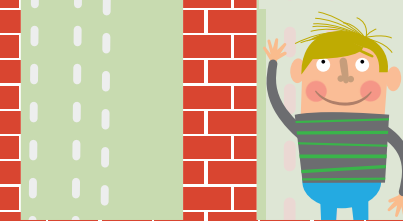
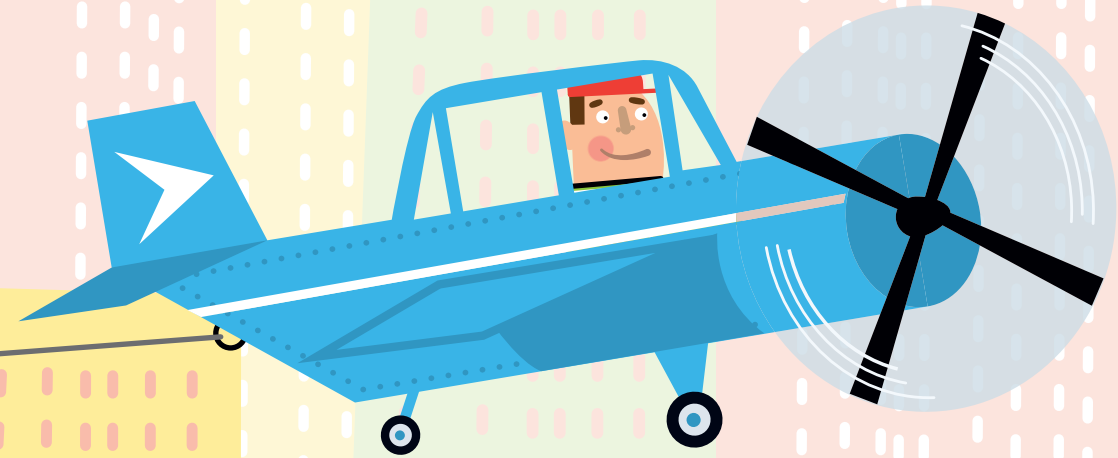


When people talk about the population of large cities, states, and countries, they often talk in millions. More than eight million people live in New York City.

More than thirty-seven million people live in California.
More than three hundred million people live in the United States.

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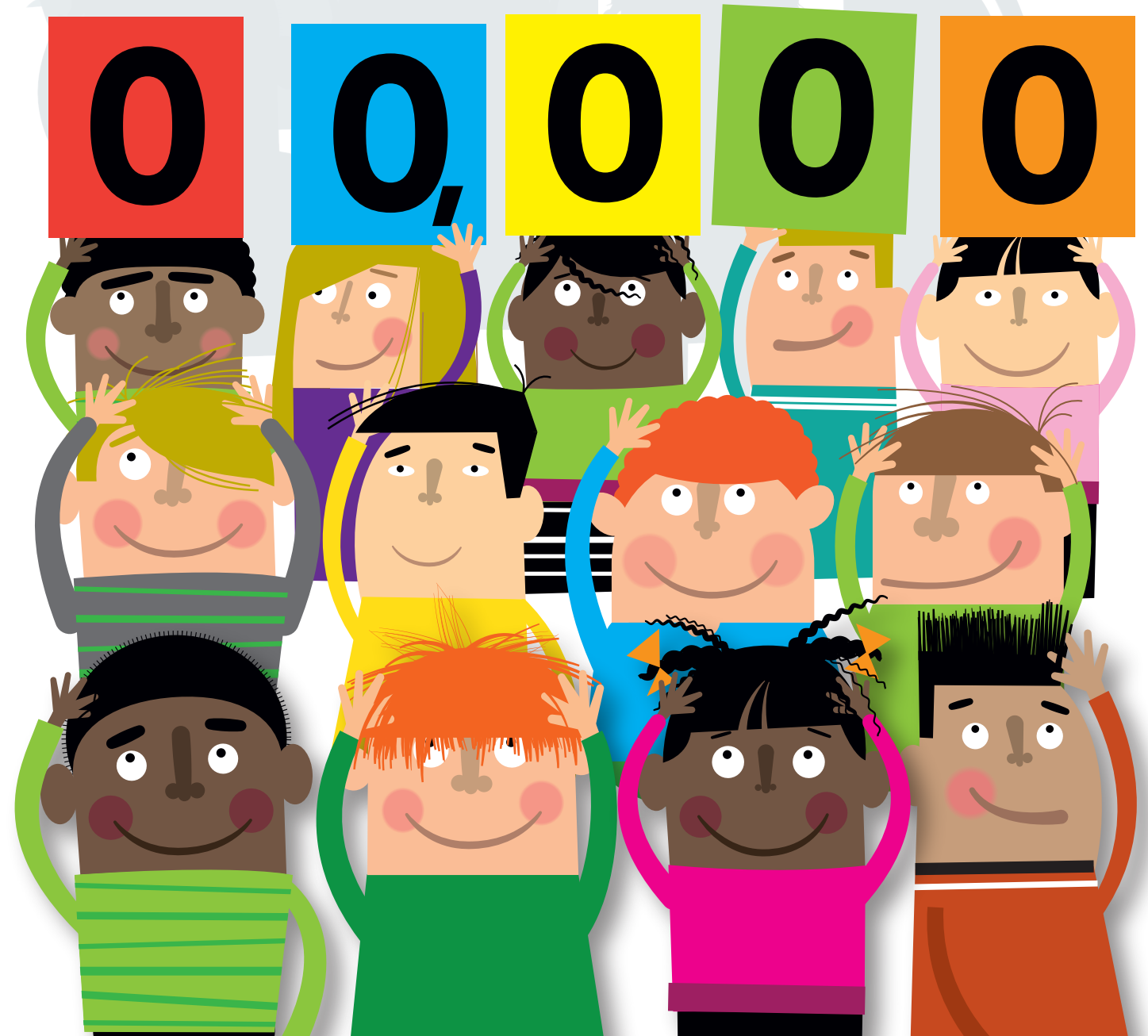



One billion

is a lot more than one million. How much is one billion? One billion is one thousand million. It's written like this: 1,000,000,000—one followed by nine zeroes.



Run your fingers through your hair. The average head has one hundred thousand hairs. It would take the heads of ten thousand people together to have about one billion hairs.





How many ice cream sundaes would one billion dollars buy? At five dollars a sundae, you could buy one thousand sundaes every day for more than five hundred years.

Could you count to one billion? Probably not.

If you count at a rate of one number per second without stop, it would take you almost thirty-two years to reach one billion.

One billion is a lot.