









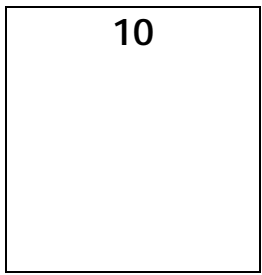










# Mayan Numbers

The Maya used a number system based on 20 (we use a number system based on 10). A base-20 number system is called a vigesimal system. The Maya wrote numbers using combinations of dots and bars. A dot represented one. A bar represented 5. For every five numbers, they added an additional bar. The symbol for zero looked like a clam shell. Study the table below of how the Maya wrote the numbers 0 to 19. Fill in the missing Mayan symbols.

0 	1 	2 	3 	5 
5 	6 	7 	8 	9 
10 	11 	12 	13 	14 
15 	16 	17 	18 	19 