

## Edo Numerals (Olaba Edo)

| Number | Edo Word   |
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| 1      | Owo/Okpa<br><br>(Note: Owo is usually read during counting, however “Okpa” is used for other contexts) |
| 2      | Eva  |
| 3      | Eha  |
| 4      | Ene  |
| 5      | Isen   |
| 6      | Ehan   |
| 7      | Ihinron  |
| 8      | Erenren  |
| 9      | Ihinrin  |
| 10     | Igbe   |
| 11     | Oworon   |
| 12     | Iweva  |
| 13     | Iweha  |
| 14     | Iwene  |
| 15     | Ekesugie   |

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| 16 | Ene-i-rroq-vbe-ugie<br>(Lit. Four is subtracted from twenty) This applies to 16-19                   |
| 17 | Eha-i-rroq-vbe-ugie  |
| 18 | Eva-i-rroq-vbe-ugie  |
| 19 | Oka-i-rroq-vbe-ugie  |
| 20 | Ugie   |
| 21 | Oka-yan-ugie<br><br>Lit. One is added to twenty, same formula appears for the others below)          |
| 22 | Eva-yan-ugie   |
| 23 | Eha-yan-ugie   |
| 24 | Ene-yan-ugie   |
| 25 | Isen-yan-ugie  |
| 26 | Ene-rroq-vbe oqban<br><br>(Lit. Four is subtracted from thirty, same formula appears for the others) |
| 27 | Eha-i-rroq-vbe-oqban   |
| 28 | Eva-i-rroq-vbe-oqban   |
| 29 | Oka-i-rroq-vbe-oqban   |
| 30 | Oqban  |
| 31 | Oka-yan-oqban  |

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|    | (Lit. One is added to thirty, same formula appears for the others below)                                   |
| 32 | Eva-yan-ogban  |
| 33 | Eha-yan- ogban   |
| 34 | Enẹ-yan- ogban   |
| 35 | Isen-yan- ogban  |
| 36 | Enẹ-rroq-vbe -iyeva<br><br>(Lit. Four is subtracted from forty, same formula appears for the others below) |
| 37 | Eha-i-rroq-vbe-iyeva   |
| 38 | Eva-i-rroq-vbe-iyeva   |
| 39 | Okpa-i-rroq-vbe-iyeva  |
| 40 | Iyeva  |
| 41 | Okpa-yan-iyeva<br><br>(Lit. One is added to forty, same formula appears for the others below)              |
| 42 | Eva-yan-iyeva  |
| 43 | Eha-yan-iyeva  |
| 44 | Enẹ-yan-iyeva  |
| 45 | Isen-yan-iyeva   |
| 46 | Enẹ-rroq-vbe-iyeva   |

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|    | (Lit. Four is subtracted from forty, same formula appears for the others below) |
| 47 | Eha-i-rrọọ-vbe-ekegbesiyenẹ   |
| 48 | Eva-i-rrọọ-vbe-ekegbesiyenẹ   |
| 49 | Ọkpa-i-rrọọ-vbe-ekegbesiyenẹ  |
| 50 | Ekegbesiyenẹ  |

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### 🧠 Number Building Insight (How Counting Works)

In Edo language, the numbers, 16 to 19 are built by **subtracting from 20**. For example:

- $16 = 20 - 4$
- $17 = 20 - 3$
- $18 = 20 - 2$
- $19 = 20 - 1$

The numbers, 21-29 are built by **adding to 20**. However, for numbers, **26-29**, you have the option of **subtracting from 30**. For example:

- $21 = 20 + 1$
- $22 = 20 + 2$
- $26 = 20 + 6$  or  $30 - 4$
- $29 = 20 + 9$  or  $30 - 1$

This same pattern is followed when handling the number 31-39, 41-49, etc.