

**zero**

1. ['zi(ə)rɪv] *n* (*pl* -oes, -os [-{'zi(ə)r}əvz])
  - 1) ноль, ноль  
25 multiplied by zero gives zero - 25, умноженное на ноль, даёт ноль
  - 2) *спец.* нулевая точка, ноль (*шкалы*); начало координат  
absolute zero - абсолютный ноль  
time zero - начало отсчёта времени  
to set to zero - привести к нулю, установить на ноль
  - 3) точка замерзания  
to read zero - показывать ноль (*о приборе*)  
below [above] zero - ниже [выше] нуля
  - 2) 1) ничто  
to reduce to zero - свести на нет  
his chances sank to zero - его шансы упали до нуля  
his courage sank /fell/ to zero - у него душа ушла в пятки
  - 2) ноль, ноль, ничтожество (*о человеке*)
  3. = zero hour
  4. *воен.* правильная установка прицела с учётом возвышения и сноса
2. ['zi(ə)rɪv] *a*  
нулевой; исходный  
zero level - исходный уровень; нулевой уровень  
zero ending - *лингв.* нулевое окончание  
zero visibility - *метеор.* нулевая видимость  
zero mark - нулевое деление шкалы  
zero degree /point/ - абсолютный ноль шкалы  
zero altitude - а) *ав.* высота бреющего полёта; б) *геод.* отметка, соответствующая уровню моря
3. ['zi(ə)rɪv] *v*
  - 1) устанавливать (*прибор и т. п.*) на ноль
  - 2) определять, находить ноль (*прибора и т. п.*)

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**zero** [zero zeros] *number, verb* BrE ['ziərəʊ] <sup>m</sup> NAmE ['ziroʊ] <sup>m</sup> NAmE

['ziɹoʊ] <sup>m</sup>

- number**
1. (*pl.* **zeros**) (BrE also **nought**) 0
    - Five, four, three, two, one, zero... We have lift-off
  2. a temperature, pressure, etc. that is equal to **zero** on a scale
    - It was ten degrees below zero last night (= -10°C) .
    - The thermometer had fallen to zero.
  3. the lowest possible amount or level; nothing at all
    - I rated my chances as zero.
    - zero inflation

Word Origin:

early 17th cent.: from French **zéro** or Italian **zero**, via Old Spanish from Arabic **ṣifr** 'cipher' .

Derived ↑zero in on somebody

**verb** (zer-oes, zero-ing, zer-oed, zer-oed) ~ sth

to turn an instrument, control, etc. to zero

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we / they	zero
	BrE /'ziərəʊ/
	NAmE /'ziroʊ/
	NAmE /'ziroʊ/
he / she / it	zeroes
	BrE /'ziərəʊz/
	NAmE /'ziroʊz/
	NAmE /'ziroʊz/
past simple, past participle	zeroed
	BrE /'ziərəʊd/
	NAmE /'ziroʊd/
	NAmE /'ziroʊd/
-ing form	zeroing
	BrE /'ziərəʊɪŋ/
	NAmE /'ziroʊɪŋ/
	NAmE /'ziroʊɪŋ/

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See also: ↑nought

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[Date: 1600-1700; Language: French; Origin: zéro, from Arabic sifr 'empty, nothing']

**1. the number 0 SYN nought British English:**

Make x greater than or equal to zero.

**2. the point between + and – on a scale for measuring something, or the lowest point on a scale that shows how much there is left of something:**

The petrol gauge was already at zero.

**3. a temperature of 0° on the Celsius or Fahrenheit scale**

above/below zero

It was five degrees below zero last night. ⇔ ↑absolute zero, ↑sub-zero

**4. none at all, or the lowest possible amount**

sb's chances are zero (=they have no chance of success)

Mike's chances of winning are virtually zero.

From 1971 to 1976 West Vancouver experienced zero population growth.

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**THESAURUS**

- **zero** the number 0. Also used when saying there is nothing at all: A million is written as one followed by six zeros. | a temperature of zero degrees | Our chances of success are virtually zero.
- **nil British English** zero - used especially in the results of sports games: United won the game three-nil. | In rural areas, employment opportunities are almost nil.
- **nought British English spoken** zero – used in calculations and figures: It has increased by nought point seven five per cent (=0.75%).
- **O** used to say the number 0 like the letter O: The code for Oxford is 0 one eight six five (=01865).

**II. zero<sup>2</sup> BrE<sup>2</sup> AmE<sup>2</sup> verb****zero in on somebody/something phrasal verb****1. to direct all your attention towards a particular person or thing SYN home in on:**

She immediately zeroed in on the weak point in his argument.

**2. to aim a gun or other weapon towards something or someone****zero**

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COCA 500k Unlemmatized

3811 **6925**<sup>5139</sup> *mc*

2942 **8090**<sup>4146</sup> *nn1*

883 **21248**<sup>988</sup> *vvi*

178 **55216**<sup>185</sup> *vv0*

18 **177039**<sup>20</sup> *nnu*

9 **261644**<sup>10</sup> *np1*

4 **433477**<sup>4</sup> *jj*

3 **456772**<sup>4</sup> *mc221*