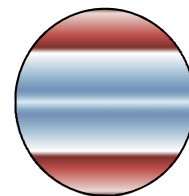
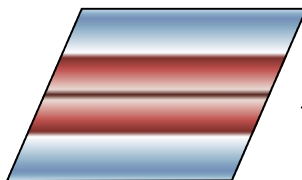
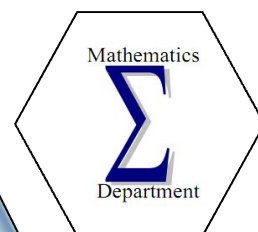
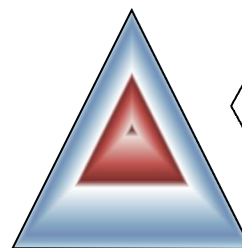


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China - the world's factory?

Look at the label on, or look at the back of many products and you will more than likely see 3 words- 'Made In China.' The reason behind there being so many goods made in China is that the labour costs are low. The average Chinese worker make \$0.81 an hour. (About 66p) China has a workforce of over 112 million workers.

China makes £1,253,951,552,000 a year from exports. Above is an infographic showing the main countries that China exports to. United States receive more than 20% of the Exports. 9% of those exports end up on Wal-



Mart's shelves. United Kingdom receives only 2.9 % of exports.

China's major exports are: electromechanical products (57 percent of total exports) and labour-intensive products like clothing, textiles, footwear, furniture, plastic products, bags and toys (20 percent). In recent years, the exports of high

tech products have been also growing and in 2012 accounted for 29 percent of total exports.

China surpassed the U.S. to become the world's biggest trading nation last year.

Sources:
www.tradingeconomics.com
<http://www.bloomberg.com>
www.wikipedia.co.uk

Did you know...?

What number does 'Google' represent?



'Google' comes from the number 'Googol'

A **googol** is the large number 10^{100} , that is, the digit 1 followed by 100 zeroes.

A **Googolplex** is 10^{googol} that is, the number followed by a googol of zeroes.

The Googleplex is the corporate headquarters of Google located in Santa

Clara, California.

The name googol was thought up by a nine year old nephew of the American mathematician Edward Kasner

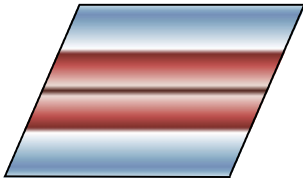
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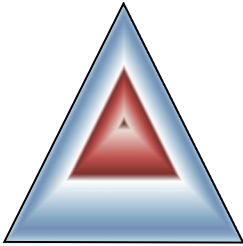
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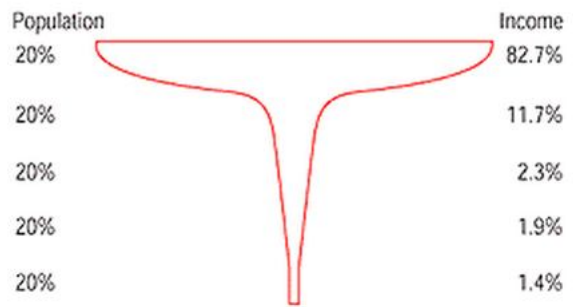


How does this add up?



The economics of the world display alarming injustices. An overview reveals some quite startling statistics. A minority of the world's population (17%) consume most of the world's resources (80%), leaving almost 5 billion people to live on the remaining 20%. As a result, billions of people are living without the very basic necessities of life - food, water, housing and sanitation.

The amount of money that the richest 1 percent of the



world's population makes each year equals what the poorest 57 percent makes.

20% of the people in developed nations consume 86% of the world's goods.

12% of the world's population uses 85 percent of its

The unequal distribution of world income

water.

Source: <http://worldcentric.org>

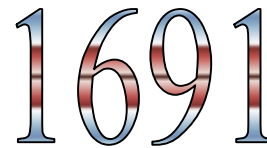
'A nut for a jar of tuna'

Upside down numbers

A palindrome is a word, number or sentence that reads the same backwards as forwards. An ambigram is a logo or graphic that will look the same from a different orientation (see examples left)

Some numbers look the same when turned upside down. 0,1,and 8. 6 and 9 look like each other when turned upside down. 2,3,4,5 and 7 don't look like digits when turned

upside down.



The year 1691 looks the same when you read it upside down.



Puzzle: Which year in the past is the most recent that looks the same when you read it upside down? 1961

Which year in the future is the closest one that will look the same when turned upside down? 6009

Article by **Mark Rae 1a1**

Source: Hoard of mathematical treasures by Professor Stewart

'Radar'

'5335'

Horsemeat Scandal Statistics



Some Findus meals were found to contain up to 100% horsemeat.

Cottage Pies destined for 47 schools in Lancashire have been withdrawn.

An economy beef burger can legally contain as little as 47% beef.

1% horsemeat in burgers is 'acceptable' by the British government. Some supermarkets are claiming to have cleared full ranges of beef burgers from their shelves after a company was found to have supplied Tesco beef burgers containing up to 29% horsemeat.

There was another horsemeat scandal in 1948.

Article by Mark Rae 1a1

Sources:

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<http://www.bbc.co.uk>

<http://www.haras-nationaux.fr>

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Temperature Test!

George wants to give his dog a bath. One tub contains water at 20° Centigrade and another tub contains water at 20° Fahrenheit. In which tub should George choose to bathe the dog?

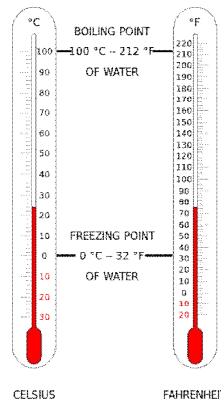


Answer: 20° Centigrade (the other is below freezing).

The metric system uses the Celsius scale to measure temperature. However, temperatures are still measured on the Fahrenheit scale in the U.S.

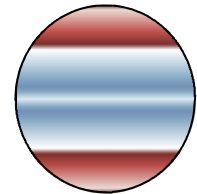
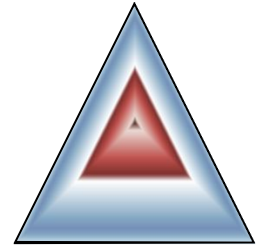
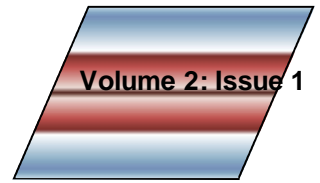
Water freezes at 0° Celsius and boils at 100° Celsius which is a difference of 100°. Water freezes at 32° Fahrenheit and boils at 212° Fahrenheit which is a difference of 180°. Therefore each degree on the Fahrenheit scale is equal to 100/180 or 5/9 degrees on the Celsius scale.

How to convert Fahrenheit



temperatures to Celsius

Subtract 32° to adjust for the offset in the Fahrenheit scale. Multiply the result by 5/9.



	Conversion	Freezing point of water	Boiling point of water
Degrees Centigrade	$[^{\circ}\text{C}] = ([^{\circ}\text{F}] - 32) \times \frac{5}{9}$	0	100
Degrees Fahrenheit	$[^{\circ}\text{F}] = [^{\circ}\text{C}] \times \frac{9}{5} + 32$	32	212

Quote:

"I have not failed. I've just found 10,000 ways that won't work."

~ Thomas Alva Edison

Puzzle of the Month

VALENTINE'S PUZZLE

Saint Valentine's Day falls on February 14th each year. It is the traditional day on which lovers express their love for each other by sending Valentine's cards anonymously.

- Anthony did not send a card to Samantha
- Christopher sent a card to either Ava or Ashley
- Ava did not receive a card from Joseph or William
- Neither Joseph nor William sent a card to Emily
- William would never send a card to Samantha



Pair up the boys and girls!

Last month's Winner
 SOREN HANSEN
 BOYERBROOK
 BOYERBROOK

1a5



Don't forget to keep up to date with the school website and Glow!

See your teacher if there are problems with your password!



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11th:

S5/6 Prelims begin

28th:

Careers evening

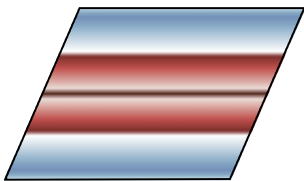


Happy Chinese New Year!

Between February 10th 2013 and January 30th 2014 is the year of the snake.



Maths Exams 2013



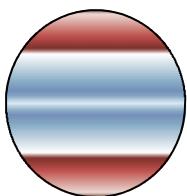
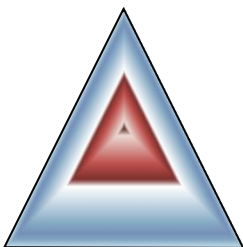
Wednesday
22nd May

Intermediate 1,
Intermediate 2,
Higher and
Advanced Higher
Maths exams
take place on the
above date.



Study timetables
should be in
place!

Countdown:
Number of
full weeks
left:



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