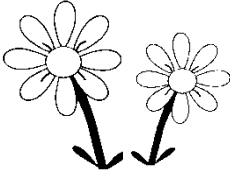





# Math Challenge #5

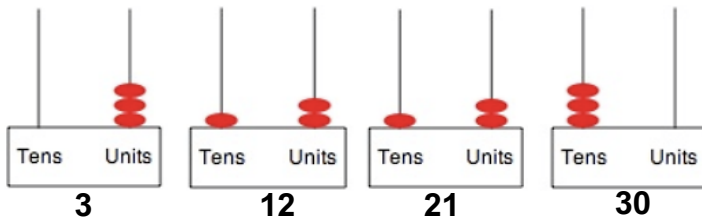


**Kinder & First Grade: solve at least 3 problems.**  
**Second & Third Grade: solve at least 7 problems.**  
**Fourth Grade and above: solve at least 12 problems.**

		<i>Answer</i>
<p>1. Myra has a blue crayon and a red crayon. She starts coloring a coloring page that has 2 flowers below. If Myra colors each flower with either blue or red, how many different ways can coloring page look like?</p> <p style="color: blue;">From left to right, Myra can color the following ways:            Red, Blue    Red, Red            Blue, Red    Blue, Blue</p>		<p>4 [ways]</p>
<p>2. Tanisha was given 3 colored blocks to play. She loves to build a tower by stacking these blocks then knocks them down. In how many ways can Tanisha build a tower using a red, purple, and pink blocks?</p> <p style="color: blue;">There are 6 different ways:            2 ways with red at the bottom: red – purple – pink, red – pink – purple.            2 ways with purple at the bottom: purple – pink – red, purple – red – pink.            2 ways with pink at the bottom: pink – purple – red, pink – red – purple.</p>		<p>6 [ways]</p>
<p>3. Mischa dresses up her teddy bear. Her teddy bear's coat has 3 buttons. She sometimes buttons them up starting with the top button, but sometimes starts somewhere else. How many possible ways can Mischa button-up the coat for her teddy bear?</p> <p style="color: blue;">She can do the top first, middle, then bottom, or do the top first, bottom, then middle.            She can also do bottom first, middle, then top, or do the bottom first, top, then middle.            She can also start with middle first, top, then bottom, or middle, bottom, then top.</p>		<p>6 [possible ways]</p>
<p>4. Mrs. Heins has 3 different flowers and she would like to use two different vases. How many different ways can Mrs. Heins put all 3 flowers in to 2 vases so that each vase has at least one flower?</p> <p style="color: blue;">           Vase 1: purple and red    Vase 2: blue            Vase 1: purple            Vase 2: red and blue            Vase 1: red and blue    Vase 2: purple            Vase 1: red                Vase 2: blue and purple            Vase 1: blue               Vase 2: purple and red            Vase 1: blue and purple   Vase 2: red         </p>		<p>6 [ways]</p>
<p>5. Wesley was given 4 cards with 4 different numbers as shown below. How <b>many 2-digit numbers</b> can be formed from these cards?</p> <div style="text-align: center; margin: 10px 0;"> <span style="border: 1px solid black; border-radius: 10px; padding: 5px 15px; margin: 0 5px;">7</span> <span style="border: 1px solid black; border-radius: 10px; padding: 5px 15px; margin: 0 5px;">1</span> <span style="border: 1px solid black; border-radius: 10px; padding: 5px 15px; margin: 0 5px;">3</span> <span style="border: 1px solid black; border-radius: 10px; padding: 5px 15px; margin: 0 5px;">4</span> </div> <p style="color: blue;">Make an organized list:            Starting with 7: 71, 73 and 74    Starting with 1: 17, 13 and 14            Starting with 3: 34, 31 and 37    Starting with 5: 47, 41 and 41            Total 2-digit numbers: 12</p>	<p>12 [numbers]</p>	

6. Sarah was given a place value tool to form some numbers. She made the number 3, 12, 21 and 30 using 3 beads (see picture below).

7 [numbers]



How many numbers can you make using a total of six beads for placing on either tens and/or units place?

Create an organized list:

Tens	Units	
6	0	60
5	1	51
4	2	42
3	3	33
2	4	24
1	5	15
0	6	6

7. Trisha has one each of a \$1, \$5, \$10, \$20 and \$50 bill in a jar. She closes her eyes and select one of the bills out of the jar. How many possibilities that the amount would be less than \$75 left in the jar?

2 [possibilities]

If \$1 is taken:  
5+10+20+50=85

If \$5 is taken:  
1+10+20+50=81

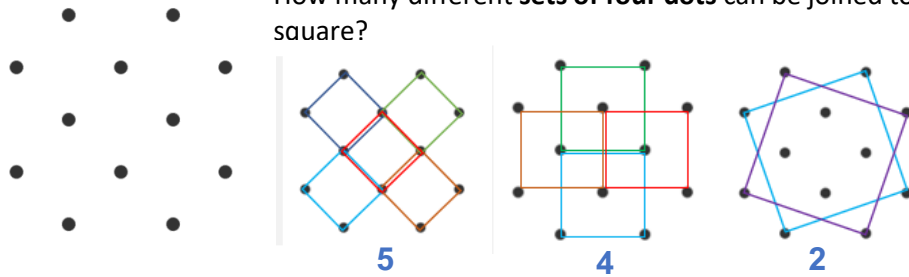
If \$10 is taken:  
1+5+20+50=76

If \$20 is taken:  
1+5+10+50=66

If \$50 is taken:  
1+5+10+20=36

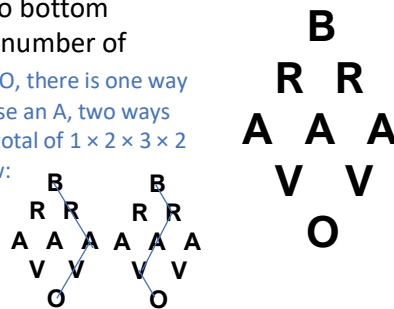
8. How many different sets of four dots can be joined to form a square?

11 [sets]



9. In the diagram on the right, each "path" from top to bottom correctly spells the word BRAVO. What is the total number of different paths in the diagram? To spell the word BRAVO, there is one way to choose the B, two ways to choose an R, three ways to choose an A, two ways to choose a V, and one way to choose the O. That results in a total of  $1 \times 2 \times 3 \times 2 \times 1 = 12$  possible paths. Several sample paths are shown below:

12



10. Carla is making bracelets. She has a bucket full of red and blue beads. How many different bracelets are there if Carla uses only 4 beads in her design, using just these beads and no clasp, so she can rotate it or flip it?

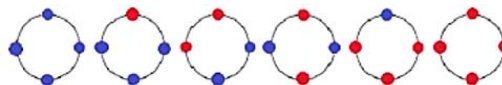
6 [different bracelets]

BBBB, BBBR, RRBB, BRBR, BRRR, RRRR

Since the design is in circle, notice that

- there are two different bracelets when you use 2 red beads and 2 blue beads (RBRB and RRBB)

- there is only one design when you use 3 blue beads and 1 red beads



11. Carla's sister, Veronika, is also making bracelets using 2 different colors of beads (red and blue). How many different bracelets are there if Veronika uses **6 beads** in her design?

RRRRRR    BBBB  
 RRRRRB    RBRBB  
 RRRRBB    RBBRBB  
 RRRBBB    RBRBRB  
 RRRBRB    RRBRBB  
 RRBBBB    RRBRBB  
 RBBBBB

*13 [different bracelets]*

12. Katie and her friend Jackson went to the grocery store. Jackson bought 3 apples and 4 oranges. Katie bought apples, oranges, and pears. She bought the same total number of fruits as Jackson. How many possible combinations of fruits that Katie could have bought? Jackson bought 7 fruits.  
 Katie also bought 7 fruits; she could have bought:

Apples	Oranges	Pears	Total
1	5	1	7
1	4	2	7
1	3	3	7
1	2	4	7
1	1	5	7

Apples	Oranges	Pears	Total
2	1	4	7
2	2	3	7
2	3	2	7
2	4	1	7

Apples	Oranges	Pears	Total
3	1	3	7
3	2	2	7
3	3	1	7
4	1	2	7
4	2	1	7
5	1	1	7

*15 [combinations]*

13. An ice cream shop offers customers the choice of a cup or a cone. It offers a choice of three different flavors: chocolate, vanilla, or strawberry. It also offers three different toppings: sprinkles, peanuts, or hot fudge. How many different combinations result from choosing a cone or a cup, one kind of ice cream, and one topping?

$2 \times 3 \times 3 = 18$ . This calculation can be shown using diagram tree or making an organized list.

CONE

- strawberry.....sprinkles
- chocolate.....sprinkles
- vanilla.....sprinkles
- strawberry.....peanuts
- chocolate.....peanuts
- vanilla.....peanuts
- strawberry.....hot fudge
- chocolate.....hot fudge
- vanilla.....hot fudge

CUP

- strawberry.....sprinkles
- chocolate.....sprinkles
- vanilla.....sprinkles
- strawberry.....peanuts
- chocolate.....peanuts
- vanilla.....peanuts
- strawberry.....hot fudge
- chocolate.....hot fudge
- vanilla.....hot fudge

*18 [combinations]*

14. In how many distinct ways can the letters of the word PEACE be arranged?

The number of distinct ways to arrange 5 things can be obtained by multiplying the number of options. Each position can have:  $5 \times 4 \times 3 \times 2 \times 1 = 120$

There are 5 options  
There are 4 options  
There are 3 options  
There are 2 options

However, the letter E is repeated twice, therefore, there are  $120 \div 2 = 60$  distinct ways.

*60 [ways]*

15. A set of ten cards, each showing one of the digits from 0 to 9, is divided up between five envelopes so that there are **two cards** in each envelope. The sum of the cards inside is written on each envelope:

How many possible combinations of two cards could be inside the envelope with number 8? What are they? We can make a table to list possibilities in an organized way. We can start with 3 because it has only two possibilities.

3	7	8	13	14
0 and 3	5 and 2	7 and 1	9 and 4	8 and 6
1 and 2	0 and 7	5 and 3	9 and 4	8 and 6
1 and 2	4 and 3	0 and 8	7 and 6	9 and 5

0 and 8, 5 and 3 or 7 and 1

*3 [possibilities]:  
0 and 8, 5 and 3  
or 7 and 1*

16. When you roll two regular six-sided dice

a. How many possible combinations of numbers that can result?  
There are 36 possible combinations

b. How many of those combinations, when the number on the two dice are added together, have a sum that is ten or greater?  
There are only 6 of the combinations that have a sum that is ten or greater:  
4 and 6    5 and 6  
6 and 4    6 and 5  
5 and 5    6 and 6

a. 36  
[combinations]  
b. 6  
[combinations]

17. How many solutions can you find to this cryptarithm?  
Hint: eliminate the impossibles first.

938+938=1876    836+836=1672  
928+928=1856    765+765=1530  
867+867=1734    734+734=1468  
846+846=1692

$$\begin{array}{r} \text{TWO} \\ + \text{TWO} \\ \hline \text{FOUR} \end{array}$$

7 [solutions]

18. When a clock turned from 08:32 to 08:33, the digit 3 appeared 3 times. Once when it was 08:32, and the second and third appearance is when it was 08:33.

On a digital clock showing 24-hour time, over a whole day, how many times does a 5 appear?

**In the minutes part:** digit 5 appears 16 times in an hour (05, 15, 25, 35, 45, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59).  
There are 24 hours in a day which means  $16 \times 24 = 384$  times digit 5 appears in minutes part.

**In the hour part:** digit 5 appears when it's 5 o'clock and 15 o'clock (05 and 15), but then this numbers stay that way for the whole hour, no matter if the minutes change. In one-hour time, the digit 5 appears 60 times when the hour is 05 and 60 times when the hour is 15. Thus,  $2 \times 60 = 120$  times.  
Altogether digit 5 appear  $384 + 120 = 504$  times during 24-hour period on 24-hour clock.

504 times

Solution is available on Dec 11, 2020 at [www.mathinaction.org](http://www.mathinaction.org)