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# How Much Is?

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Estimated play time: Approximately 15 minutes.

Number of players: Unlimited.

Supplies needed: Pencil and paper for each player/team; Scoring board/pad; noisemakers.

Suitable for visually impaired players.

## Overview:

This game involves simple addition – but you have to figure out which numbers to add up. For example:

Q: How much is ... the number of Dalmatians in the children's book plus the number of items in a half-dozen?

A: 107 (101 + 6).

## Instructions:

1. This game can be played by individuals or in teams.
2. Read the first question. Discussion is permitted among teammates. Prior to the start of the game, a method to signal when a team is ready to answer must be determined. Ringing bells and New Year's blowers are just two inexpensive noisemakers. Raised hands work, but the host must be vigilant to watch for whose hand went up first. The host always has the final say in any disputes.
3. After a player/team is recognized as the first to signal, they may give an answer. If the first answer is incorrect, the other teams may "buzz" in and answer.
4. Scoring: Give 10 points for each correct answer.

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**INSTRUCTIONS:** This game involves simple addition – but you have to figure out which numbers to add up by answering the trivia questions correctly.

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## QUESTIONS

1. How much is ... the number of golden rings in “The 12 Days of Christmas” song plus the number of deadly sins?
2. How much is ... the number of birds in the bush plus the number of dimes in a dollar?
3. How much is ... a foot plus a yard (in inches)?
4. How much is ... the number of commandments plus James Bond’s secret agent number?
5. How much is ... the number of weeks in two years plus the number of ways you can leave your lover, according to singer/songwriter Paul Simon?
6. How much is ... the number of people that make a crowd plus the number of leaves on a lucky clover?
7. How much is ... the number of strings on a typical banjo plus the number of cities in the United States with a population over five million?
8. How much is ... two score plus two dozen?
9. How much is ... the number of countries that share a land border with the United States plus the number of countries that share a land border with Canada plus the number of countries that share a land border with Australia?
10. How much is ... the number of US states that have coastlines on the Pacific Ocean plus the number of Great Lakes?
11. How much is ... the Roman numeral XX plus the Roman numeral CC?
12. How much is ... the number of colors on the French flag plus the number of colors on the Japanese flag.

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## ANSWERS

1. 12 ( $5 + 7$ )
2. 12 ( $2 + 10$ )
3. 48 ( $12 + 36$ )
4. 17 ( $10 + 007$ )
5. 154 ( $104 + 50$ )
6. 7 ( $3 + 4$ )
7. 5 ( $4 + 1$ ). New York City has more than 8.2 million people. The second largest city in the US is Los Angeles with nearly 3.9 million people.
8. 64 ( $40 + 24$ )
9. 3 ( $2 + 1 + 0$ )
10. 10 ( $5 + 5$ ). The states that border the Pacific are Washington, Oregon, California, Alaska, and Hawaii.
11. 220 ( $20 + 200$ )
12. 5 ( $3 + 2$ )