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Total Time Allowed: **30 Minutes**

**1A.** The letters in the word "Algebra" are cycled, so that the first three letters become the last three letters.

This action is continuously repeated, with the results placed in a numbered list, as shown.

For what value of  $N$  will the word "Algebra" next appear?

1. Algebra
2. ebraAlg
3. aAlgebr
- ...
- $N$ . Algebra

Write your answers in the boxes on the back.

← Keep your answers hidden by folding backwards on this line.

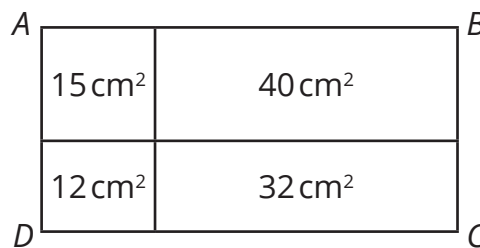
**1B.** When the edges of a cube are increased in length by 10%, its surface area will increase by  $N\%$ .  
Find  $N$ .

**1C.** Three integers, when added together two at a time, have the sums +5, -31, and -2.  
Find the lowest of the three integers.

**1D.** Rectangle  $ABCD$  is partitioned into four smaller rectangles with areas  $15\text{ cm}^2$ ,  $40\text{ cm}^2$ ,  $32\text{ cm}^2$ , and  $12\text{ cm}^2$ , as shown.

The side lengths of each rectangle are a whole number of centimetres.

Find the perimeter of rectangle  $ABCD$ , in centimetres.



\* Diagram not drawn to scale

**1E.** How many more 4-digit even numbers than 4-digit odd numbers can be formed using only digits from the set  $\{0, 1, 6\}$ ?

Note: A 4-digit number begins with a non-zero digit. 0161 is not a 4-digit number.



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**1A.**

**Student Name:**

**1B.**

**1C.**

**1D.**

**1E.**

*Fold here. Keep your answers hidden.*



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## Solutions and Answers

(Items in parentheses are not required)  
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1A: 8

1B: 21 (%)

1C: -19

1D: 40 (cm)

1E: 18 OR "twice as many"

1A. The question is: For what value of  $N$  will the word "Algebra" next appear?

**METHOD 1:** Continue the pattern.

Letters are being cycled:

- Front to back,
- Three letters at a time.

We can continue this pattern until the word *Algebra* appears once again.

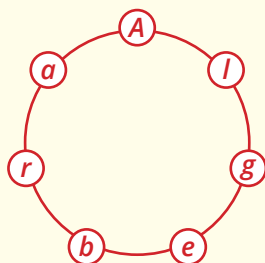
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| 2. | <i>ebraAlg</i> | → | <i>aAlgebr</i> |
| 3. | <i>aAlgebr</i> | → | <i>gebraAl</i> |
| 4. | <i>gebraAl</i> | → | <i>raAlgeb</i> |
| 5. | <i>raAlgeb</i> | → | <i>lgebraA</i> |
| 6. | <i>lgebraA</i> | → | <i>braAlge</i> |
| 7. | <i>braAlge</i> | → | <i>Algebra</i> |
| 8. | <i>Algebra</i> | → |                |

1. *Algebra*
2. *ebraAlg*
3. *aAlgebr*
- ...
- N. *Algebra*

The word "Algebra" will next appear at **8** in the numbered list.

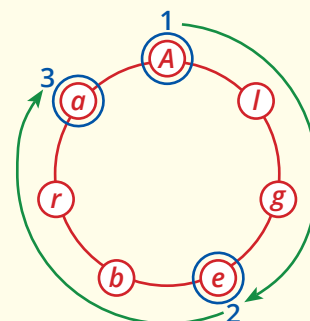
**METHOD 2:** Draw a diagram, and find a pattern.

Since the letters are being cycled, we might begin by arranging the letters in a circle.



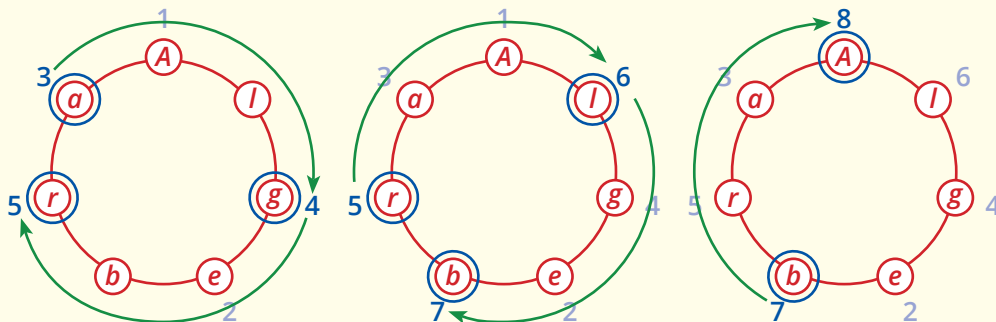
The first "word" in the list begins with **A**.

The second "word" begins with **e**, and the third begins with **a**.



We continue this pattern, indicating every third letter, until we end up back at the **A**.

Since **3** and **7** are mutually prime, every possible "word" will have been formed.



After the 1st word, the next word to read "Algebra" will be the **8th** word in the numbered list.

**FOLLOW-UP:** The letters in each of the words *SOCIAL* and *STUDIES* are cycled, front to back, one letter at a time. The cycles look like this: (1) *SOCIAL STUDIES*, (2) *OCIALS TUDIESS*, (3) *CIALSO UDIESST*, and so on until (N) *SOCIAL STUDIES*. Find the lowest value of  $N$  greater than 1. [ 43 ]



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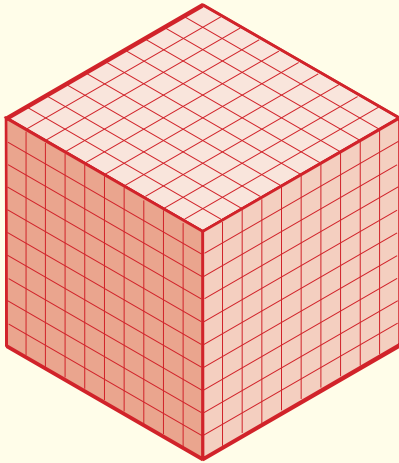
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**1B.** The question is: Find  $N$ , if the surface area of a cube increases by  $N\%$  when the edges are increased by  $10\%$ .

**METHOD 1:** Use a convenient example.

We can use a cube that has convenient dimensions.

Since we want to increase the edges by  $10\%$  or one-tenth, then a convenient starting cube might have  $10\text{ cm}$  edges.



When the lengths of the edges are increased by  $10\%$ , each face goes from  $10\text{ cm} \times 10\text{ cm} = 100\text{ cm}^2$ , to  $11\text{ cm} \times 11\text{ cm} = 121\text{ cm}^2$ .

Each face increases by  $121\text{ cm}^2 - 100\text{ cm}^2 = 21\text{ cm}^2$ .

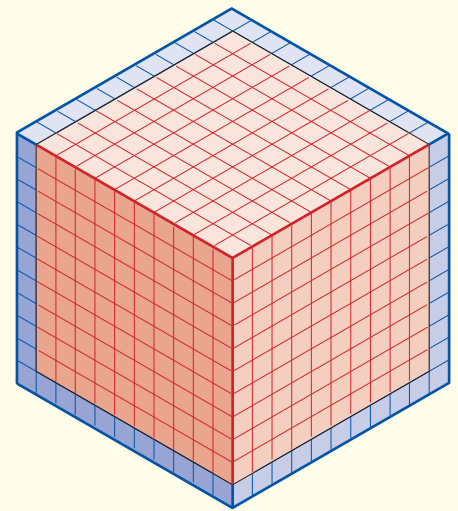
This happens to each of the six faces.

The surface area of the original cube was  $6 \times 100\text{ cm}^2$ .

After the lengths of the edges are increased, the surface area increases by  $6 \times 21\text{ cm}^2$ .

The surface area of the cube increases by

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{6 \times 21}{6 \times 100} \times 100\% \\ &= \frac{6}{6} \times \frac{21}{100} \times 100\% \\ &= 21\%. \end{aligned}$$

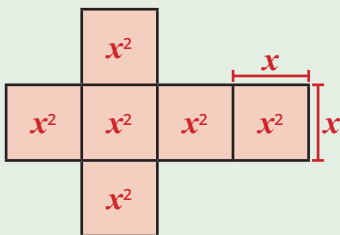


**METHOD 2:** Construct an algebraic expression.

To find the surface area of a cube, we might begin by finding the area of one face.

Since the cube has  $6$  identical faces, the surface area is  $6$  times the area of one face.

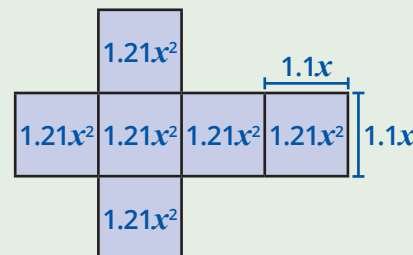
So if the edge of the cube is  $x$  units long, then the surface area would be  $6x^2$  square units.



When the edges are increased by  $10\%$ , the edge length will be

$$\begin{aligned} & (100\% \times x) + (10\% \times x) \text{ units} \\ &= 110\% \times x \text{ units} \\ &= 1.1x \text{ units.} \end{aligned}$$

After the increase, the surface area of each face will be  $1.1x \times 1.1x = 1.21x^2$  square units.



After the edges are increased, the surface area of the cube is  $6 \times 1.21x^2$  square units.

The new surface area exceeds the original surface area by

$$\begin{aligned} & 6 \times 1.21x^2 - 6x^2 \\ &= 6x^2(1.21 - 1) \\ &= 6x^2(0.21) \text{ square units.} \end{aligned}$$

The percentage increase in surface area is therefore

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{6x^2(0.21)}{6x^2} \times 100\% \\ &= 0.21 \times 100\% \\ &= 21\%. \end{aligned}$$

**Follow-Up:** When the lengths of the edges of a cube are decreased by  $10\%$ , its surface area will decrease by  $N\%$ . Find  $N$ . [ 19 ]



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1c. The question is: Find the lowest of the three integers.

Let the three integers be represented by  $a$ ,  $b$ , and  $c$ .

When added two at a time, the sums are +5, -31, and -2.

$$a + b = +5 \quad \text{--- ①}$$

$$a + c = -31 \quad \text{--- ②}$$

$$b + c = -2 \quad \text{--- ③}$$

**METHOD 1:** Add the three equations together.

The sum of all of the expressions on the left side of the equations, will equal the sum of all of the values on the right side.

$$\text{①} + \text{②} + \text{③} : \quad a + b + a + c + b + c = +5 - 31 - 2$$
$$2a + 2b + 2c = -28$$

We can halve both sides of the equation, and the statement will still be true.

$$a + b + c = -14 \quad \text{--- ④}$$

By finding the difference between equation 4 and each of the other three equations, we can find the values of  $a$ ,  $b$ , and  $c$ .

$$\text{④} - \text{①} : \quad a + b + c - (a + b) = -14 - (+5)$$
$$c = -19$$

$$\text{④} - \text{②} : \quad a + b + c - (a + c) = -14 - (-31)$$
$$b = 17$$

$$\text{④} - \text{③} : \quad a + b + c - (b + c) = -14 - (-2)$$
$$a = -12$$

Having worked out that  $a$ ,  $b$ , and  $c$  are -12, 17 and -19, we can see that the least of the three integers is -19.

**METHOD 2:** Find the difference between pairs of equations.

We begin by finding the difference between equation 1 and equation 2.

$$\text{①} - \text{②} : \quad a + b - (a + c) = +5 - (-31)$$
$$b - c = 36 \quad \text{--- ⑤}$$

By adding equation 3 to equation 5, we can find the value of  $b$ .

$$\text{③} + \text{⑤} : \quad b + c + (b - c) = -2 + 36$$
$$2b = 34$$
$$b = 17$$

Substituting the value of  $b$  back into equations 1 and 3, we find that the values of  $a$ ,  $b$ , and  $c$  are -12, 17 and -19.

The least of the integers is -19.

$$\text{①} : \quad a + 17 = +5$$
$$a = -12$$

$$\text{③} : \quad 17 + c = -2$$
$$c = -19$$

**FOLLOW-UP:** Three integers, when multiplied two at a time, have products -21, -15, and +35. What is the sum of the three integers? [ 9 or -9 ]



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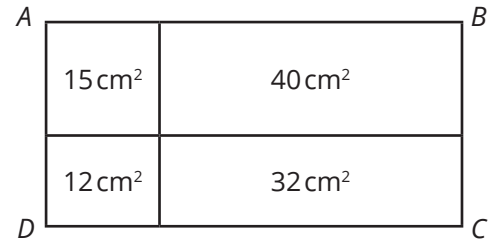
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**1D.** The question is: Find the perimeter of rectangle  $ABCD$ , in centimetres.

**METHOD:** *Eliminate all but one possibility.*

We can begin by considering all of the possible dimensions for the different rectangles.

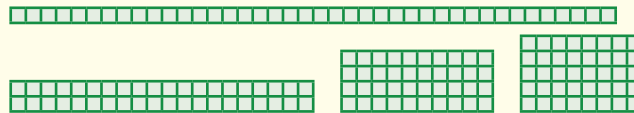


On the top edge, we have rectangles with areas  $15\text{cm}^2$  and  $40\text{cm}^2$ .

The dimensions of the  $15\text{cm}^2$  rectangle could be  $1\text{cm} \times 15\text{cm}$ , or  $3\text{cm} \times 5\text{cm}$ .

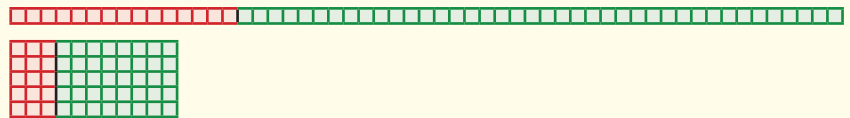


The dimensions of the  $40\text{cm}^2$  rectangle could be  $1\text{cm} \times 40\text{cm}$ ,  $2\text{cm} \times 20\text{cm}$ ,  $4\text{cm} \times 10\text{cm}$ , or  $5\text{cm} \times 8\text{cm}$ .



Since these rectangles share a common side, they must have one side length in common.

The possible dimensions are therefore  $1\text{cm} \times 15\text{cm}$  and  $1\text{cm} \times 40\text{cm}$ , or  $5\text{cm} \times 3\text{cm}$  and  $5\text{cm} \times 8\text{cm}$ .



On the left side, we have rectangles with areas  $15\text{cm}^2$  and  $12\text{cm}^2$ .

If the  $15\text{cm}^2$  rectangle had dimensions  $1\text{cm} \times 15\text{cm}$ , then the  $12\text{cm}^2$  rectangle would need to have a  $15\text{cm}$  side.



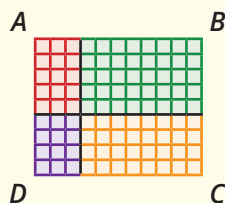
$12$  is not divisible by  $15$ , so that possibility does not work.

If the  $15\text{cm}^2$  rectangle had dimensions  $5\text{cm} \times 3\text{cm}$ , then the  $12\text{cm}^2$  rectangle would need to have a  $3\text{cm}$  side.



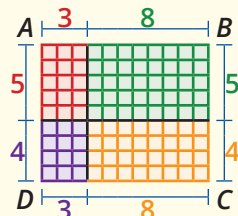
$12 \div 3 = 4$ , so the  $12\text{cm}^2$  rectangle could have dimensions  $4\text{cm} \times 3\text{cm}$ .

The remaining rectangle must have dimensions  $4\text{cm} \times 8\text{cm}$ , and an area of  $32\text{cm}^2$ .



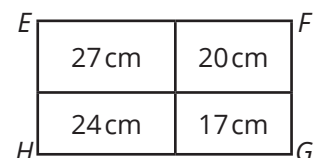
That matches the question.

Rectangle  $ABCD$  must be  $3\text{cm} + 8\text{cm} = 11\text{cm}$  wide, and  $5\text{cm} + 4\text{cm} = 9\text{cm}$  high.



The perimeter of rectangle  $ABCD$  is  $11 + 9 + 11 + 9 = 40\text{cm}$ .

**FOLLOW-UP:** Rectangle  $EFGH$  is partitioned into four smaller rectangles with perimeters  $27\text{cm}$ ,  $20\text{cm}$ ,  $17\text{cm}$ , and  $24\text{cm}$ , as shown. Find the perimeter of rectangle  $EFGH$ , in centimetres. [ 44 ]





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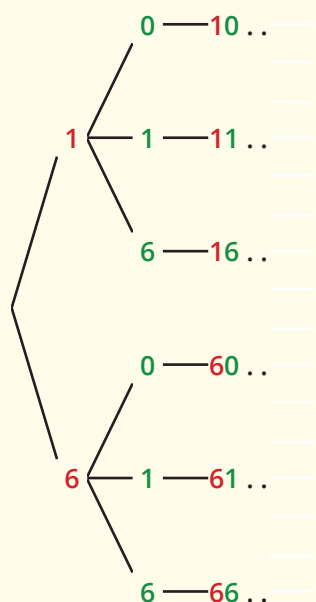
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**1E.** The question is: How many more 4-digit even numbers than 4-digit odd numbers can be formed using only digits from the set  $\{0, 1, 6\}$ ?

**METHOD 1:** Draw a Tree Diagram, and Make an Organised List.

The first digit of a number can be any digit except for 0, so all of the possible 4-digit numbers must begin with either a 1 or a 6.

The second digit can then be any one of 0, 1, or 6.



Likewise, the third digit can then be any one of 0, 1, or 6.

Each of the resulting sequences of three digits will be the first digits of three four-digit numbers.

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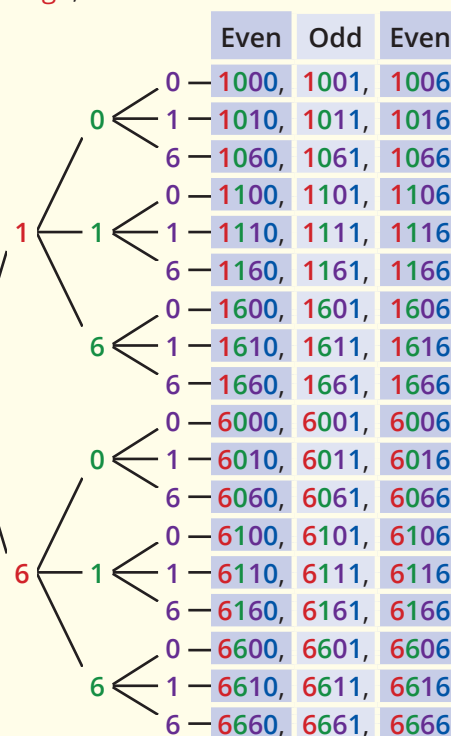
- 2 possible values for the first digit,
- 3 possible values for the 2nd digit, and
- 3 possible values for the third digit,

there are  $2 \times 3 \times 3 = 18$  possible sequences for the first three digits.

Each of these sequences creates:

- 2 even four-digit numbers that end in 0 or 6, and
- 1 odd four digit number that ends in 1.

With  $18 \times 2 = 36$  even four-digit numbers, and  $18 \times 1 = 18$  odd four-digit numbers, there are  $36 - 18 = 18$  more 4-digit even numbers than 4-digit odd numbers.



**METHOD 2:** Reason Logically.

There are 2 units digits that will result in an even number,

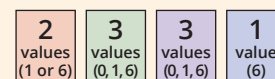


and 1 units digit that will result in an odd number.



Every 4-digit even number ending in 0 will be followed by a 4-digit odd number ending in 1.

The difference between the number of even numbers and the number of odd numbers, can therefore be found by just counting all of the possible 4-digit numbers that end in the digit 6.



With  $2 \times 3 \times 3 \times 1 = 18$  4-digit numbers ending in 6, there are 18 more 4-digit even numbers than 4-digit odd numbers.

**FOLLOW-UP:** How many 3-digit prime numbers can be formed using only the digits in the set  $\{0, 1, 6\}$ ?  
[ 3: 101, 601, 661 ]