

The best possible choice.
We already capture the voice
Of larger and larger numbers.
So far we counted mainly what we see
But many things are hidden
In the human body.
Scientists succeed
To penetrate in it
And so we learn
That there are in the body of almost all
humans

Twelve pairs of ribs.
We are born with 33 separate
vertebrae

But by adulthood, most have only 24.
This seems to belong
To the field of humor.
Before going farther, we need
to point out

A very strange thing about
Number names from eleven to
nineteen

Whose rule is no longer the same
When counting from 21 to 29.
Twenty one, twenty two,
twenty three,...

Follow a rule that can no longer be
Valid from 11 to 19:
Eleven, twelve, thirteen, ...
And what makes this thing more
interesting

Is its validity in most European
languages:

French, German, Italian, Russian,
Romanian are some of them
Neither mathematics, nor linguistics
can explain this phenomenon

We should ask
The field of anthropology of numbers
But who could realize this task?
The adult human body has 206 bones
And about 642 skeleton
Muscles; a novelty here is the use
Of words such as *almost* and

about
Exactness is replaced by
approximation;

While *certainty* is
replaced by *estimation*.

Counting is faced with its first traps.
But we are only at the beginning
of *perhaps*.

Going back to the human body

Let us ask
A more difficult question: How many
biological cells does it include?
Answering it is a more difficult task
Because several parameters are involved.
For instance, an adult weighing 70
kilograms
Has around 70 trillion, i.e.,
more than 10^{14} cells.
Going further, by trying to count
The number of atoms
in my body of 70 kilograms,
The answer is expressed
by an estimation in total divorce
With what our
sensorial-intuitive capacity
Could capture: 7 followed
by 27 occurrences of zero.
So we realize how step by step
Mathematical notation takes
its distance with respect
To what could be considered
An acceptable word or expression
in English.