

# THE INSIDE AND OUTSIDE OF FOUR LETTER WORDS

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Letters are given their alphabetical values A = 1 to Z = 26

In each of the four categories *addition*, *subtraction*, *multiplication* and *division*, the first and last letters of a 4-letter word work together (H + O in HERO = 23) to give the same result as the second and third letters working together (E + R in HERO = 23):

addition H E R O    H + O = 23 = E + R  
          8 5 18 15

subtraction S L I P    S - P = 3 = L - I  
              19 12 9 16

multiplication C E L T    C x T = 60 = E x L  
                  3 5 12 20

division D R I B    D ÷ B = 2 = R ÷ I  
           4 18 9 2

## ADDITION

**4 3 2 1    4 + 1 = 3 + 2**

**B E A D    B + D = 6 = E + A  
2 5 1 4    2 + 4 = 5 + 1**

B A F E    B + E = 7 = A + F  
(a place in Senegal)

B A T S    B + S = 21 = A + T

B E V Y    B + Y = 27 = E + V

B O E R    B + R = 20 = O + E

C A G E    C + E = 8 = A + G

C O G S    C + S = 22 = O + G

F E E D     $F + D = 10 = E + E$

G A Y S     $G + S = 26 = A + Y$

H A L E     $H + E = 13 = A + L$

H A N G     $H + G = 15 = A + N$

H E D A     $H + E = 9 = E + D$   
(a place in Sweden)

I N D I     $I + I = 18 = N + D$

J I B A     $J + A = 11 = I + B$   
(a place in Yemen)

J O I N     $J + N = 24 = O + I$

J U D O     $J + O = 25 = U + D$

K I C A     $K + A = 12 = I + C$   
(a place in Serbia)

L A M B     $L + B = 14 = A + M$

L I N K     $L + K = 23 = I + N$

L O A D     $L + D = 16 = O + A$

L O B E     $L + E = 17 = O + B$

L O P S     $L + S = 31 = O + P$

M O R T     $M + T = 33 = O + R$

N O D E     $N + E = 19 = O + D$

O N Y X     $O + X = 39 = N + Y$

P O U T     $P + T = 36 = O + U$

S O O K     $S + K = 30 = O + O$   
(a female crab)

S O W S     $S + S = 38 = O + W$

S P U R     $S + R = 37 = P + U$

S T O P     $S + P = 35 = T + O$

S U M O     $S + O = 34 = U + M$

T O N I     $T + I = 29 = O + N$

T U S T     $T + T = 40 = U + S$   
(a place in Czechoslovakia)

W I S E     $W + E = 28 = I + S$

W I W I     $W + I = 32 = I + W$   
(a girl's first name)

### **SUBTRACTION**

H E A D     $H - D = 4 = E - A$   
4 2 1 3     $4 - 3 = 1 = 2 - 1$

H O L E     $H - E = 3 = O - L$

I R J A     $I - A = 8 = R - J$   
(*Irja* is a diminutive of Irene)

J E D I     $J - I = 1 = E - D$

J O F A     $J - A = 9 = O - F$   
(a clothing brand name)

K I C E     $K - E = 6 = I - C$   
(a surname)

L Y R E     $L - E = 7 = Y - R$

M O C A     $M - A = 12 = O - C$   
(a place in Puerto Rico)

O S I E     $O - E = 10 = S - I$   
(a place in Poland)

P O D E     $P - E = 11 = O - D$

R O B E     $R - E = 13 = O - B$

R O A D     $R - D = 14 = O - A$

R O M P     $R - P = 2 = O - M$

S T E D     $S - D = 15 = T - E$

**S T O N**    **S - N = 5 = T - O**  
Ston is a city in Croatia

**T O N S**    **T - S = 1 = O - N**

**T U B A**    **T - A = 19 = U - B**

**U R B E**    **U - E = 16 = R - B**  
(a place in Italy)

**V Y D A**    **Y - D = 21 = V - A**  
(a first name)

**X Y B A**    **X - A = 23 = Y - B**  
(a company name)

**Y U A E**    **Y - E = 20 = U - A**  
(a species of flea beetle)

**Z U C H**    **Z - H = 18 = U - C**  
(a surname)

**Z U D I**    **Z - I = 17 = U - D**  
(a place in China)

**Z W A D**    **Z - D = 22 = W - A**  
(a surname)

**Z Y A B**    **Z - B = 24 = Y - A**  
(a first name)

## **MULTIPLICATION**

**6 3 2 1**    **6 x 1 = 3 x 2**

**A C C I**    **A x I = 9 = C x C**  
**1 3 3 9**    **1 x 9 = 3 x 3**  
(Acci is a Roman place name in Spain)

**A E A E**    **A x E = 5 = E x A**  
(a road name in Hawaii)

**B A B A**    **B x A = 2 = A x B**  
(Baba is a girl's first name)

**B A J E**     $B \times E = 10 = A \times J$   
(a place in Angola)

**B A N G**     $B \times G = 14 = A \times N$

**B A R I**     $B \times I = 18 = A \times R$   
(a place in Italy)

**B H A D**     $B \times D = 8 = H \times A$   
(a place in India)

**C A C A**     $C \times A = 3 = A \times C$   
(a Roman goddess)

**C L A D**     $C \times D = 12 = L \times A$

**D A D A**     $D \times A = 4 = A \times D$   
(father)

**D A T E**     $D \times E = 20 = A \times T$

**F A F A**     $F \times A = 6 = A \times F$   
(an island in Tonga)

**G A G A**     $G \times A = 7 = A \times G$

**K A K A**     $K \times A = 11 = A \times K$   
(a place in Iran, also a first name)

**M A M A**     $M \times A = 13 = A \times M$

**O C E A**     $O \times A = 15 = C \times E$   
(a girl's first name)

**P A P A**     $P \times A = 16 = A \times P$

**Q A Q A**     $Q \times A = 17 = A \times Q$   
(a place in Iraq)

**S A S A**     $S \times A = 19 = A \times S$   
(a place in Israel)

## DIVISION

$$6 \ 2 \ 1 \ 3 \quad 6 \div 3 = 2 \div 1$$

$$\begin{array}{l} D \ R \ I \ B \quad D \div B = 2 = R \div I \\ 4 \ 18 \ 9 \ 2 \quad 4 \div 2 = 18 \div 9 \end{array}$$

$$O \ L \ D \ E \quad O \div E = 3 = L \div D$$

$$T \ E \ A \ D \quad T \div D = 5 = E \div A$$

(*tead* is early English for a torch)