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The numbering system

Each person gets an **ID number** so you can cross-reference charts, sheets and profiles. This workbook uses the classic ancestor numbering method (sometimes called ahnentafel):

- You, the starting person, are **1**.
- A person's **father** is double their number: **2 × n**.
- A person's **mother** is double plus one: **2 × n + 1**.

So your father is 2 and your mother is 3. Your father's parents are 4 and 5; your mother's parents are 6 and 7. Every man except number 1 has an even number, and every woman has an odd number.

Using it across charts

Each pedigree chart holds four generations, and its last column feeds the next chart. When a great-grandparent continues onto a new chart, write that chart's number in the 'continued on chart' box. On the new chart, write 'Person 1 on this chart = no. ___ on chart ___'.

Example

1 You · 2 Father · 3 Mother · 4 Father's father · 5 Father's mother · 6 Mother's father · 7 Mother's mother · 8–15 Great-grandparents · 16–31 Great-great-grandparents.

Write a person's ID number on their family group sheet and ancestor profile, and in the index at the back.

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