

Lesson 19

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Division. Division with remainder. Sets.

New Material II

Any collection of things or objects we call a "Set." Here are some examples:
Set of all digits: 0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, and 9
Set of all days of the week.
Set of all months.

A common property amongst the objects may define a set. For example, the set E of positive even numbers is the set $E=\{2, 4, 6, 8, 10...\}$.

There is a fairly simple notation for sets. We list each element (or "member") of the set separated by a comma and then put curly brackets around the whole thing: {1, 2, 3, ...}.

1, 2, and 3 are "elements" or "members" of the set. Three dots means that it goes on forever. This set is **infinite**. Not all sets are infinite.

For example, consider the set of all letters of the English alphabet: {a, b, c, ..., x, y, z} In this case, it is a **finite** set (there are only 26 letters, right?)

When talking about sets, it is fairly standard to use Capital Letters to represent the name of the set, and lowercase letters to represent the elements in that set.

For example, **A** is a name of a set and *a* is an element in A. $A = \{a\}$.

Name the set that the following elements belong to.

Then name another element that belongs to the set.

Example: A rose, a tulip, a sunflower. This is a set of flowers and A rose, a tulip, a sunflower are the elements of this set. Another element of the set would be: a lily.

a) A mother, a baby, a father, a grandfather. Is a set of: ______. Another element of the set is: ______.

b) Math, Science, English. Is a set of: _____.

Another element of the set is: _____.

c) A penny, a quarter, a nickel. Is a set of: ______.

Another element of the set is: _____.

d) A cucumber, a pepper, an onion. Is a set of: ______.Another element of the set is: ______.

e) Come up with your own example of a set and its elements. A set of: ______.
 The elements of the set are: ______.

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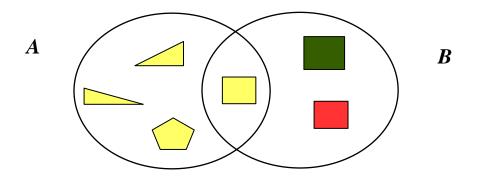
Sometimes we have sets which are different but still have some common elements. *For example - all flowers and white flowers or all fish and freshwater fish.*

We illustrate relationship between various sets by using **Venn diagrams**: we draw all objects as points on the plane, and then we draw a loop (or some other shape) around all objects of a particular set. Different loops correspond to different sets.

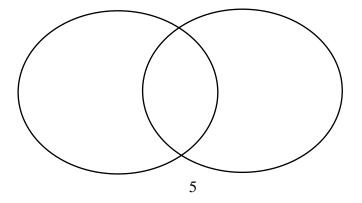
Let us sort those shapes out into different groups (sets).

a) Name different properties that can be used to sort the following shapes:

Look at the drawing below. All yellow shapes are in the set A; all squares are in the set B. Yellow squares form a set that belongs to both sets -A and B.



b) In circle *A* place all red shapes (draw those shapes using red pencil) In circle *B* place all circles. What shapes will be in the overlap of two sets *A* and *B*?



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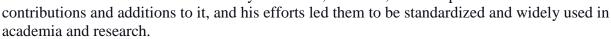
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There are 24 students in the class. They all have had a wonderful winter break and participated in various activities. 10 of them went skiing, 16 went skating and 12 were making a snowman. None of the students were involved in 2 activities. How many students could do all 3 activities?

Did you know ...

John Venn (4 August 1834 – 4 April 1923) was a British logician and philosopher.

John Venn came up with Venn Diagrams in 1880 while working at the famous University of Cambridge. Venn's main area of interest was logic, and it was in this field, he made his most important contribution. This was the introduction of Venn diagrams (that is, overlapping circles used to represent properties of sets and subsets) in his book "Symbolic Logic" in 1881. Venn was not the first person to use these diagrams. They had been used by others before him, such as Gottfried Leibniz in the 17th century. Venn did, however, make important



Venn also had a rare skill in building machines. He used his skill to build a machine for bowling cricket balls, which was so good that when the Australian Cricket team visited Cambridge in 1909, Venn's machine clean bowled one of its top stars four times.

With his son, he wrote a two-volume history of Cambridge and compiled an extensive database of biographical information on some 136,000 Cambridge graduates and staff, from "the earliest times" to the dawn of the 20th century.



