

At least the Danes know how to count

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Even though Danish is impossible for me to pronounce, I do appreciate their stubborn resistance to decimalization. The number 71 is (I hope I get this right) “en og halvfjerdsindstyve”, literally, “one and half-four-times-twenty”, or more commonly, just “en og halvfjerds”. (Those familiar with other Germanic languages recognize “half-four” as meaning “three and a half”.)

(I hope the Danes out there realize that my previous remarks about Danish were all in fun. I’m just fascinated with languages, especially those in the Germanic branch.)

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