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## Introduction

Proven to improve children's and parents' confidence in maths, this family engagement resource aims to promote enjoyment of maths through discussion and working together on everyday maths.

This activity pack, created by National Numeracy, contains short, fun, 'real life' activities for families to do with their children. They are aligned to the English National Curriculum and compatible with the Scottish Curriculum for Excellence, with a strong focus on problem solving and reasoning.
There are 30 activities, one for each week of the school year. They are organised in this pack so that they get progressively harder - but they can be selected to match the curriculum area on which your children are working.
The individual activity sheets are not marked with the age or year group, but they are colour coded so you can tell the difference. Please note that the level is based on average expectations for the year group - children may be working below or above this, so draw on activities from other year groups if you need to.
This pack contains:

- An overview showing the suggested split of the activities by school term and by numeracy topic from the English National Curriculum.
- 30 activities, in the order given in the overview.
- 3 answer sheets, one per term. (Please note that many of the activities are designed to be openended, so answers are only given for activities that require them)


## For schools

We recommend the following approach for schools using the activities:

- A whole class approach and even a whole school approach.
- If children are working well above or below age-related expectations, select an activity from a different year group pack.
- Hold a workshop to model the activity discussions for less confident parents.
- Have a launch event, giving out scrapbooks if you are using them. (Family Maths scrapbooks, in which children and families can record their work on these activities, are available to order through National Numeracy's website.)
- Emphasise that any member of the family can work with the child being given the activity.
- If there are no adults helping out at home, we suggest finding an older school buddy to help in an after or pre-school club.
- The parent/carer does not have to have any special knowledge of school maths or equipment.
- Encourage children to be creative: take photos, draw pictures, write calculations or create diagrams.
- Encourage both adult and child to use the comment box to promote reflection and help you understand what they think about each activity.
- Put completed activities on show so that children and families can learn from each other that there is not just one answer but many ways of approaching problems.

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## For parents and carers

However you might feel about maths, you can make a huge difference to your children's numeracy learning.

All the evidence shows that talking about everyday maths helps develop children's maths confidence. Here are some questions that you can ask each other when tackling the activities:

- What do we need to do?
- What information do we have? What do we need to find out?
- Would any equipment help?
- What do you notice when...?
- Shall we make a guess and see if it works?
- What could we do if we get stuck?
- If we were doing this again, is there anything we could do differently?

You can adapt these activities to suit your family's interests and use whatever items you may have to hand, at home or out and about.

You might want to take photos, draw pictures, write calculations or create diagrams - it's up to you!
Do use the comment boxes to reflect your discussions and thoughts as you complete each activity together.

## Y1 Overview and Curriculum links



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## Y1 Overview and Curriculum links

| Term | Topic | Activities | Main Curriculum link | Also covers |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Spring | Number and place value | Counting | Count to and across 100; talk about one more than, one less than. |  |
|  | Number - addition and subtraction | Baby birds | Add number bonds to 10; counting in 2 s . | Multiplication problems using |
|  |  | Chinese New Year | Addition and subtraction number bonds to 10 including zero. | concrete apparatus. |
|  |  | Traditional story maths | Solving one step word problems, involving addition, doubling, counting in 2 s . | Days in a week. |
|  | Measurement | Using money challenge | Recognise and know the value of coins. |  |
|  |  | Capacity | Compare and describe capacity/ volume (full, empty, more than, less than, half, quarter). |  |
|  |  | Finding 3D shapes | Handle common 3D shapes, naming them and relating everyday objects. Recognise these shapes in different orientations and sizes. |  |
|  | Geometry - properties of shape | Shapes on the way to school | Recognise and name common 2D and 3D shapes, relating them to everyday objects in different orientations and sizes. |  |
|  | Geometry - position and direction | Easter egg patterns* | Create, copy and reorganise patterns. |  |
|  | Problem solving | Train driver's challenge* | Solve problems through reasoning and working systematically, finding all the possibilities. |  |

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| Summer | Number and place value | Trooping the colour* | Counting to and across 100; counting objects in 2 s ; recognising odd and even. |  |
|  | Number - addition and subtraction | Piggy banks | Count in $2 \mathrm{~s}, 5 \mathrm{~s}$ and 10 s . | Recognise coins. |
|  | Number - multiplication and division | Sharing lollies | Through sharing small quantities, begin to understand multiplication and division. |  |
|  | Number - fractions | Sharing a picnic | Recognise, find and name half as one of two equal parts; recognise two quarters are the same as a half. |  |
|  |  | Paper folding | Recognising and combining halves and quarters as parts of a whole. |  |
|  | Measurement | Tooth fairy | Know value of coins; adding to 20. |  |
|  |  | Paddy's week | Sequence chronological events and know the days of the week. |  |
|  |  | What time is it? | Use the language of time and recognise the hour and half past. |  |
|  | Geometry - position and direction | Directions | Distinguish between rotation as a turn ( $1 / 2$ or $^{1} / 4$ ) and movement in a straight line. |  |
|  | Problem solving | Ice cream combinations | Solve a mathematical problem, working systematically and explain reasoning. |  |

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## Numbers challenge

## Do you have a clock in your house?

Can you read all the numbers?
Where else in the house can you find numbers?
Can you find some in every room in the house? What numbers can you find?

Look carefully, some of them might be hidden.
Write down some of the numbers you find and draw what they are on.



Family comments:
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Child comments:
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## Curriculum Link

To read and write numbers to 20 .

## Some monkeys are playing in the park.

## Each monkey has 1 curled tail; 1 wet nose;

2 little ears; 2 bright eyes and 4 legs.

1. There are 5 monkeys in the park

- how many wet noses?

2. How many little ears? How many legs?
3. There are 5 monkeys playing ball - how many curled tails?
4. How many legs? How many bright eyes?
5. 2 monkeys go down the slide! How many legs?

Can you make up some more questions (and answers!) about the monkeys in the park? You can change how many monkeys there are if you like.

Helpful hint: Drawing the monkeys can help see the repeated addition.

Family comments:

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Child comments:

## Curriculum Link

Solve one-step problems that involve addition, using concrete apparatus and pictorial representations.

# Taking away challenge 

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## Find one pair of socks for everyone in your house.

How many socks have you got altogether? Write that number.
Hide your own socks. How many have you got now? Can you write that number? How many socks will you have if you use a pair of your socks and one of everyone else's?

Put all the socks in a row. Ask someone to hide some of the socks. How many do you have left?
How many do you think they have hidden?
Can you count the socks in 2s? (2, 4, 6 and so on). These are even numbers.

What happens if someone loses a sock?

Child comments:
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## Curriculum Link

Practical problems using subtraction, odds and evens and counting in 2 s .

## Weight of fruit

## Find some fruit or vegetables (such as an apple or potato or similar).

1. Find 3 different ones - which one do you think will be the heaviest?
2. Now hold them in your hand one at a time - were you right?
3. Can you find 3 things which you think will be lighter than a potato?
4. Can you find 3 things which are heavier?
5. Find your 5 favourite toys - can you put them in order, lightest to heaviest?


Family comments:


Child comments:


## Curriculum Link

Compare, describe and solve practical problems for mass/weight

## Measures

## Choose 5 of your favourite toys.

Put them in order from shortest to tallest. Are any taller than the length of your hand?
Now put them in order from lightest to heaviest.
Are they in the same order?
Which are in a different place?
Find 5 things in the food cupboard.
Estimate which will be the lightest and heaviest.
Feel them in your hands - were you right?
What is the lightest piece of food you can find?

Family comments:


## Curriculum Link

Use and compare measures using non-standard units.

## Child comments:

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## Money challenge

## Ask an adult if you can look at some coins in their purse or your money box.

1. How many different coins can you find?

2. How many 10 p coins have you got?
3. Can you put the coins in order of size or group them into the same colours? Which coins are not the same shape as the others?
4. Practise writing the numbers on the coins. Are there any numbers that you do not have coins for?
5. Are there any other types of money that are not coins?

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Child comments:


You could try putting the coins under the page and making rubbings of them.


## Curriculum Link

Recognise and know the value of coins and notes.
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## Size challenge

## Can you find a pair of socks for everyone in your house?

Who has the biggest pair? Who has the smallest pair of socks? Can you put them in order from the biggest to the smallest? You can do this challenge with lots of things around the house. You could use feet, shoes, hands or even hats. What else can you find to put in order of size? Can you record what you have done? Maybe draw a picture or take a photograph.



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Child comments:
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## Curriculum Link

Compare lengths and heights using vocabulary long/ longer/short/shorter/ tall/taller.

## Looking for shapes at home

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## You can be detectives looking for shapes that are all around us.

1. Can you find a square in the kitchen?
2. Can you find a rectangle in your bathroom?
3. Can you find a circle in your bedroom?
4. What other shapes can you see around your house?

Can you find a triangle anywhere in your house?
5. Can you draw what you have found?


Family comments:
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Child comments:

Curriculum Link
2D shapes including square, rectangle, triangle, circle. triangle, circle.
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## Decorating a Christmas tree

## Draw a plain Christmas tree.

Ask one of your family to read out the instructions to decorate it - you will have to listen carefully. You will need some colour pencils or crayons.

Draw:

- a red bucket around the trunk (bottom) of the tree
- 3 yellow round decorations on the tree
- a star on the top
- a brown teddy bear next to the tree
- 4 chocolates in the middle of the tree
- a square present in front of the tree
- a red triangle decoration between the star and one of the chocolates
- a blue bauble close to the star
- 2 angels on the right of the tree.

Did you get all the things in the right place? Now make up some instructions for one of your family to draw on another tree.


Family comments:
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Child comments:

Curriculum Link

Positional language, 2D shapes, listening to instructions accurately

## Firework challenge

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How many different ways can you colour the rockets, using the same three colours each time?

Family comments:

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Child comments:
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## Counting challenge

## The challenge for this week is to find different opportunities to count.

You could:

- Count out the knives and forks needed to lay the table, talk about how many more we need.
- Count how many letters are delivered in one day/a week.
- Count how long it takes the bath to fill.
- Count how many strokes it takes to brush hair.

Can you think of lots of other things to count?
Did you find anything that was near 100?
What did you find that was too large a number to count?
What could you count together?


Family comments:
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Child comments:
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## Curriculum Link

Count to and across 100; talk about one more than, one less than.

## Baby birds

## In spring, mother blackbirds have to feed their babies who cannot fly yet. One mother had 3 babies - one large, one middle and one small.

## The big one needs 5 worms a day; the middle one needs 3 worms and the small one needs 2 worms a day.

How many worms does the mother need to find?
To make the small one grow faster, she is going to give it some more worms - how many different ways could she split up 10 worms between her babies to make sure the baby always gets more than the middle or the big bird?

Helpful hint: Each bird must always get at least 1 .
Draw a different bird with babies in the nest - what do they need to eat? Make up what the mother has to find.


Helpful hint: Draw pictures of the birds and use counters, stones or similar to count out the 'worms'. Practise counting in 2s.

Family comments:
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Child comments:
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## Chinese New Year

## Each Chinese New Year has its own animal sign. <br> From February 2015-2016 it is the year of the goat.

7 is a lucky number for the Chinese goat. Can you
complete the number sentences in the goat?


Next year 2016 will be the year of the monkey - can you draw a simple monkey and put some number sentences inside? One of monkey's lucky numbers is 4 - can you make all your number sentences have 4 as an answer?

Family comments:
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Child comments:
Curriculum Link
Addition and subtraction number bonds to 10 including zero.

## Traditional story maths

1. Add the number of bears that Goldilocks met with the number of dwarves that Snow White met.
2. Double the number of Billy Goats Gruff and then add the number of trolls under the bridge.
3. The Prince looked for Cinderella for 2 weeks. How many days is that?
4. There are 7 dwarves in Snow White. How many shoes would they need altogether?
5. Baby Bear eats 5 boxes of porridge a week. Daddy Bear eats double that amount. How much does Daddy Bear eat?
Do you know any other stories you could make up a maths question about?

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## Child comments:

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## Curriculum Link

Solving one step word problems, involving addition, doubling, days in a week, counting in 2 s .

## Using money challenge

## Gather some items to sell. You could make a toy shop, a supermarket or even a shoe shop. Then you need to make some price tickets.

Make labels of up to 20p. Now you need some money to buy the items. Use 1p, 2p, 5p, 10p and 20p only.

Decide who will be the shopkeeper and who will be the shopper (you can swap round).
Have fun shopping and then make an advert for your shop to show what you have for sale and the prices.

Which is the most expensive thing for sale?
Do you have any special offers?


Family comments:
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Child comments:
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## Capacity challenge

## Make a collection of empty different

## containers. Choose one to be

 the measuring container.Which other container do you think will hold more?
Can you find a way to measure it? You could use water, pasta, rice, sand, bubbles (in the bath).
Now find a container that will hold less. How many of the little containers can you fill with your measuring container? Were there any surprises?


Family comments:
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Child comments:

Curriculum Link

Compare
and describe capacity/volume (full, empty, more than, less than, half, quarter).

## Finding 3D shapes

## Can you find any objects around the house which are 3D like these -


cube

cuboid

triangular prism

cylinder

cone

tetrahedron

1. How many did you find?
2. What are they used for?

Why is it a good shape to use?
3. What is a cone a good shape for?
4. There is a common $3 D$ shape not in the picture

- can you think what it is? Do you have one?

Family comments:
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Child comments:
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## Curriculum Link

Handle common 3D shapes, naming them and relating everyday objects. Recognise these shapes in different orientations and sizes.

## Easter egg

## patterns

## Sophie has 10 eggs and 3 different pieces of wrapping paper - blue, red and yellow. She wants to put them in boxes in lines which make patterns.

Can you help her finish these patterns?


Then can you make up your own patterns using lines of 10 eggs and 3 colours?

Family comments:
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Child comments:
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## On the way to school

On your way to school, look around for shapes - see if you can spot any circles, rectangles or triangles. Look at houses, cars, toys and anything else you can find. If you look carefully at things, can you see any 3D shapes such as spheres, cuboids, cylinders or pyramids.


Choose your favourite things to draw and show the shape.
Helpful hint: Talk about why things are the shape they are - is it useful or decoration?


Family comments:
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Child comments:

## Curriculum Link

Recognise and name common 2D and 3D shapes, relating them to everyday objects in different orientations and sizes.

## Train driver's challenge

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A toy train set has one engine, five blue carriages and two red carriages.
How many different ways can the carriages be arranged?

Here is one way:


Can you draw any more ways?

Family comments:
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Child comments:
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## Trooping the Colour

When Trooping the Colour takes place in London, all the guards march in front of the Queen.
This is a photo of some. There are hundreds of guardsmen and they all have to be in line.


Can you find some small toys and line them up to pretend the Queen will look at them? How many are in each line? Can you make each line the same? Are there any left over? Can they march in pairs (2s)? Can you count them in 2 s? How many altogether?
If you were a guard, how many steps does it take you to march across the room? Or across the garden?

Family comments:
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Child comments:

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## Piggy banks

## A piggy bank holds up to 10 coins.

In Matthew's piggy bank there are only 10p coins - how much could he have?


Victoria has a piggy bank which holds more coins, up to 20 coins, but she only saves 5p coins - how much could she have?

Matthew's Dad holds some coins in his hand - they are a mix of 2p,5p and 10p coins how much do you think he could be holding?

Family comments:

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Child comments:
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## Sharing lollies

## In the cupboard are a bag of 6 orange lollies and a bag of $\mathbf{4}$ green lollies.

How could these be shared fairly between 4 friends?
Can you find another way?
If there were 2 of each bag, would this make it easier to share?


Helpful hint: Use counters or other small objects to represent the sweets or draw pictures to help understanding. Talking about equal sharing is valuable.

## Family comments:

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Child comments:

## Sharing a picnic

## Think of a picnic which two children are going to share equally - what will they each have?

## How could we share the pizza fairly?

What about a bowl of tomatoes?
A bunch of grapes? One apple? A cake?


What would you have in your picnic that could be shared with a friend? Draw a picture and show how it could be shared.


Family comments:
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Child comments:

Curriculum Link

Recognise, find and name half as one of two equal parts; recognise two quarters are the same as a half.

## Paper folding

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## Fold a piece of paper in half.

1. Now fold it a different way.
2. What is the same? What is different? Why?
3. What about folding a different size piece of paper?
4. What happens if you fold the paper in half and then half again?


Hellpful hint: Talk about the shapes made using top, bottom, half, quarter, left, right, rectangle, square, triangle.

Family comments:
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Child comments:
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## The tooth fairy

## The tooth fairy has left 20p under your pillow.

What combination of teeth could you have left for her?


incisor
20p

molar
10p

pre-molar
5p

canine
2p

Family comments:
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## Child comments:

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# Paddy the dog's week 

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## Here is one of Paddy's weeks.



| Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday | Sunday |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Went for a <br> long walk to <br> the woods | Had a <br> special <br> dinner <br> with a fish <br> finger in | Went <br> down to <br> the beach | Had a bath | Chewed a <br> favourite <br> tennis ball | Got a new <br> collar | Played with <br> Monty my <br> friend |

Can you show what you do each day of one week? Which was your favourite day? Are there some things you do on the same day every week?

Hellpful hint: Talk about the next day; the day before; in two days time; every Tuesday; how many days from Monday to Friday.

Family comments:
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Child comments:
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## What time is it?

## Cut out the clocks and put them in order.

What might you be doing at these times?


Challenge Talk about night times too!
Family comments:
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Child comments:
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## Directions

## Imagine a robot has to get from your bed to the front door. It does not know which way to go!

Think up directions for the robot - use words like how many steps, do a quarter turn right, walk in a straight line. Practise the route and then try it on someone in the family.
If they go wrong, you may need to change your directions or use a half turn to start again.


Swap round so that you are the robot
following directions. Where did you go from and to? Was it successful?

Family comments:
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Child comments:
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## Choose your 3 favourite

 flavours of ice cream.Colour in the scoops in your favourite flavours.


Now keep the same flavours but colour them
in a different order...remember, we want all
our ice cream sundaes to look different!


Family comments:
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## Child comments:

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## Y1 Autumn

 activities answers
## Monkey addition fun

- 5 wet noses
- 10 little ears
- 20 legs
- 5 curled tails
- 20 legs
- 10 bright eyes
- 8 legs on the slide



## Y1 Spring activities answers <br> Family Maths Toolkit

## Baby birds

- 10
- 9 ways:

118
127
136
145

226
235

316
325
334

## Traditional story maths

1. 10
2. 7
3. 14
4.14
4. 10


## Y1 Summer

 activities answers
## Piggy banks

- Anything from 10 p to $£ 1.00$ ( 100 p) in multiples of 10
- Anything from 5 p to $£ 1.00$ (100p) in multiples of 5


## Sharing lollies

- 2 each of any colour (2 left over)
- 1 green and 1 orange each (2 left over)
- $21 / 2$ each
- Yes - 5 each (3 orange and 2 green each)


## Tooth fairy

- 1 incisor
- 2 molars
- 1 molar + 2 pre-molars
- 1 molar + 5 canines
- 4 pre-molars
- 2 pre-molars + 5 canines
- 10 canines

Total $=7$ combinations are possible - any of these combinations is the right answer.


