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ON THE SPELLING OF APPROXIMATING NUMBERS

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This language note deals with the spelling rules for numerals expressing an approximate quantity (approximating numbers). Numerous examples are listed, serving as a basis for a discussion of the various factors determining the use of a dash (–) or a hyphen (-). In addition, the author comments on the spelling of cases where approximation is expressed by combinations such as *ден-два* "a day or two", *година-две* "a year or two", *днес – утре* "today or tomorrow", *час – час и половина* "an hour – an hour and a half", *ден – ден и нещо* "a day or so", rather than by numerals alone.

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