



Alpha Order

A1 to Z26

Numbers are easy. We *know* that 9 comes before 10.
 Sorting letters is tougher. Which comes first, J or I?
 Most of us have to sing the “ABC” song to be sure.

- Dictionary lookups
- Alphabetizing lists
- Sorting forms

Solution: Link each letter to its own number! Then memorize each pairing.

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26

Rhymes

C3: cee-three L12: ell-twelve
 H8: aach-eight T20: tee-twenty
 I9: ii-nine Y25: wii-twentyfive

By 5's

"ee-JOH-tee"						
E		J		O	T	Y
5		10		15	20	25



Shapes

E → **E** → **5** → **5**
 Shift lower left line to make a 5.

F → **F** → **6**
 Flip & make into a 6.

K → **K** → **11**
 Split into 1 & 1.

M → **M** → **13**
 Rotate into a 3. Middle letter =13.

P → **P** → **16**
 Flip & extract 1.

SIMILARITIES

B **V**
 B2 & V22
 B has 2 lobes. V has 2 tops.
 B rhymes with V.

F6 & P16
 F and P flip into 6's.

M13 & W23
 M has 3 bottoms.
 W has 3 tops.

G7 & Q17
 G & Q have similar shapes.

Q → **Q** → **17**
 Split into 1 & 7.

R → **R** → **18**
 Extract 1 & make an 8.

S → **S** → **19**
 Extract 1 and make a 9.

W → **W** → **23**
 Rotate into a 3. Near Z = 23.

X → **X** → **24**
 Tilt & make a 4. Near Z = 24.

Miscellaneous

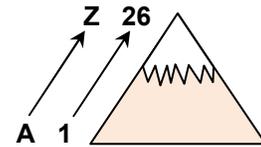
- D4: 4 space-time Dimensions—length, width, height, and time.
- G7 nations: Canada, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, U.K., U.S.
- T20: Twenty starts with T.
- U21: 2-sided Unit(1).

Ascending vs. Descending Order

- Ascending Order: A-Z and 1-26.
- Descending Order: Z-A and 26-1.



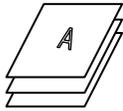
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a mountain!



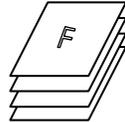
Sorting Paper Forms

Place items in the following 5 piles. Alphabetize each pile. Combine piles.

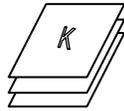
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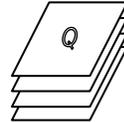
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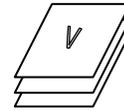
KLMNOP
klim-nawp



QRSTU
kur-stuu



VWXYZ
vee-wix-iz



Your Turn!



Fill in the number of each letter in this phrase, which contains all 26 letters.

Q	U	I	C	K		B	R	O	W	N

F	O	X		J	U	M	P	S		O	V	E	R

T	H	E		L	A	Z	Y		D	O	G

Convert the following numbers into a phrase.

12	5	20	20	5	18		14	21	13	2	5	18	19

1	9	4		1	12	16	8	1		19	15	18	20	9	14	7

Answers: 17-21-9-3-11 2-18-15-23-14 6-15-24 10-21-13-16-19 15-22-5-18 20-8-5 12-1-26-25 4-15-7

LETTER NUMBERS AID ALPHA SORTING