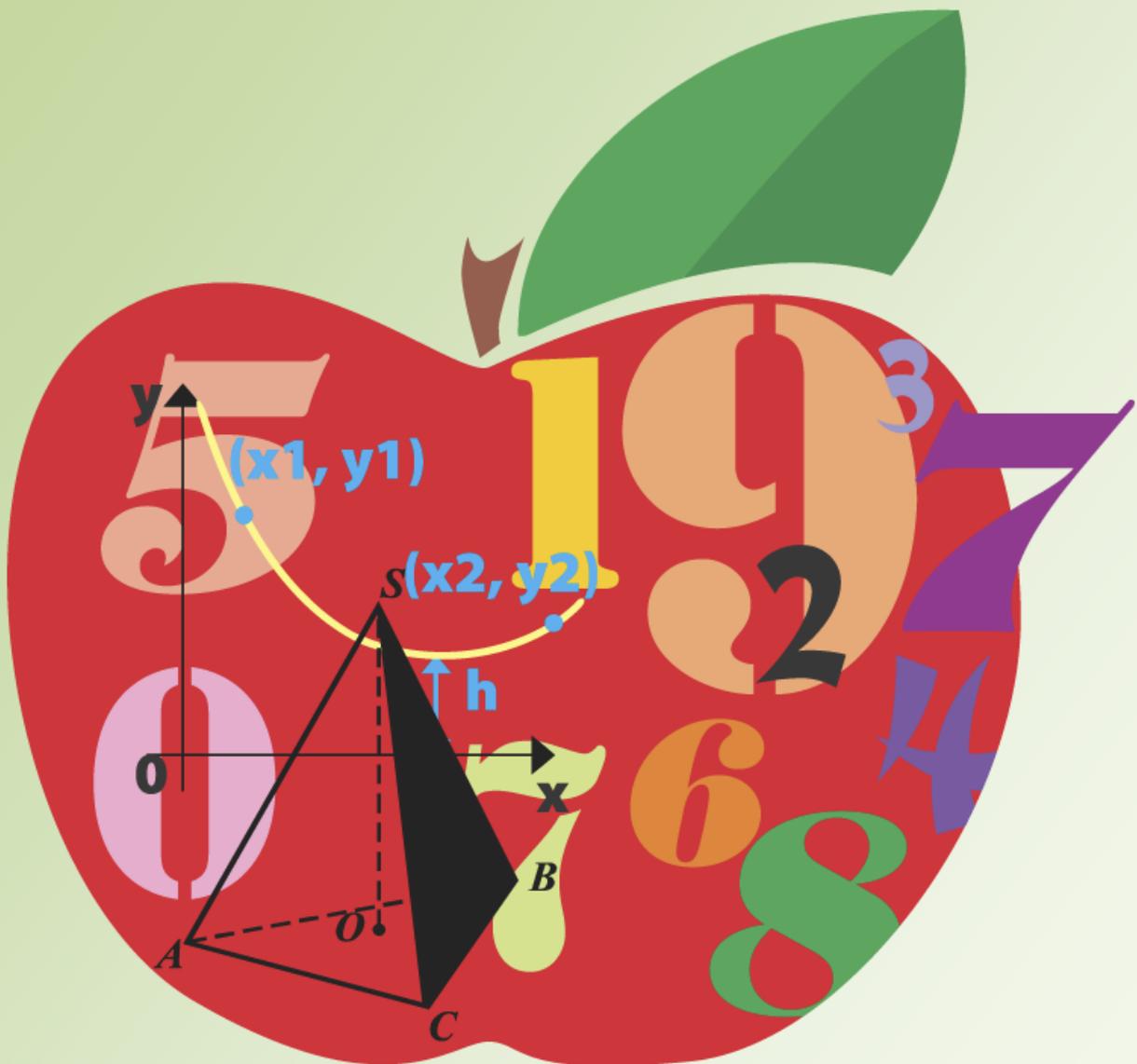


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Each of the words in the box below has a connection to numbers. Can you spot it?

address	quarters	volume	interest	mint	
account	distance	circle	measure	solution	number

They are also unique in that they have multiple meanings. For example, which one will fit correctly into the blank in all three of the following sentences?

Why is 13 considered an unlucky _____?

_____ each of your answers from 1 to 10.

Mrs. Mason really did a _____ on my composition.

The missing word is *number*, of course. In the first sentence, it's a counting symbol. In the second, it's a verb meaning "to count or mark one by one." In the last sentence, *number* is part of an idiom that means "to criticize thoroughly."

Study the following ten sets of sentences and determine which word from the box will complete all three. Write the word in the blank to the left.

_____ 1. My collection of _____ now totals \$11.75!

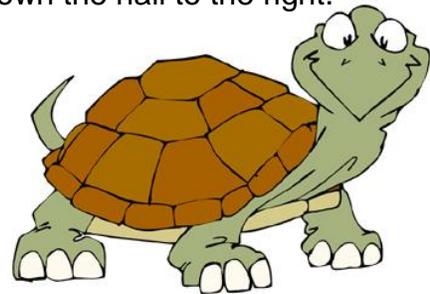
We divided the room into _____ so that each of us would have the same amount of space.

The sleeping _____ are down the hall to the right.

_____ 2. The detective asked, "Are you able to _____ for your whereabouts from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.?"

I deposited \$20 in my bank _____.

"Whoever put the turtle in my purse will have to _____ for his actions!" Mom declared.



_____ 3. I am developing an _____ in butterflies and their habitats.

Mrs. Thurman owns half _____ in three different businesses.

The _____ rate on our home mortgage is 4.75%.

_____ 4. I tried to help the children form a _____, but the best they could do was a shape that looked like an amoeba.

Our dog Belvidere likes to bolt out the back door, _____ the back yard several times, and then zoom back into the kitchen.

My _____ of friends grows a little larger each year.

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_____ 5. Write your full name on this line and your _____ on the next two.

We need to _____ this problem and find a solution before it gets worse.

The Governor will _____ the legislature this afternoon.

_____ 6. What is the the _____ of a cylinder 10 inches in diameter and 12 inches high?

Dad gave Mom a _____ of poetry for her birthday.

Please turn down the _____ on your radio before you set off tremors over the whole neighborhood.



_____ 7. It's difficult to _____ oneself from friends who start behaving badly, but sometimes it's the best thing to do.

Thunder began rumbling in the _____.

Dad travels only a short _____ each morning to his office.

_____ 8. Uncle Carter's coin collection is worth a _____.

Mom had the living room painted _____ green.

This antique motorcycle is in _____ condition.

_____ 9. At the end of her scrumptious meal, Grandmother served dessert for good _____.

First, we should _____ the room and determine how many square yards of carpet we need to order.

My brother will resort to almost any _____ to win a game of Crazy Eights.

_____ 10. I worked on the math challenge for more than an hour to find the _____.

We use a simple _____ of sugar and water in our hummingbird feeders

Alternative fuels are only part of the _____ to our growing need for energy.

Challenge: Write three sentences for each of the following multiple meaning words with a number connection:

clock

sign

score

line

chart

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Answer Keys

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1. quarters
2. account
3. interest
4. circle
5. address
6. volume
7. distance
8. mint
9. measure
10. solution