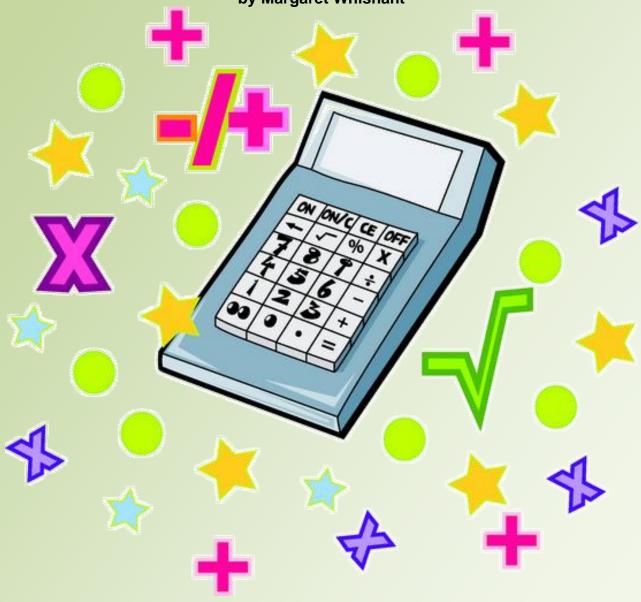
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contrived Invented; devised; planned with ingenuity; concocted; made up.

tricked-out Modified, decorated or embellished in an extravagant way.

Numbers are everywhere. Sometimes they are in the form of a problem needing to be solved. But more often they are in information mode, hanging out, waiting, ready when someone needs them—like the four quarts that can join forces to create a gallon or the twelve months that add up to a year, for instance.

Occasionally people mess around with idle numerical facts and make up tricked-out math problems just for the fun of it, as is the case here.

