

CAPTURE THE COMMAS FILE CABINET ESCAPE

You and your classmates have been learning about commas. You're bored and you are terrified that you are going to be learning about commas until the end of grade four because your professor just keeps going on and on about them. Your secret mission is to use the clues provided to break into your professors locked file cabinet and destroy the massive homework booklets she was planning to give you. Good luck.

It is suggested that you only work at night to avoid getting caught and being given detention, or even worse, expelled!



1. USE COMMAS IN LISTS TO SEPARATE THINGS

Ex: You will need your broomstick, your pencil, and your magic potions.

Directions: fill in the missing commas in the sentences below. Add up how many commas you added on this page and write it in the box.

1. Harry's favorite Fortnite dances are Electro Shuffle Orange Justice and Fresh.
2. Ron Harry and Hermione are always sneaking around Hogwarts getting into mischief.
3. At Hogwarts, we have eggs pancakes toast and orange juice for breakfast.
4. To get to Hogwarts School, you must take the Hogwarts Express train a rowboat and then walk up the stairs.
5. I like to watch Quidditch because I get to laugh have fun talk to my friends and cheer on my classmates.

Number of commas:

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2. USE A COMMA WHEN YOU ARE ADDRESSING SOMEONE DIRECTLY

Ex: Let's go, Hermione!

Directions: determine if the sentences below are correct or incorrect. **Correct = 1, Incorrect = 2** (You will need to find the sum of these numbers to get the code.)

1. Ron please take out your spell book.
2. What time do we need to leave tomorrow, Hagrid?
3. Mom, have you seen my wand?
4. It is important to follow instructions when we are learning about different potions.
5. Please explain to us Harry why were you in the forbidden part of the library?

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3. USE A COMMA AFTER AN INTRODUCTORY WORD OR PHRASE AT THE BEGINNING OF A SENTENCE

Ex: Yes, you may sit anywhere you would like for today.

Directions: Add commas into the sentences below. Count how many commas are needed. Use that number and your brainpower to figure out the clue below.

(Hint: a highlighter might be handy!)

1. Suddenly Draco Malfoy jumped out from behind the bushes.

2. Finally we get to eat!

3. Later that night it was reported that the troll had been captured.

4. No you are not aloud to cast spells at Hogwarts.

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4. USE A COMMA BEFORE/AFTER A DIRECT QUOTE

Ex: Professor Dumbledore shouted, "I need all students to go back to their dormitories."

Directions: Add commas to the sentences with dialogue below. Count how many commas are added to each sentence and use the chart below to crack the hidden code.

- "Come to the library with me " Hermione said to Ron.
- "I don't want to study today " replied Ron "because I already studied all day yesterday."
- "Let's eat Harry " Hagrid shouted. "I made tabouli falafel and hummus."
- "Finally I've been waiting forever for you to get here Harry " exclaimed Hermione.
- Professor Dumbledore whispered "Do not go into the Chamber of Secrets."

		Number of Commas in that sentence			
		1	2	3	4
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	2	A	O	P	C
	3	B	C	E	M
	4	E	Y	M	P
	5	A	N	P	O

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5 letter word



Keep going... You are getting close. Don't give up on yourself!

5. USE A COMMA BEFORE A "FANBOY" WORD (FOR, AND, NOR, BUT, OR, YET)

Ex: I like potions class, but I also really like flying class because we get to learn how to use our broomsticks.

Directions: Add commas to the sentences. Use the first letter of the FANBOY word in each sentence to make a 4 letter word. that word is your clue for this section.

1. We went to the pool but it was too busy to swim.
2. Ron forgot to do his History of Magic homework so he asked his professor if he could complete it at lunch.
3. Professor Snape seems nice yet I still can't trust him.
4. You can call him Voldemort or you can call him by his nickname "You-Know-Who".

First, write down what the first letters of the FANBOY words in each sentence?

Then, unscramble the letters to make a 4 letter word.

**Hint: Ron and Harry are both _____.

6. USE A COMMA TO SEPARATE THE DAY FROM THE YEAR.

Ex: I was born on January 18, 2015.

Directions: Three of these dates are written correctly and 3 are not. Circle the dates that are correct. Add up the YEAR of the correct dates to get a 4 digit code.

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September 28, 2004

July 25 1988

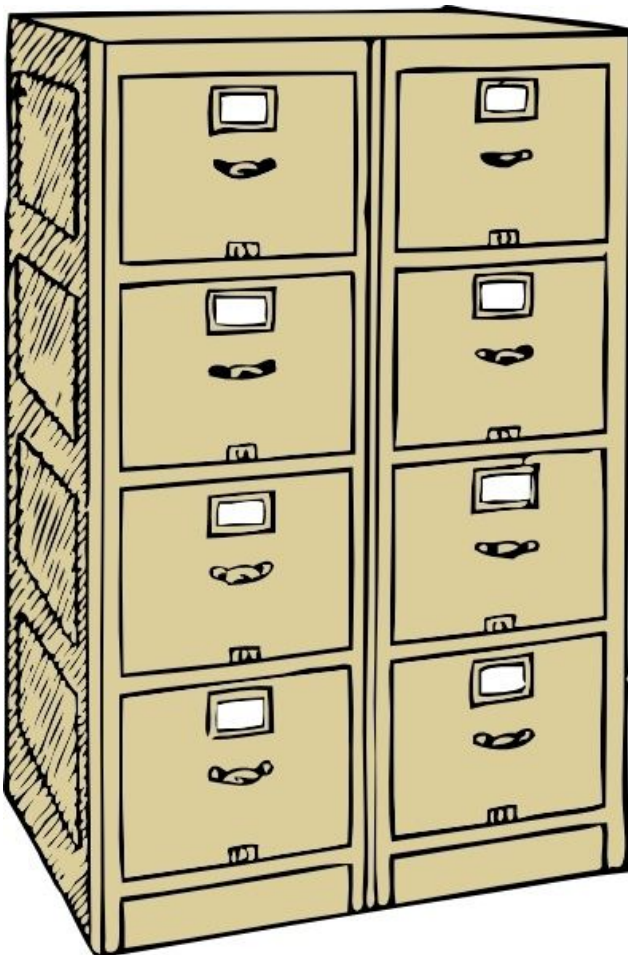
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October 31, 2018

December 31, 2020

The sum of the 3 years:

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Your clues have helped you track down the exact file cabinet the comma homework booklets are in.

Keep going... you only have 1 more clue to go!

7. USE A COMMA TO SEPARATE A CITY FROM A PROVINCE AND BETWEEN A CITY AND A COUNTRY.

Ex: I was born in Edmonton, Alberta.

Directions: Place the comma in the correct place between the city and the province.

A new student at Hogwarts was born in Beirut Lebanon. When they were 4, they moved to London England. They celebrated their 8th birthday in Toronto Ontario. In grade 4, they took the Hogwarts Express train on their Spring Break to see the beautiful Rocky Mountains in Banff Alberta. How many commas did you add?

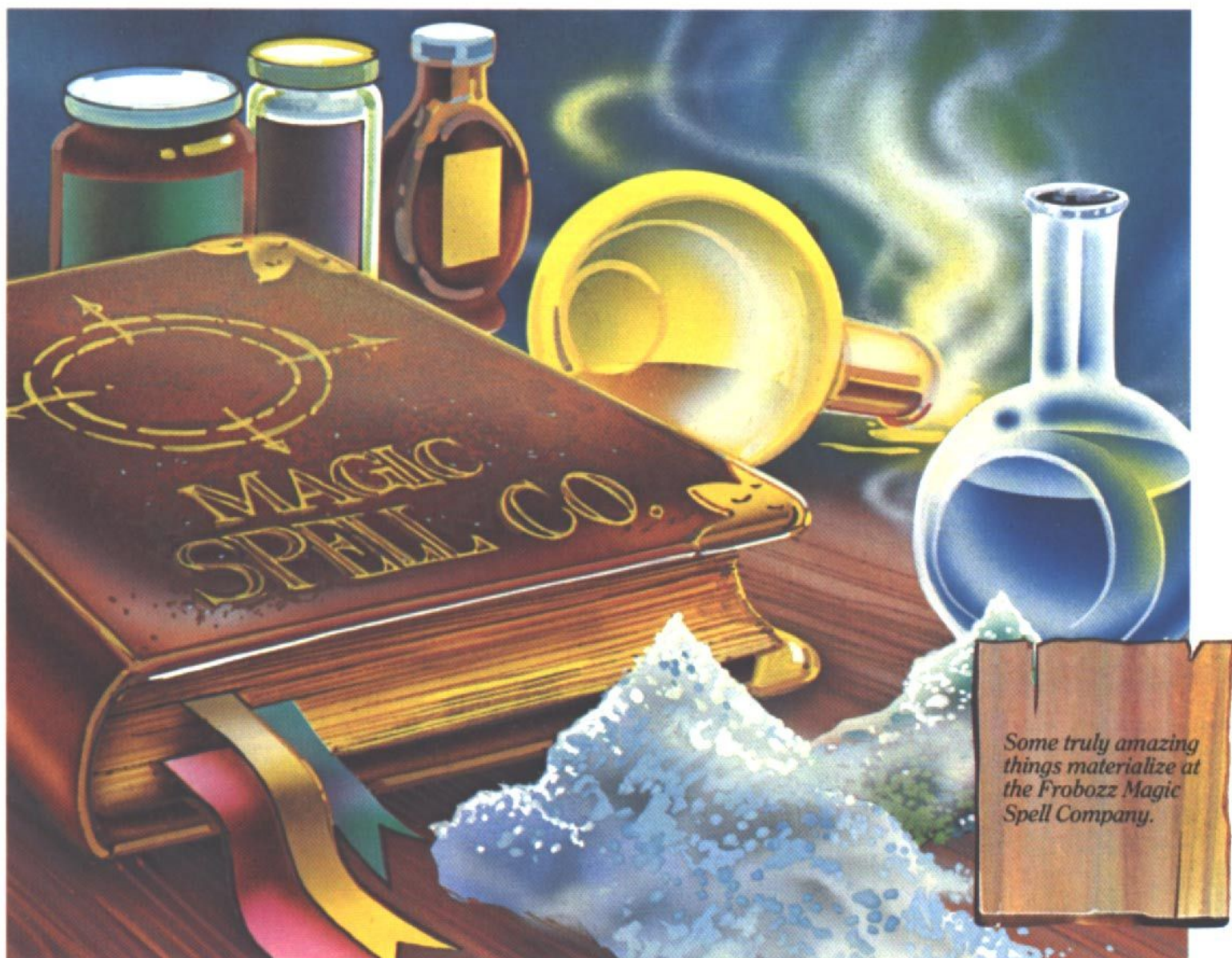
What 4 letter word rhymes with that number?

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CONGRATULATIONS, YOU DID IT! YOU SUCCESSFULLY CAPTURED THE COMMAS AND WERE ABLE TO COMPLETE THIS QUEST WITHOUT GETTING CAUGHT. AFTER GETTING THE BOOKLET FROM THE FILE CABINET YOU, HERMIONE, HARRY, AND RON CASTED A SPELL TO MAKE THE SPELL COMMA HOMEWORK BOOKLET DISAPPEAR FOREVER!

Your reward is simple, yet satisfying.. no homework for you! YOU DESERVE MORE PANCAKES!



EXTRA CHALLENGE:

What you didn't realize is that there was a backup copy in professor horton's file cabinet. Follow the clues to crack professor horton's file cabinet to destroy the last remaining copy of the dreadful homework booklet.

Directions: Correctly place 20 commas in the text below.

I live in Edmonton,
Alberta. Marya is in
grade 4 at Glengarry
School. Mrs. Melhem
is my teacher. Where
are my mittens? I need
my jacket because it is
cold today.