

Googolplex Written Out

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A circular graphic composed of the characters '9' and '6' arranged in a spiral pattern. The word 'volume' is written in a bold, black, sans-serif font at the top left of the image. The spiral starts with a '9' at the top and continues clockwise, alternating between '9' and '6' as it winds inward. The characters are black and have a slightly irregular, hand-drawn appearance. The overall effect is a dense, circular arrangement of these two digits, creating a sense of depth and movement.

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Foreword

In 1940, the mathematician Edward Kasner published the book "Mathematics and the Imagination", in which he popularized the words googol and googolplex which his nephew suggested as names for big numbers.

The number googol has been defined as 1 followed by a hundred zeros:

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The much larger number googolplex has been defined as 1 followed by a googol zeros. While this number can easily be written as

$$\text{googolplex} = 10^{\text{googol}} = 10^{(10^{100})}$$

using the exponential notation, it has often been claimed that the number googolplex is so large that it can never be written out in full.

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