

Nr	Call	Lingo
1	On its own, number 1	Kelly's Eye
2	On its own, number 2	One Little Duck
3	On its own, number 3	Cup of Tea
4	On its own, number 4	Knock at the Door
5	On its own, number 5	Man Alive
6	On its own, number 6	Tom Mix
7	On its own, number 7	Lucky Seven
8	On its own, number 8	Garden Gate
9	On its own, number 9	Doctor's Orders
10	One oh, blind ten	Burnham's Den
11	All the ones, 11	Legs Eleven
12	One and two, 12	One Dozen
13	One and three, 13	Unlucky for Some
14	One and four, 14	Valentine's Day
15	One and five, 15	Young and Keen
16	One and six, 16	Sweet 16
17	One and seven, 17	Dancing Queen
18	One and eight, 18	Coming of Age
19	One and nine, 19	Goodbye Teens
20	Two oh, blind 20	Getting Plenty
21	Two and one, 21	Key of the Door
22	All the twos, 22	Two Little Ducks
23	Two and three, 23	The Lord is My Shepherd
24	Two and four, 24	Two Dozen
25	Two and five, 25	Duck and Dive
26	Two and six, 26	Pick and Mix
27	Two and seven, 27	Gateway to Heaven
28	Two and eight, 28	In a State
29	Two and nine, 29	Rise and Shine
30	Three oh, blind 30	Dirty Gertie
31	Three and one, 31	Get up and Run
32	Three and two, 32	Buckle my Shoe
33	All the threes, 33	Dirty Knees
34	Three and four, 34	Ask for More
35	Three and five, 35	Jump and Jive
36	Three and six, 36	Three Dozen
37	Three and seven, 37	More than Eleven
38	Three and eight, 38	Christmas Cake
39	Three and nine, 39	39 Steps
40	Four oh, blind 40	Life begins
41	Four and one, 41	Time for Fun
42	Four and two, 42	Winnie the Pooh
43	Four and three, 43	Down on your Knees
44	All the fours, 44	Droopy Drawers
45	Four and five, 45	Halfway There

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46	Four and six, 46	Up to Tricks
47	Four and seven, 47	Four and Seven
48	Four and eight, 48	Four Dozen
49	Four and nine, 49	PC
50	Five oh, fifty, blind 50	The Blind 'alf 'Undred
51	Five and one, 51	Tweak of the Thumb
52	Five and two, 52	Danny La Rue
53	Five and three, 53	Here comes Herbie
54	Five and four, 54	Clean the Floor
55	All the fives, 55	Snakes Alive
56	Five and six, 56	Was she worth it?
57	Five and seven, 57	Heinz Varieties
58	Five and eight, 58	Make them Wait
59	Five and nine, 59	Brighton Line
60	Six oh, blind 60	Five Dozen
61	Six and one, 61	Baker's Bun
62	Six and two, 62	Turn the Screw
63	Six and three, 63	Tickle me 63
64	Six and four, 64	Red Raw
65	Six and five, 65	Old Age Pension
66	All the sixes, 66	Clickety Click
67	Six and seven, 67	Stairway to Heaven
68	Six and eight, 68	Saving Grace
69	Six and nine, 69	Any Way Up
70	Seven oh, blind 70	Three Score and Ten
71	Seven and one, 71	Bang on the Drum
72	Seven and two, 72	Six Dozen
73	Seven and three, 73	Queen Bee
74	Seven and four, 74	Hit the Floor
75	Seven and five, 75	Strive and Strive
76	Seven and six, 76	Trombones
77	All the sevens, 77	Sunset Strip
78	Seven and eight, 78	39 More Steps
79	Seven and nine, 79	One More Time
80	Eight oh, blind 80	Ghandi's Breakfast
81	Eight and one, 81	Stop and Run
82	Eight and two, 82	Straight on Through
83	Eight and three, 83	Time for Tea
84	Eight and four, 84	Seven Dozen
85	Eight and five, 85	Staying Alive
86	Eight and six, 86	Between the Sticks
87	Eight and seven, 87	Torquay in Devon
88	All the eights, 88	Two Fat Ladies
89	Eight and nine, 89	Nearly There
90	Nine oh, Blind 90	Top of the Shop



Bingo Calls

Should you use lingo? It is entirely up to you and depends on your audience. You want your calls to be clear and understood, lingo can help alleviate confusion over similar-sounding numbers.

Yet Bingo Halls no longer use them because they slow down gameplay and some rhyming calls have migrated over the years, Pick and Mix for example can be 26, 56 and even 76. One tip where you do use lingo always call the number as well.

Tailor your speed for your audience. The more experienced they are, the faster you can call.

If you use lingo, you do not have to use it for all numbers.

Today, a few traditional calls have fallen out of favour, as some deem them inappropriate.

For example, some say 'Legs Eleven' is sexist, yet it comes from the Australian slang for a tall, thin man. It was also the nickname of the 11th Battalion Australian Imperial Force during the First World War and the book title of the battalion's history.

The earliest record of lingo is on a troopship heading to the Boar War in 1900.

New calls often supersede old ones to reflect changing times. In 2003, Butlins introduced some new terms, replacing, for example, 52 Danny La Rue with Chicken Vindaloo. So feel free to devise new calls appropriate for your event or organisation.

Do any names rhyme with a number?

Is a number pertinent to a famous player from your local football team?

Does a number have relevance to something in your area?

Whether you choose to use bingo nicknames or not, you should still use some aspects of lingo. For example, preface single numbers with 'On its own number...' and numbers ending in zero are called blinds. For instance, for sixty, you call: 'Six oh, blind 60.'

When starting a game, you call 'Eyes down' and state what will win: a line, two lines, or a full house for 90-number bingo.

So starting a game: 'Eyes down for a full house and the first number is...' If the first number is one then you can add '...as it should be number one'

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