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PREFACE

What is Knowledge Bytes ?

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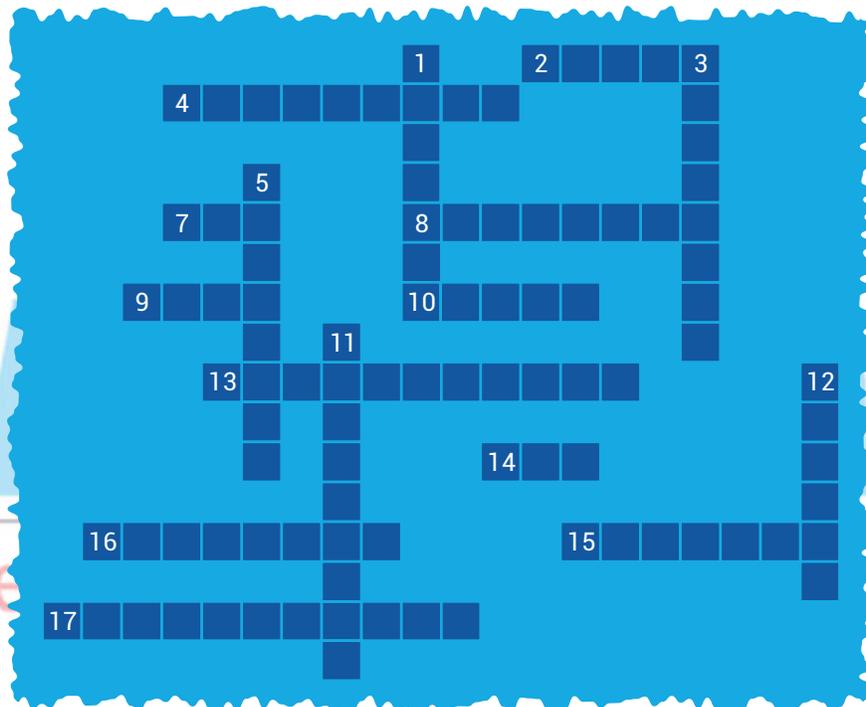
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Polynomials

Crossword



Across

2. A polynomial of degree three. [5]
4. A polynomial with three terms. [9]
7. If the graph of polynomial $f(x)$ intersects x -axis in two distinct points, then the polynomial has _____ zeroes. [3]
8. 2 in the expression "seven square" is. [8]



9. Zero of the polynomial is the value of x for which the value of the polynomial becomes _____. [4]
10. Cubic polynomial has degree _____. [5]
13. A polynomial of degree four. [11]
14. When a quadratic polynomial has only one zero, then the graph of the polynomial meets X-axis in only _____ point(s). [3]
15. Dividend = _____ \times Quotient + Remainder. [7]
16. A polynomial with two terms is called _____. [8]
17. A constant that appears along with the variable is called _____. [11]

Down

1. The degree of the polynomial is the _____ power of x in the polynomial $f(x)$. [7]
3. A non-zero polynomial of degree zero is known as a _____ polynomial. [8]
5. A non-zero polynomial having only one term is known as a _____. [8]
11. A polynomial of degree two is known as a _____ polynomial. [9]
12. For $a > 0$, the graph of the parabola of polynomial $ax^2 + bx + c$ will open in _____ direction. [6]

Factorize 1 $(a^2 - 2a)^2 - 23(a^2 - 2a) + 120$

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Let } a^2 - 2a &= y \\ &= y^2 - 23y + 120 \\ &= y^2 - 15y - 8y + 120 \\ &= y(y - 15) - 8(y - 15) \\ &= (y - 15)(y - 8)\end{aligned}$$

Replace y by $a^2 - 2a$

$$\begin{aligned}&= (a^2 - 2a - 15)(a^2 - 2a - 8) \\ &= (a^2 - 5a + 3a - 15)(a^2 - 4a + 2a - 8) \\ &= (a(a - 5) + 3(a - 5))(a(a - 4) + 2(a - 4)) \\ &= (a - 5)(a + 3)(a - 4)(a + 2)\end{aligned}$$

Factorize 2

$$x^4 + x^2 + 1$$

Subtract & Add x^2 then

$$\begin{aligned}&= x^4 + x^2 + 1 + x^2 - x^2 \\ &= x^4 + 2x^2 + 1 - x^2 \\ &= (x^2 + 1)^2 - (x)^2 \\ &= (x^2 + 1 + x)(x^2 + 1 - x)\end{aligned}$$

Factorize 3

$$8a^3 - 2a^2b - 15ab^2$$

$$\begin{aligned}&= a(8a^2 - 2ab - 15b^2) \\ &= a(8a^2 - 12ab + 10ab - 15b^2) \\ &= a(4a(2a - 3b) + 5b(2a - 3b)) \\ &= a(2a - 3b)(4a + 5b)\end{aligned}$$

Factorize 4

$$\begin{aligned}7\sqrt{2}x^2 - 10x - 4\sqrt{2} &= 7\sqrt{2}x(x - \sqrt{2}) + 4(x - \sqrt{2}) \\ = 7\sqrt{2}x^2 - 14x + 4x - 4\sqrt{2} &= (x - \sqrt{2})(7\sqrt{2}x + 4)\end{aligned}$$

Factorize 5

$$3y^3 + y^2 - 3y - 1$$

We have to apply hit & trial method

Put $y = 1$

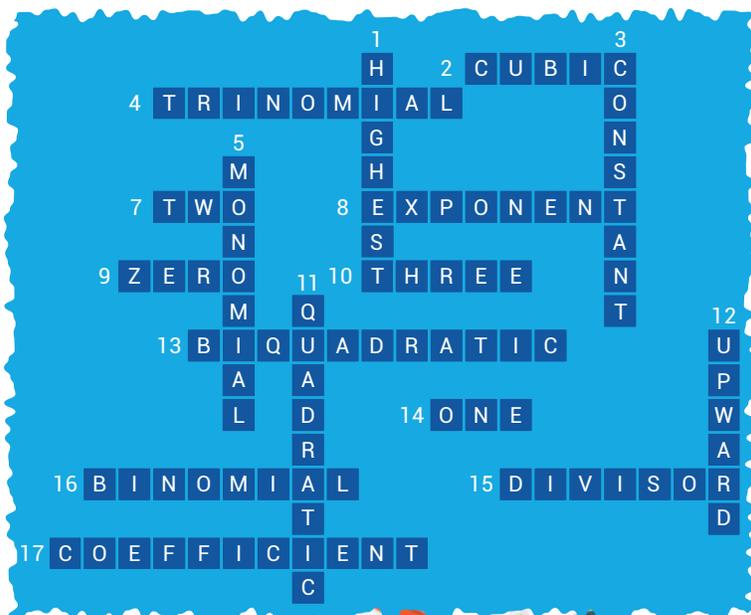
$$3 + 1 - 3 - 1 = 0$$

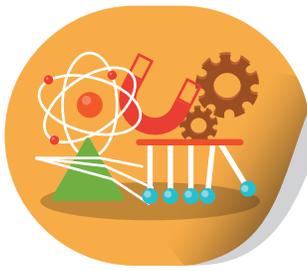
So, $(y - 1)$ is a factor of $3y^3 + y^2 - 3y - 1$

$$\begin{array}{r|l}
 & 3y^2 + 4y + 1 \\
 \hline
 y - 1 & 3y^3 + y^2 - 3y - 1 \\
 & \underline{3y^3 - 3y^2} \\
 & \quad + \\
 & \quad 4y^2 - 3y - 1 \\
 & \quad \underline{4y^2 - 4y} \\
 & \quad \quad + \\
 & \quad \quad y - 1 \\
 & \quad \quad \underline{y - 1} \\
 & \quad \quad \quad + \\
 & \quad \quad \quad \underline{X}
 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{So, } 3y^3 + y^2 - 3y - 1 &= (y - 1)(3y^2 + 4y + 1) \\
 &= (y - 1)(3y^2 + 3y + y + 1) \\
 &= (y - 1)(3y(y + 1) + 1(y + 1)) \\
 &= (y - 1)(y + 1)(3y + 1)
 \end{aligned}$$

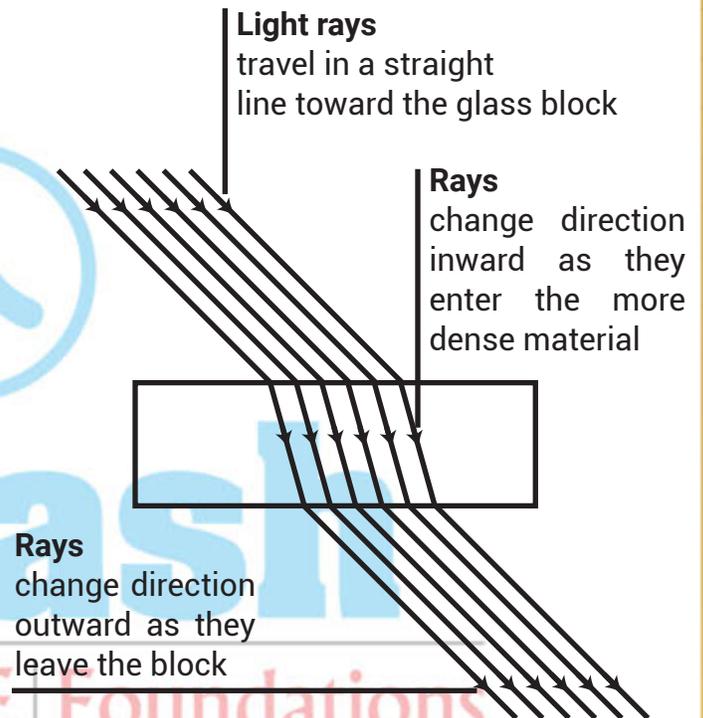
Answer (Crossword)





Light : Refraction

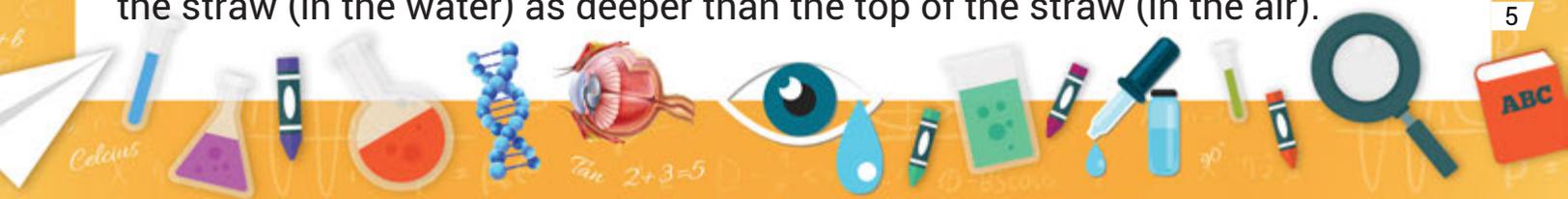
Light rays usually travel in straight lines, but when they pass from one medium to another they can be forced to bend (change direction and continue on a new straight path). The bending is called refraction. It happens because light travels at different speeds in different media. If light rays travel through air and enter a more dense medium, such as water, they slow down and bend into the more dense medium. Light rays moving into a less dense medium, such as from water to air, speed up and bend outwards.



Light rays bend or refract if they enter a glass block at an angle. When they pass from air into glass, they bend inwards and slow down. They travel in a straight line through the glass at an angle to their original direction. As they pass out from the glass into air, they bend outwards and speed up again.

Puzzle For The Eye

If you kept a straw in a glass of water, the top and the bottom of the straw no longer seem to fit together. This trick of the light is caused by refraction. Light bends outwards when it travels from water to air, so the eye sees the bottom of the straw (in the water) as deeper than the top of the straw (in the air).

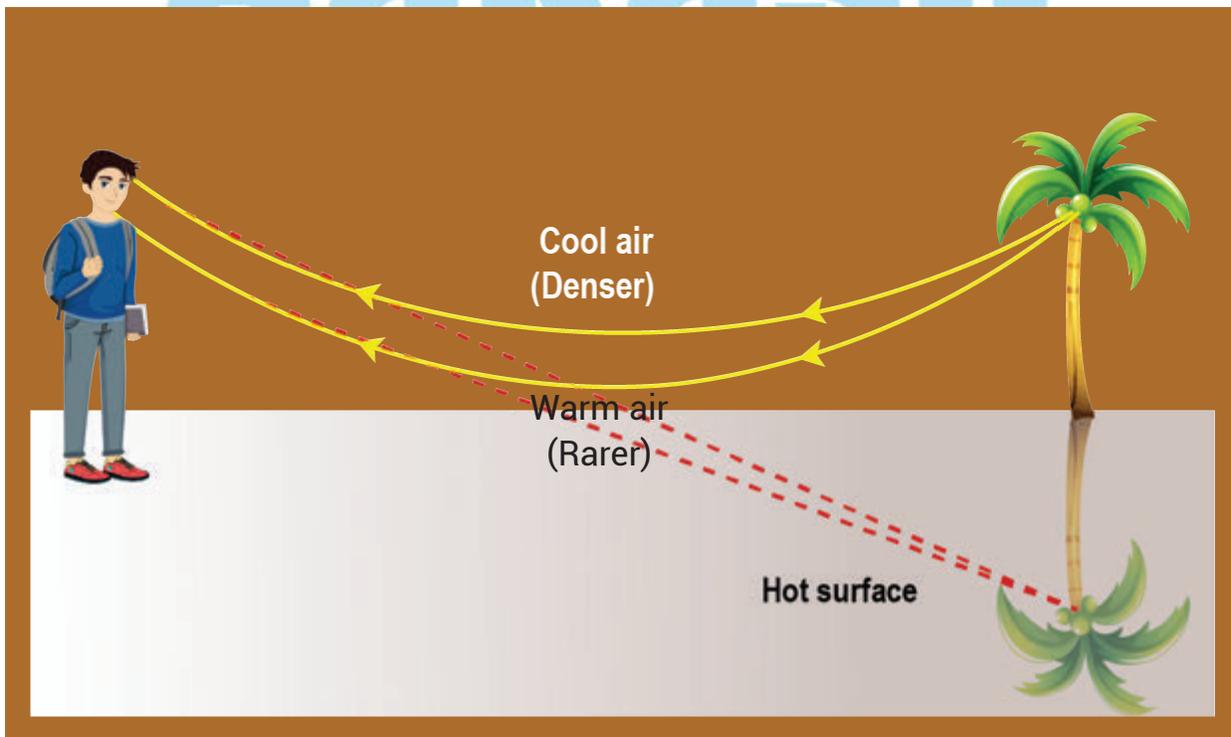


Refraction in Heat Haze

On hot days, the surface of the Earth is warmer than the air above it. This means that air close to the ground is generally much warmer than the air higher up. Hot air rising from the ground can bend and distort the light rays passing through it. This gives a very hazy appearance to objects.

Mirage

People who travel through hot deserts often think they can see water or trees on the ground ahead of them, when really there is nothing. This trick of the light is called mirage. Layers of warm and cold air bend or refract light rays coming from distant objects. Our eyes are fooled into thinking the light rays come from objects on the ground instead of from the sky.

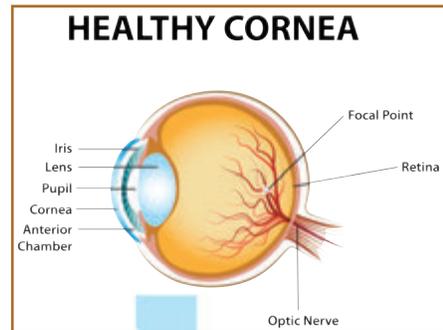


Real Life Refraction Examples

1. The lenses of glasses or contacts are made of a plastic that purposely bends light in specific ways. This is used to improve vision.



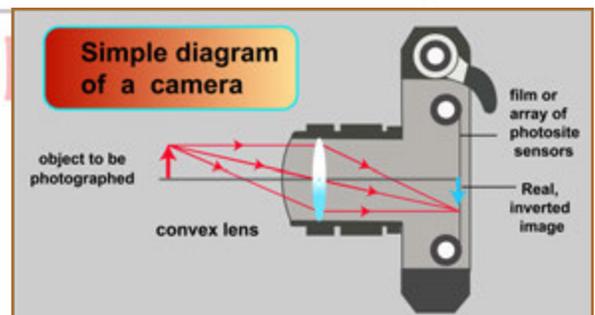
2. Human eye have a lens. Lens or cornea works to refract light onto the retina. The image is then sent through your optic nerve to brain. Without refraction, you wouldn't be able to see.



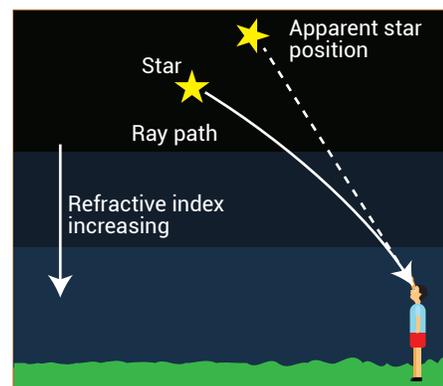
3. The lens of a telescope or microscope uses a refraction of light to make things look closer than they really are.



4. Cameras use refraction to capture pictures.



5. The twinkling of stars is due to atmospheric refraction.



Scientific Contribution

Nature of Light

The debate over whether light is a wave or a particle goes back many centuries. In the 17th century, Isaac Newton believed light was composed of a stream of corpuscles. At that time, a few scientists most notably Dutch physicist and astronomer Christiaan Huygens, thought light was a wave vibrating in some sort of ether.

There was evidence for both pictures. Newton was so greatly revered as a scientist that it was nearly impossible for anyone to dispute his theory. In 1801 Thomas Young presented a serious challenge to Newton's ideas on the nature of light.

While pondering some of Newton's experiments, Young came up with the basic idea for the now famous double-slit experiment to demonstrate the interference of light waves.

The demonstration would provide solid evidence that light was a wave, not a particle.



Thomas Young



Isaac Newton



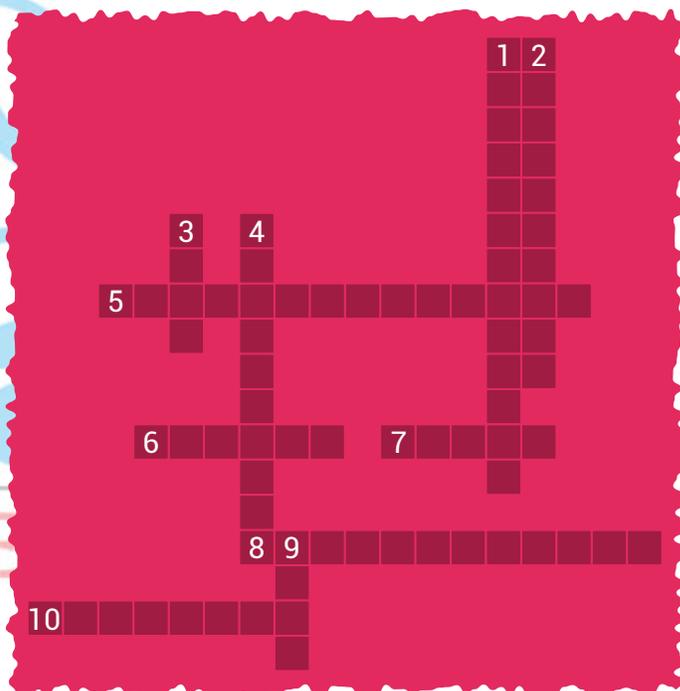


Acids, Bases and Salts

Crossword

Across

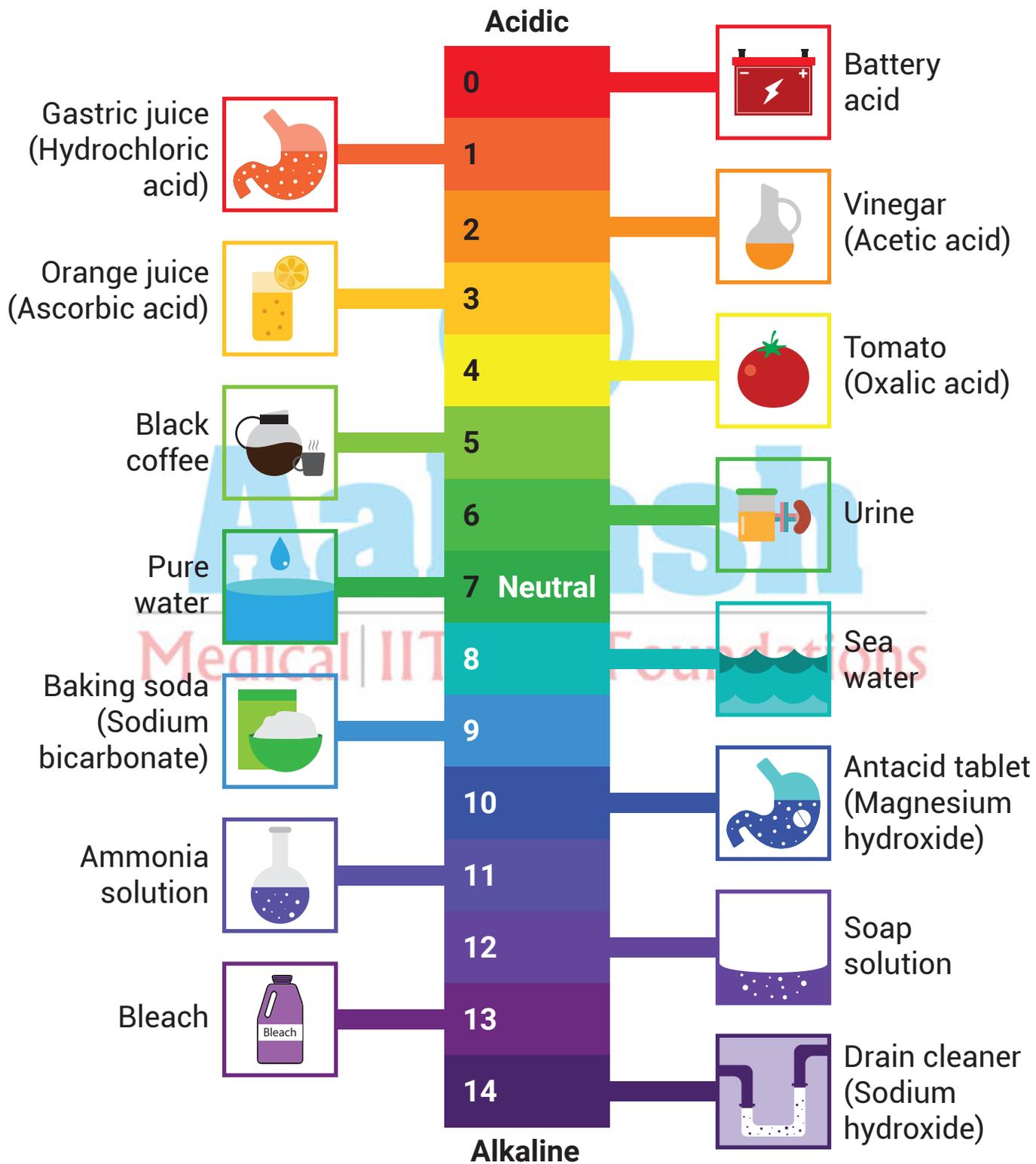
5. Reaction of an acid with base is called _____ reaction. (14)
6. Water soluble base is called _____. (6)
7. Acid present in apple is _____ acid. (5)
8. Strength of an acid is measured in terms of degree of _____. (12)
10. Reaction of a highly reactive metal with acid releases _____ gas. (8)



Down

1. The atmosphere of venus is made up of thick and yellowish clouds of _____. (13)
2. Chemicals which are used for the identification of an acid or base are called _____. (10)
3. Acids are _____ in taste. (4)
4. Methanoic acid is present in red ants. It is also known as _____. (10)
9. Aqueous solution of an acid or base is a good conductor of electricity due to the presence of free _____. (4)

Universal Indicator pH Colour Chart



● SUMMARY OF ACID-BASE THEORIES ●

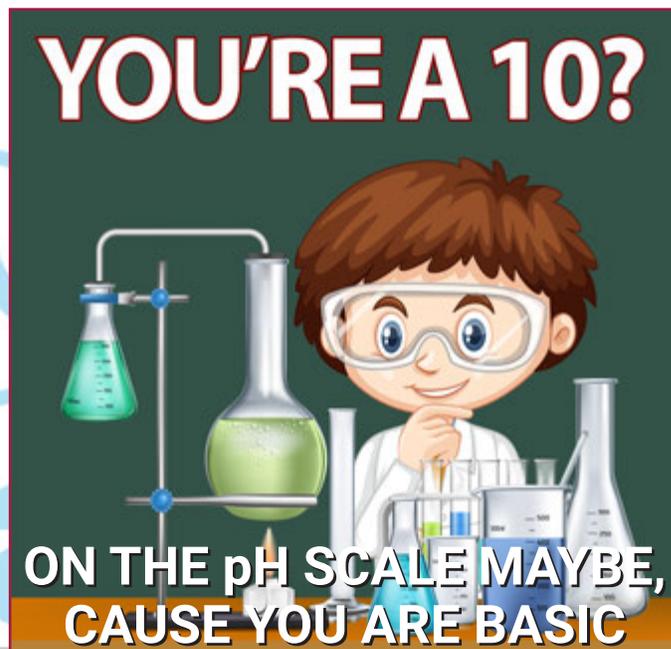
Theory	Acid Definition	Base Definition
Arrhenius Theory	Any substance which releases H^+ ions in aqueous solution.	Any substance which releases OH^- ions in aqueous solution.
Bronsted-Lowry Theory	Any substance which donates a proton (H^+).	Any substance which accepts a proton (H^+).
Lewis Theory	Any substance which can accept an electron pair.	Any substance which can donate an electron pair.

Indicators in Different Medium

Indicator	Original Colour	Acid	Base
Red litmus	Red	No change	Turns blue
Blue litmus	Blue	Turns red	No change
Turmeric	Yellow	No change	Turns reddish brown
Red cabbage juice	Purple	Reddish	Greenish-yellow
Phenolphthalein	Colourless	Colourless	Turns pink
Methyl orange	Orange	Turns red	Turns yellow



FunTime



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1

What do you call
an acid with an
attitude?

2

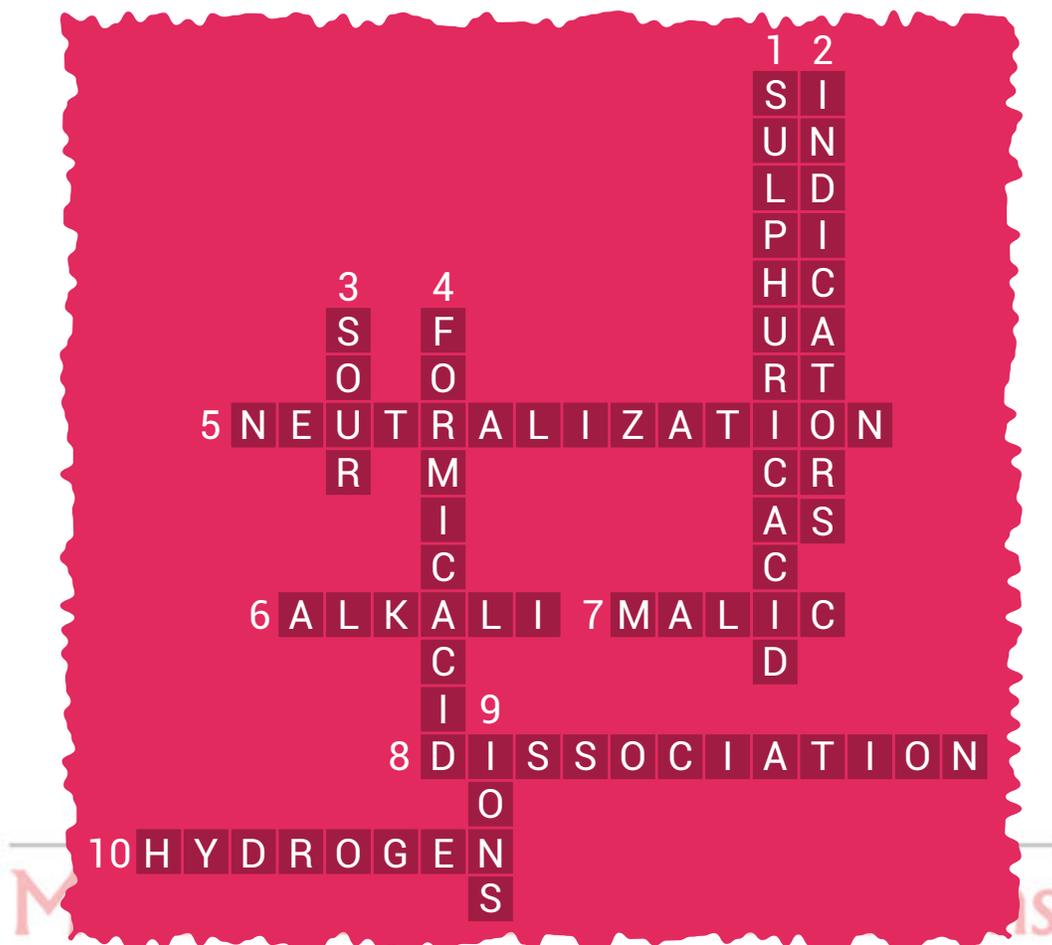
What do heart
burn chewables
and formic acid
have in common?

3

What is the pH of
the most acidic
soup?



Answer (Crossword)



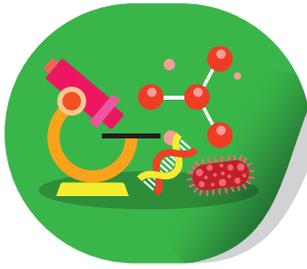
Answer (Fun Time)

1. A-Mean-Oh Acid
2. They're both ant acids.
3. pH = 0

Answer (Quiz Time)

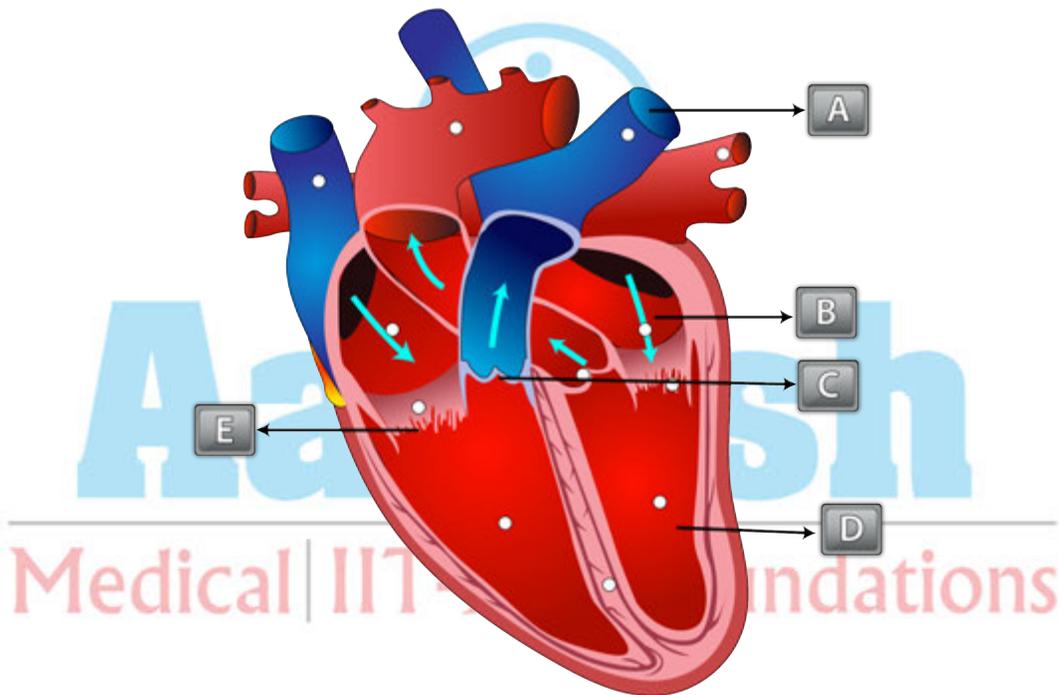
1. Acidic
2. A neutral
3. Neutral
4. Bases
5. H₂O





Life Processes

1. Identify the parts of heart depending upon the statements given below.



1

Which chamber has the thickest wall?

2

Identify the part labelled as E.

3

Which part upon closing produces dub sound?

4

Which is the first chamber to receive oxygenated blood?

5

Identify the part labelled as A.

Riddles

1

Plants require me for breathing and transpiration. Who am I ?

2

I have cytostome for eating and cytophyge for egestion and I move by cilia. Who am I ?

3

Light reaction takes place in my membrane. Who am I ?

4

I becomes dome shaped when you exhale. Who am I ?

5

You cannot survive without me as I am your blood pumping organ. Who am I ?



6

I am graveyard of your RBCs.
Who am I ?

7

You require me when your
kidneys stop working. Who am
I ?

8

I am acidic and I made your urine
yellow coloured. Who am I ?

9

Heart patients use me for
normal heart beat. Who am I ?

10

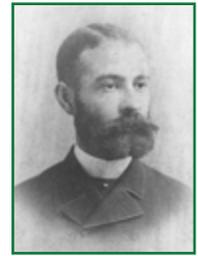
I acts as a 'Middle man' and
transports materials from blood
to the body cells.

?



Interesting Facts

1. The first open-heart surgery occurred in 1893. It was performed by Daniel Hale Williams, who was one of the few black cardiologists in the United States at the time.



2. The first implantable pacemaker was used in 1958. Arne Larsson, who received the pacemaker, lived longer than the surgeon who implanted it. Larsson died at 86 of a disease that was unrelated to his heart.

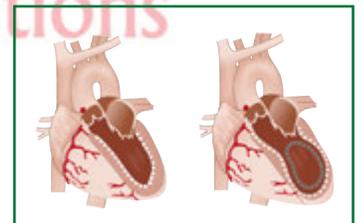


3. The youngest person to receive heart surgery was only a minute old. She had a heart defect that many babies don't survive. Her surgery was successful, but she'll eventually need a heart transplant.

4. The American pygmy shrew is the smallest mammal, but it has the fastest heartbeat at 1,200 beats per minute.



5. It is possible to have a broken heart. It's called broken heart syndrome and can have similar symptoms as a heart attack. The difference is that a heart attack is from heart disease and broken heart syndrome is caused by the rush of stress hormones from an emotional or physical stress event.

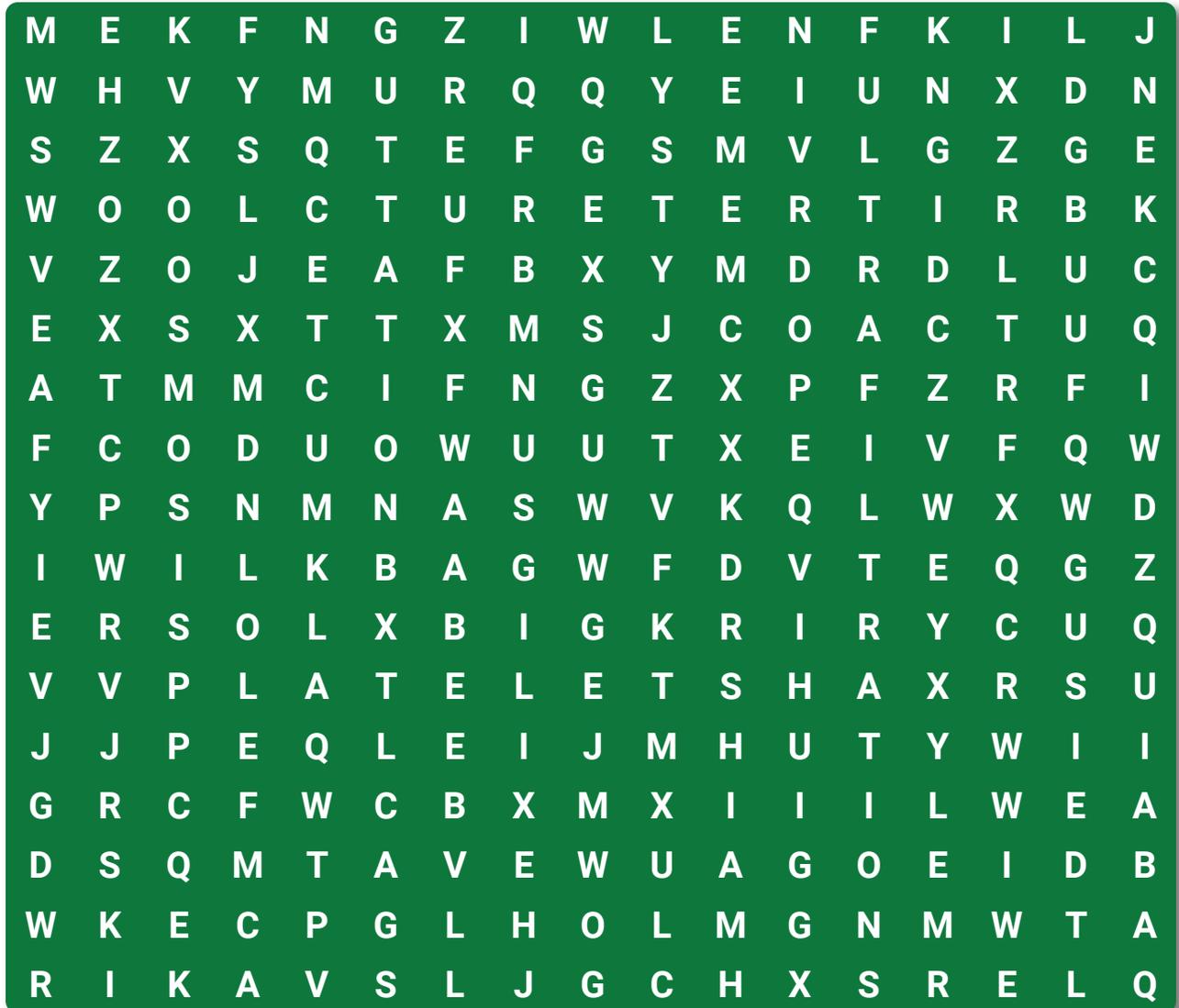


6. Kidney stones are normally millimetres in size; however, according to the 'Guinness Book of Records', the largest recorded kidney stone measured 13 cm at its widest point. It was removed from the left kidney of Vilas Ghuge by Dr. Hemendra Shah on 18 February 2004 in Mumbai, India.

7. You don't need both kidneys. One-half of a kidney can do the work of two, and 75% of one kidney can sustain life comfortably.



2. Identify the correct terms by using hints given below and find them in the jumbled letters.



1. Blood cells responsible for clotting.
2. Plant tissues responsible for conduction of water and minerals.
3. Loss of water in the form of water droplets by plants.
4. Structure responsible for transfer of urine to urinary bladder.
5. First process in the formation of urine.
6. Process through which water enters into roots of plants.



3. Identify these jumbled words by using the hints below.

SHADEHYDOT

1

Structures in plants responsible for guttation

0ONIRTCNSLATA

2

The process by which transfer of photosynthetic food in plant body occurs

NNEHROP

3

Structural unit of kidney

LTYSPEOMHYC

4

Cells that form antibodies

Tmooamhspyeermgn

5

The instrument by which blood pressure is measured

Answers

1. **1.** D **2.** Tricuspid valve **3.** C **4.** B **5.** Pulmonary artery

Answer (Riddles)

- 1.** Stomata **2.** *Paramecium* **3.** Thylakoids **4.** Diaphragm **5.** Heart
6. Spleen **7.** Hemodialysis **8.** Urochrome **9.** Pacemaker **10.** Lymph

2.

M	E	K	F	N	G	Z	I	W	L	E	N	F	K	I	L	J
W	H	V	Y	M	U	R	Q	Q	Y	E	I	U	N	X	D	N
S	Z	X	S	Q	T	E	F	G	S	M	V	L	G	Z	G	E
W	O	O	L	C	T	U	R	E	T	E	R	T	I	R	B	K
V	Z	O	J	E	A	F	B	X	Y	M	D	R	D	L	U	C
E	X	S	X	T	T	X	M	S	J	C	O	A	C	T	U	Q
A	T	M	M	C	I	F	N	G	Z	X	P	F	Z	R	F	I
F	C	O	D	U	O	W	U	U	T	X	E	I	V	F	Q	W
Y	P	S	N	M	N	A	S	W	V	K	Q	L	W	X	W	D
I	W	I	L	K	B	A	G	W	F	D	V	T	E	Q	G	Z
E	R	S	O	L	X	B	I	G	K	R	I	R	Y	C	U	Q
V	V	P	L	A	T	E	L	E	T	S	H	A	X	R	S	U
J	J	P	E	Q	L	E	I	J	M	H	U	T	Y	W	I	I
G	R	C	F	W	C	B	X	M	X	I	I	I	L	W	E	A
D	S	Q	M	T	A	V	E	W	U	A	G	O	E	I	D	B
W	K	E	C	P	G	L	H	O	L	M	G	N	M	W	T	A
R	I	K	A	V	S	L	J	G	C	H	X	S	R	E	L	Q

1. Platelets
 2. Xylem
 3. Guttation
 4. Ureter
 5. Ultrafiltration
 6. Osmosis

3. **1.** Hydathodes **2.** Translocation **3.** Nephron
4. Lymphocytes **5.** Sphygmomanometer



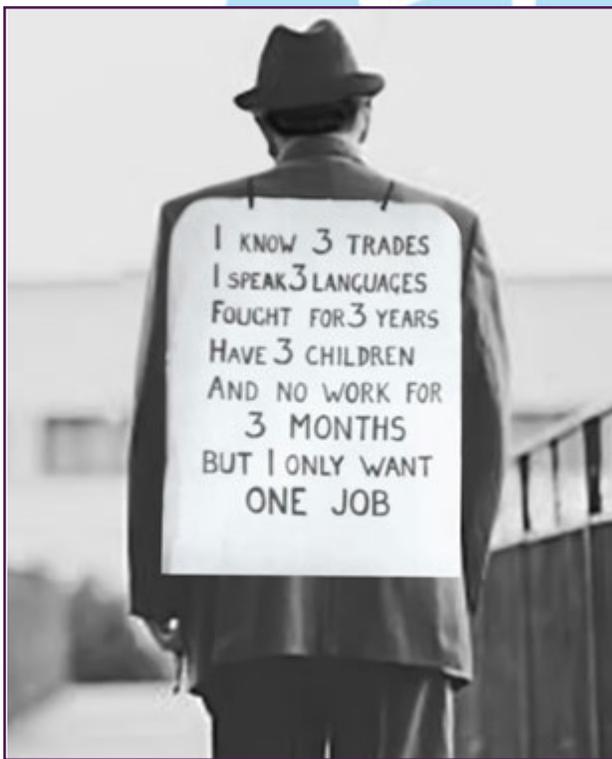
The Making of A Global World

The Great Depression of 1929

Period - 1929 to mid 1930s.

During this period most parts of the world experienced major declines in production, employment, incomes and trade.

Worst Affected - Agricultural Sector (Fall in agricultural prices).

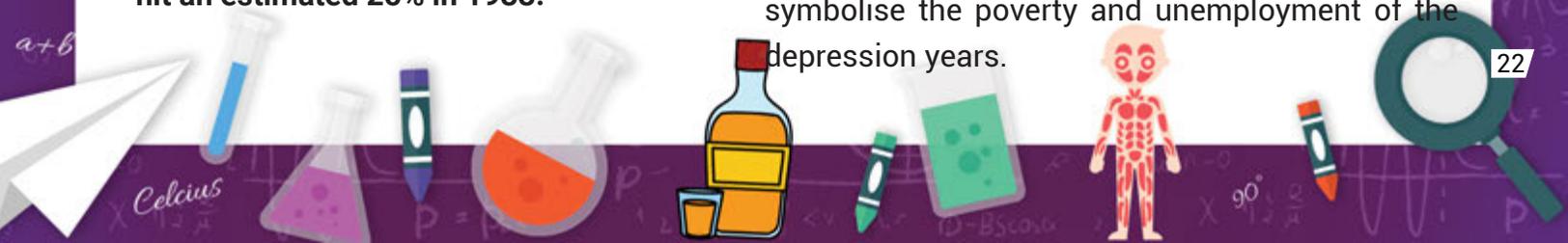


At its highest peak, the unemployment rate hit an estimated 25% in 1933.



People lining up for unemployment benefits, US, photograph by Dorothea Lange, 1938.

When an unemployment census showed 10 million people out of work, the local government in many US states began making small allowances to the unemployed. These long queues came to symbolise the poverty and unemployment of the depression years.



Reason

- Agricultural Overproduction.
- Over dependence of countries on US loans.
- US attempt to protect its economy by doubling import duties.

India and the Great Depression

Effect of Depression on India

- India's exports and imports nearly halved between 1928 and 1934.
- Peasants and farmers suffered most due to fall in prices of crop.
- Not much impact on middle-class salaried employees because fall in prices of food.



Subject-Verb Agreement



Fundamental Rule of Subject-Verb Agreement:

'Verb should be as per the Number and the Person of its Subject.'

- Singular Subject carries Singular Verb.
- Plural Subject carries Plural Verb.

Ex.:- He goes to his office every day. We help our parents in everything.

Subject Verb Agreement is of Two Types

Formal Subject Verb Agreement

As discussed, Verb must be singular if the subject is Singular and it must be Plural if the Subject is Plural.

E.g. He is eating lunch.

They are eating lunch.

Notional Subject Verb Agreement

Several Subjects look plural but they are singular or uncountable in meaning. So Singular verbs are used.

E.g. News is good.

For Example:

1. The Professor and the scientist _____ coming. [be]
2. The Professor and scientist _____ coming. [be]

Ans. 1. are 2. is

Explanation : Q 1

⇒ If **both the subjects** have a/an/the, then Plural verb is used.

⇒ There are two subjects.

Explanation : Q 2

⇒ If out of the two nouns, the first one carries article a/an/the, then Singular verb is used.

⇒ There is only one subject here.

3. Rice and Curry _____ my favourite food.

4. Bread and butter _____ our essential commodities.

Ans. 3. is 4. are

Explanation : Q 3

⇒ If two Singular Subjects are connected with 'and' BUT express **SINGLE IDEA** or **ENTITY** then Singular Verb is used.

Explanation : Q 4

⇒ Two singular subjects connected with 'and' showing different nouns carry Plural Verb.

Fill in the blanks using the correct verb form.

1. Many an inkpot _____ (be) empty.

2. The congregation _____ issued its report.

3. Neither we nor he _____ (be) guilty.

4. Riddhi along with her parents _____ (arrive) recently.

5. Not only Kiran but also her cousins _____ (be) responsible for the project.

Answers

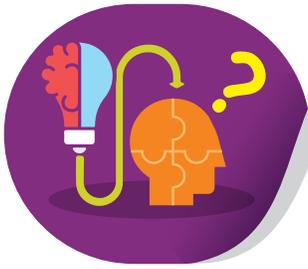
1. is

2. has

3. is

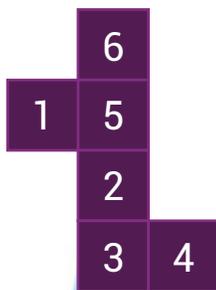
4. has arrived

5. are



Cubes and Dice

1. The figure (X) was given on the left-hand of the problem is folded to form a dice. Choose a dice from the alternatives (a), (b), (c) and (d) which is similar to the dice formed.



(X)



(a)



(b)



(c)



(d)

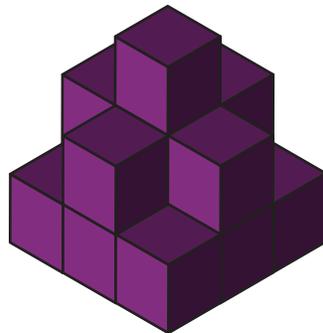
(1) (a)

(2) (b)

(3) (c)

(4) (d)

2. Count the number of Cubes in the following figure :



(1) 8

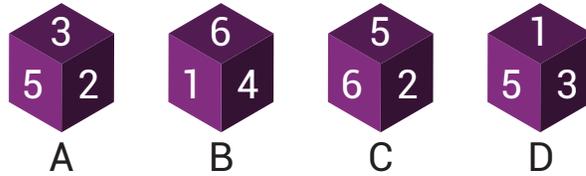
(2) 9

(3) 12

(4) 15

3.

Four positions of a dice are given, then which number is opposite to 5 in the given dice ?



(1) 1

(2) 4

(3) 3

(4) 6

4.

Four positions of a dice are given below. Identify the number at the bottom when the top is 3 ?



(1) 5

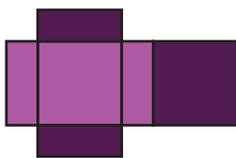
(2) 1

(3) 2

(4) 6

5.

Choose the box that is similar to the box formed from the given sheet of paper (X).



(X)



1



2



3



4

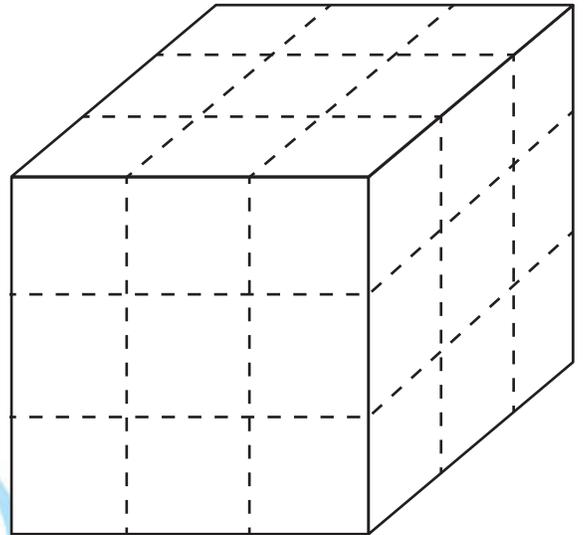
(1) 1 and 3 only

(2) 2 and 4 only

(3) 3 and 4 only

(4) 1 and 4 only

Directions (Qs. 6-10) : A wooden cube is painted Blue on all the four adjoining sides and Green on two opposite sides i.e. top and bottom. It is then cut at equal distances at right angles four times vertically (top to bottom) and two times horizontally (along the sides) as shown in the figure where the dotted lines represents the cuts made. Study the diagram and answer the following questions.



6. How many cubes will have one face painted only in Blue ?

(1) 1

(2) 2

(3) 3

(4) 4

7. How many cubes will have one face painted only in Green ?

(1) 1

(2) 2

(3) 3

(4) 4

8. How many cubes are formed in all ?

(1) 16

(2) 24

(3) 27

(4) 32



9. How many cubes will have at least three sides painted ?

(1) 8

(2) 6

(3) 3

(4) 2

10. How many cubes will have no face painted at all ?

(1) 2

(2) 3

(3) 4

(4) 1

Answers

1. (4)

6. (4)

2. (4)

7. (2)

3. (2)

8. (3)

4. (1)

9. (1)

5. (1)

10. (4)

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Happy Birthday

Stephen Hawking

“ The greatest enemy of knowledge is not **IGNORANCE**, it is the **ILLUSION** of knowledge. ”



Born - 8 Jan 1942
Died - 14 Mar 2018

Stephen Hawking was born in Oxford, England on January 8, 1942. He grew up in a highly educated family. Both of his parents had attended Oxford University and his father, Frank, was a medical researcher.

Hawking's contributions to physics earned him many exceptional honours. In 1974 the Royal Society elected him one of its youngest fellows. He became professor of gravitational physics at Cambridge in 1977, and in 1979 he was appointed to Cambridge's Lucasian professorship of mathematics, a post once held by Isaac Newton.

OUR RESULTS 2024

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NEET (UG) 2024

State Topper Delhi	State Topper Uttar Pradesh	State Topper West Bengal	State Topper Uttar Pradesh	State Topper Maharashtra	State Topper Rajasthan
Mridul M Anand 3 Year Classroom	Ayush Naugraiya 4 Year Classroom	Arghyadeep Dutta 2 Year Classroom	Aryan Yadav 1 Year Classroom	Palansha Agarwal 2 Year Classroom	Iram Quazi 1 Year Classroom

JEE (Advanced) 2024

AIR 25	AIR 67	AIR 78	AIR 93	AIR 95
Rishi Shekher Shukla 2 Year Classroom	Krishna Sai Shishir 4 Year Classroom	Abhishek Jain 4 Year Classroom	Hardik Aggarwal 2 Year Classroom	Ujjwal Singh 4 Year Classroom

1430 Students Scored Above MAS

344

Classroom Students
Qualified in
NSEs* 2023-24

(Group A & B)
34+30
NSEA*

156
NSEB*

72
NSEC*

23
NSEP*

29
NSEJS*

Aakashians Qualified for INO-2024



Diptanshu Sharma
NSEB | NSEC | NSEP



Priyanshu Sarkar
NSEB | NSEC | NSEP



Mridul Garg
NSEB | NSEC | NSEP



Zaman Hussain
NSEA | NSEC | NSEP



Shubhradeep Paul
NSEA | NSEC | NSEP



Samvit Shandilya
NSEA | NSEC | NSEP

and many more...

*NSEA-National Standard Examination in Astronomy | NSEB-National Standard Examination in Biology | NSEC-National Standard Examination in Chemistry
NSEP-National Standard Examination in Physics | NSEJS-National Standard Examination in Junior Science | INO-Indian National Olympiad

Aakashians Qualified for OCSC/IMOTC-2024

32

Classroom Students
Qualified
in INOs 2024



Aneesh Shastri
Qualified INAO



Sanvi Jain
Qualified INChO



Mridul M Anand
Qualified INBO



Zaman Hussain
Qualified INMO



Sushant Agarwal
Qualified INJSO



Archit Kumar
Qualified INAO Jr

OCSCs - Orientation cum Selection Camps | IMOTC - International Mathematical Olympiad Training Camp

and many more...

Aakashians Qualified for RMO from Classroom Programs

869

Classroom Students
Qualified
in IOQM 2024



Class VIII Joish Achyuta
2 Year Classroom



Class VIII Pranava NS
3 Year Classroom



Class VIII Bruteshwar Rajguru
3 Year Classroom



Class VIII Hardik Mishra
2 Year Classroom



Class VIII Hardik Dhariwal
2 Year Classroom



Class IX Dhanush Damu
4 Year Classroom

IOQM - Indian Olympiad Qualifier in Mathematics

and many more...

Board Exam Results 2024

Top Performers from Class X



Marks
500
500

Devidyuti K Pisharody
CBSE



Marks
499
500

P Harini
CBSE



Marks
498
500

Jiya Dugar V
CBSE

and many more...

Top Performers from Class XII



Marks
496
500

Ananthan R
CBSE



Marks
495
500

Ansh Agrawal
CBSE



Marks
495
500

Himanshu Agarwal
CBSE

and many more...



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