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n.

1. The cardinal number equal to $17 + 1$.
2. The 18th in a set or sequence.

[Middle English *eightetene*, from Old English *eahtatēne*; see **oktō(u)** [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#).]

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