hundred and one. 'and' is used between the tens and the units. Two-hundred and twenty, six-hundred and eighty-four etc...

T: Another area is when talking about less than one. E.g. zero, comma, five.

V: Very true. We don't say comma, but instead 'point'. E.g. zero, point five. (0.5)

T: Finally, when talking about very big numbers, e.g. 10-millions.

V: Yes, we say ten-million, no s plural because we know how many million it is.

T: When we don't know the exact amount, we can say 'Millions' e.g. millions of zloty are spent each year on dog food.

V: Let's sum up:

T: Practice saying today's date: It's the 7th of October.

V: The one-hundred and forty-nine bus takes you to Nowy Dwor.

T: Does it?

V: Use point instead of comma. Some banks offer 3.5 % interest if you save your money with them.

T: About 2-million people live in Warsaw. Millions of people listen to the radio every day.

V: But only the really lucky ones are listening to 'Radio RAM 89,8 FM – in the good tone.

T: Tune in tomorrow to hear more solutions to typical mistakes in another typical situation.

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